

Your Park Bristol and Bath team up with Hargreaves Lansdown on College Green, Bristol

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Your Park, Bristol and Bath and Hargreaves Lansdown team up to plant thousands of bulbs on College Green as a response to COP26

Your Park Bristol and Bath has teamed up with Hargreaves Lansdown employees to respond to COP26 and the local climate and ecological emergency by planting 10,000 spring bulbs on College Green. The opportunity demonstrated the local action that is needed to tackle the loss of species and depleted habitats in our urban green spaces.

It is part of an exciting partnership between the charity and Hargreaves Lansdown which is supporting this innovative project to create a wilder, more biodiverse habitat on College Green. The project was kickstarted by the visit of Greta Thunberg to Bristol for the Bristol Youth Strike for Climate Rally in 2020 and the crowdfunding that followed.

60 employees from Hargreaves Lansdown volunteered their time to plant 10,000 spring bulbs including Tenby daffodils, wild tulip, bluebells, snowdrops, snakes head fritillary and daffodils. These bulbs will bloom early next year providing the first hit of colour and pollen for people and pollinators.

Charlee Bennett, Director, Your Park Bristol and Bath said: "The COP26 discussions have emphasised that the climate and ecological emergencies go hand in hand. Projects like this will support greater biodiversity in our cities and these spring bulbs will provide the first source of nectar for any early pollinators. Planting 10,000 bulbs is no mean feat, we genuinely couldn't have done it without the support of Hargreaves Lansdown."

Martha Girling, Responsible Business Manager at Hargreaves Lansdown said: "It's an amazing project to be involved with and we're looking forward to seeing how College Green as a great Bristol landmark, evolves as a bio-diverse community space".

The project at College Green has already seen 450 sqm of wildflower meadow introduced with flowering trees and a new native hedgerow due to be planted in early 2022.

If you are interested in supporting this evolving and innovative project, more information can be found on the charity's website www.yourpark.org.uk or email info@yourpark.org.uk.

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Notes to editors

- Your Park, Bristol and Bath was established in 2019 as an independent charity to make parks and green spaces better places to meet, play, learn, grow, breathe, and enjoy nature. It was previously known during its development phase as Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation.
- As a registered charity in England and Wales no.1182217 it relies on the support of fundraising partnerships and donations. For projects and news visit www.yourpark.org.uk

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