

Fircroft

Projects

Nature for the Future

Looking for a fun, free way to get outdoors, meet new people and make a positive difference to your local environment and your community?

Our **Nature for the Future** project is offering a series of exciting workshops over the next 12 months, focused on nature, the environment and wellbeing. Open to people of all ages and local families, these hands-on sessions are a great opportunity to connect with nature while learning something new.

What You'll Learn...

- Practical environmental skills and experience
- Opportunities to improve local green spaces
- Fun outdoor activities for all ages
- Improved wellbeing through connecting with nature
- New friendships and community connections

Funded by the **National Lottery Community Fund**, and delivered in partnership with local environmental organisations, these workshops will give you the chance to take part in meaningful projects, explore your local environment and help shape an innovative new approach to community engagement with nature.

See what's on and what's happening across the project.

Summer 2026



6th August 2026 - Foraging and Wellbeing in Nature

Explore local plants, learn about foraging and discover how nature supports our health and wellbeing.

10th August - Forest, Nature, and Art

Get creative outdoors and explore the connection between nature, wellbeing and art.

19th, 20th, and 21st August - Forest Gardens and Outdoor Wellbeing

Discover sustainable growing, biodiversity and the benefits of spending time in nature.

Easter 2027



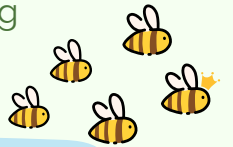
30th March - 4th April 2027 - Propagation, Foraging and Permaculture

Learn simple techniques for growing new plants, explore the principles of permaculture and discover how working with nature can support more sustainable lifestyles.

October 2026

27th - 30th October 2026 - Trees and Urban Orchards

Discover how orchards can transform urban spaces by supporting wildlife, producing food and bringing communities together.



February 2027

15th - 17th February 2027 - Conservation and Woodland Management

Learn about the practical work involved in protecting and managing woodlands. Through hands-on conservation activities, participants will gain a greater understanding of local habitats, wildlife and how healthy woodlands support both people and nature.

May 2027

24th May 2027 - Forest School

Experience the benefits of outdoor learning and nature-based activities through our Forest School workshop.

Summer Workshops!



Foraging – Wellbeing in Nature

Come along to a family-friendly foraging walk at Highbury Community Orchard and discover some of the wild and cultivated plants growing there. Learn about their place in the ecosystem and how they can support our health and wellbeing, while tasting some of them and taking home plenty of ideas for how to identify, prepare and use them.

This relaxed outdoor session is suitable for beginners and provides a great opportunity for families, individuals and nature enthusiasts to connect with the natural environment, learn new skills and enjoy time outdoors together.

Date: Thursday 6th August 2026

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: Highbury Community Orchard, 90 Queensbridge Road, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Foraging, Nature and Art

Get creative outdoors and explore the connection between nature, wellbeing and art.

Date: Monday 10th August 2026

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Forest Gardens – Outdoors for Wellbeing

Join us for a family-friendly session exploring the wonderful world of Forest Gardens! Learn about the different layers that make up a forest garden and discover how plants, wildlife and people can work together as part of a thriving ecosystem.

During this hands-on session, you will explore how forest gardens support nature, biodiversity and wellbeing. You'll have the opportunity to help tend the forest garden, plant new species, and learn more about how sustainable food-growing systems can benefit both wildlife and our own health and wellbeing.

This relaxed outdoor session is suitable for beginners and offers a great opportunity for families, individuals and nature lovers to connect with nature, learn new skills and spend time outdoors together. We are delighted to be offering 4 workshops, delivered by our partner organisations and taking place on the following dates and locations:

Workshop 1 - Spring to Life

Date: Wednesday 19th August 2026

Time: 10am – 1pm

Location: Watkins Secret Orchard, Walkers Heath Park, B38 0BL

Workshop 2 - Spring to Life and Fircroft College

Date: Thursday 20th August 2026

Time: 10am – 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Workshop 3 - Highbury Orchard and Fircroft College

Date: Thursday 20th August 2026

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Workshop 4 - Fircroft College

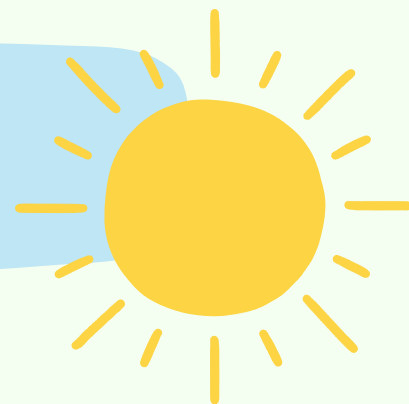
Date: Friday 21st August 2026

Time: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Location: Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH



Summer Workshops!



