

# newsletter

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in your area!



21st - 23rd October 2011

**BTCV is urging families to get back to nature this October half term and help raise money to protect the UK's green spaces.**

As part of our Big Green Weekend campaign we are running a Tree-Sure hunt which encourages families to discover their environment, have fun and raise funds.

Sponsor forms, nature ID guides and the challenge sheet can be downloaded free at [www.btcv.org](http://www.btcv.org)

It's up to you whether you collect seeds, leaves or bark rubbings but you'll be able to download and print off handy mini tree identification guides to help you in your search. And when you've finished there will be a certificate to download.

BTCV's Big Green Weekend also includes a national awards ceremony to recognise volunteers and a flagship event in Regent's Park, London, on October 22 which features a Tree-Sure hunt, family activities and volunteering sessions. Events are taking place in France, Germany, Iceland, Estonia, Greece and the UK.



## What's on

Friday 21st October  
**Green Heroes Awards**  
RBS Bishopsgate, London

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd October  
**9 UK volunteering events**  
A flagship event in Regent's Park, London on Saturday 22nd October plus events in Belfast, Chester, Colchester, Edinburgh, Hull, Kent, Leeds and Manchester throughout the weekend.

**9 European volunteering events**  
Greece, France, Romania, Holland, Italy, Estonia, Bulgaria, Iceland, Germany.

21st-30th October 2011  
(Half Term week)  
**BTCV Tree-Sure Hunt**  
Explore your environment, have fun and use our online resources to raise money for BTCV. All you need is our handy guide and some woodland or a local park and you can take part in our sponsored tree spotting challenge.  
**Register now!**

**Sign up for BTCV's Tree-Sure hunt today and help BTCV change even more lives**

**The New Community Hub** has been developed just for you with your group in mind.

The hub is a place where you can log your group members, task days and activities and produce reports to show your progress. Inside the hub is the Resource Bank which contains lots of useful documents to help your group to get started and continue your good work. From here you can request a website, form a constitution, download risk assessment templates and access Health and Safety information along with advice and assistance with our insurance policies underwritten by Zurich. Also listed in the Resource Bank is a link to **GRANTnet**. GRANTnet is a funding database powered by GrantFinder which allows your group to search across a huge range of funding sources.

To register for the Community Hub Please email [local-groups@btcv.org.uk](mailto:local-groups@btcv.org.uk) or call 01302 388883

# Green Heroes

BTCV Green Hero Awards 2011



## COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR 2011

### Living Under One Sun

This project is based in a social housing scheme in Haringey, London. The group manages allotments, an orchard, and an apiary and was set up by play workers and local mums. Since then it has grown into a core of 26 volunteers who run sessions twice weekly.

They have secured funding from a variety of sources to run open days, 'cook, harvest and grow' sessions, drug awareness groups, domestic violence programmes, parenting classes and stroke rehab groups.

This inspirational group is using food growing as a tool for community engagement and is implementing projects which create



### Congratulations

to the large number of Community Network Groups who achieved a Green Flag Community Award for 2011. There were 150 Community Award winners overall who have all won one years free Community Network membership worth £38. To view all the UK winners please log on to [www.keepbritaintidy.org/GreenFlag](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/GreenFlag)



## Community Network Group Awarded Top Honour



The Friends of Sandall Park group, who have helped transform Sandall Park in Doncaster, have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the equivalent of the MBE for groups. The group have received a certificate and commemorative crystal and attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



*Remember Remember  
the Fifth of November  
...and dont forget your insurance!*

**If your group have insurance with us then please remember to tell us if you are hosting a public bonfire or fireworks event this year as there is an additional premium to pay:**

<b>Bonfire only</b>	<b>£31.80</b>
<b>Fireworks only</b>	<b>£53.00</b>
<b>Bonfire &amp; Fireworks combined</b>	<b>£53.00</b>

This is a one-off charge to cover the additional risk of damage or injury when fireworks and bonfires are present at a public event. Your policy already covers you for all other group events with an attendance of 500 people or less and for private bonfires for the