Access and Additional Information:

Our workshops over the summer are free to attend and are family-friendly, suitable for adults and children.

All workshops take place outdoors around different green spaces, including Highbury Orchard, Fircroft College, and Walkers Heath Park. Because of this, paths may be uneven, grassy or muddy in places, so please wear suitable footwear.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring a water bottle and snacks if needed.

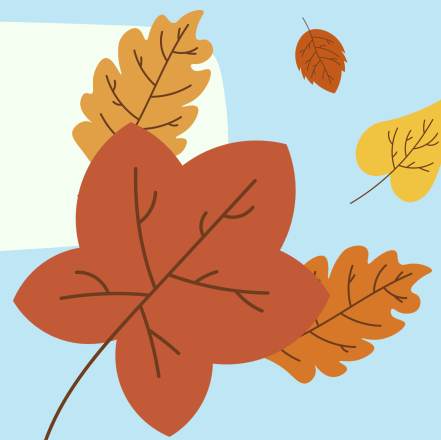
For the *Foraging - Wellbeing in Nature* workshop, hosted by Highbury Orchard, tastings will be available. Therefore, participants with allergies should take appropriate precautions and email us with any queries.

If you have any access requirements or need further information about accessibility, please get in touch before attending. You can email robyn.dawes@fircroft.ac.uk for further information.

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon exploring nature, learning about local plants, and discovering how the natural world can support health and wellbeing.

Booking is essential in attending any workshop.

October Workshops!



Trees and Orchards

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Date: Monday 26th October 2026

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Conservation: Trees and Orchards

Join Sustainable Life Birmingham to learn orchard management and help care for the environment through pruning, tree planting, and tree replacement. They are running two sessions: one at Fircroft on 27 October and another at their own venue on 28 October. Adults only.

Workshop 1:

Date: Tuesday 27th October 2026

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Workshop 2:

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Highbury Hall, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Trees and Orchards

Join Spring to Life to learn how to care for existing trees, plant new ones, and explore the Tree of Life model to gain a deeper understanding of your life, strengths, and personal growth.

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026

Time: 2pm- 5pm

Location: Watkins Secret Orchard, Walkers Heath Park, B38 0BL

Urban Orchards

Highbury Community Orchard is a vibrant urban orchard. In this session we will look at what an orchard is, how urban orchards can enhance the built environment and help with community development. Learn about how orchards can improve a harvest, improve biodiversity as well as creating a beautiful space for increasing people's quality of life. This session will be delivered alongside Fircroft College.

Date: Thursday 29th October 2026

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Location: Highbury Community Orchard, 90 Queensbridge Road, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Trees and Orchards

INFO HERE

Date: Friday 30th October 2026

Time: 10am – 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

October Workshops!



Access and Additional Information:

Our workshops are free to attend and the majority are family-friendly, suitable for adults and children.

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For trees and orchards, Sustainable Life's workshops are adults only.

Booking is essential in attending any workshop.

February Workshops!



Conservation and Woodland Management

Learn about what makes a healthy woodland ecosystem and help improve woodland areas at Fircroft by removing invasive species and planting trees and plants that support biodiversity.

This programme includes three sessions: a Fircroft College-led workshop on Monday, a collaborative session on Tuesday supported by Sustainable Life Birmingham, and a practical session hosted at Sustainable Life Birmingham's own venue on Wednesday. Adults only.

Workshop 1: Fircroft College

Date: Monday 15th February 2027

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Workshop 2: Sustainable Life and Fircroft College

Date: Tuesday 16th February 2027

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Workshop 3: Sustainable Life and Fircroft College

Date: Wednesday 17th February 2027

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Highbury Hall, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QG

February Workshops!



Access and Additional Information:

Our workshops are free to attend and are family-friendly, suitable for adults and children.

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Easter Workshops!



Foraging and Outdoor Cooking

Enjoy a gentle guided foraging session with Sustainable Life, followed by a seasonal meal featuring foraged ingredients. Share good food, conversation, and discover the flavours of the season in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Date: Tuesday 30th March 2027

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: 3 River Brook Dr, Stirchley, Birmingham B30 2SH

Permaculture

Permaculture is a philosophy of growing, working with nature and not against it. In this session we will learn about the three ethics of permaculture: Earth Care, People Care, Fair Share, how we can apply these and the 12 associated principles to not only our growing patterns but also our lives. Highbury Orchard are hosting this eye-opening workshop at Fircroft College.

Date: Tuesday 30th March 2027

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Propagation, Foraging and Permaculture

Learn practical plant propagation techniques to grow new plants at home, explore key permaculture principles, and spend time in the Mother Garden reflecting on how nature nurtures us and how we nurture one another. Spring to Life are hosting this fantastic workshop at Fircroft College.

Date: Wednesday 31st March 2027

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Foraging and Outdoor Cooking

Enjoy a gentle guided foraging session with Sustainable Life, followed by a seasonal meal featuring foraged ingredients. Share good food, conversation, and discover the flavours of the season in a relaxed and welcoming setting. This workshop will be held at Fircroft College.

Date: Thursday 1st April 2027

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Propagation, Foraging and Permaculture

Learn practical plant propagation techniques to grow new plants at home, explore key permaculture principles, and spend time in the Mother Garden reflecting on how nature nurtures us and how we nurture one another.

Date: Friday 2nd April 2026

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

Easter Workshops!



Access and Additional Information:

Our workshops are free to attend and are family-friendly, suitable for adults and children.

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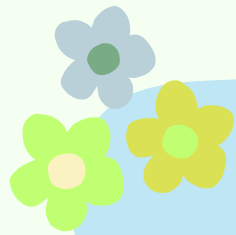
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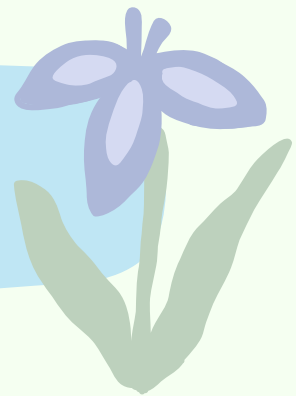
Please note that some of the workshops include food. When booking, please let us know about any dietary requirements, allergies, or food intolerances so we can accommodate your needs.

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May Workshops!



Forest School

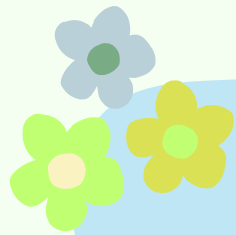
Forest School is an engaging outdoor learning experience that helps learners develop confidence, wellbeing, teamwork, and practical skills through hands-on activities in a natural environment. This workshop promotes personal growth, resilience, and a deeper connection with nature through experiential learning. Open to all!

Date: Monday 24th May 2027

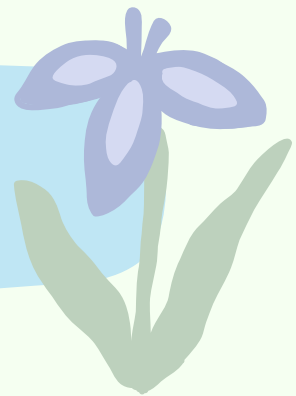
Time: 2pm - 5pm

Location: Fircroft College, Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

More information to come.



May Workshops!



Access and Additional Information:

Our workshops are free to attend and are family-friendly, suitable for adults and children.

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Finding Your Workshop Location

Please check the workshop details carefully before travelling, as sessions take place at a range of outdoor locations across Birmingham. Some sites are in parks, woodland areas, orchards, or along waterways and may not have a formal postal address.

Each venue has different instructions of how to get there and it's important you are aware of these before booking onto any event. If you have any questions about this please get in touch so we can support you.

Fircroft College Workshops

These workshops take place at Fircroft College. Please visit the following link for directions, parking information and visitor guidance before travelling:

<https://www.fircroft.ac.uk/contact-us/>

Highbury Orchard Workshops

These workshops take place at Highbury Orchard. Please visit the following link for directions and visitor information before travelling:

<https://www.highburyorchard.co.uk/contact-us/>

Spring to Life Workshops

These workshops take place at Walkers Heath Park, Birmingham. Please check the workshop information carefully before travelling and allow sufficient time to locate the meeting point within the park.

Sustainable Life Workshops

Sustainable Life workshops take place at a variety of locations, including Highbury Hall and sites along the River Rea.

For directions of Highbury Hall, parking information and accessibility details, please visit:

<https://www.highburyparkfriends.org.uk/>

For River Rea workshops, please meet at: 3 River Brook Drive, Stirchley, Birmingham. B30 2SH. This is an easy-to-find meeting point close to the workshop location. A member of the team will meet participants there and guide them to the workshop site if required.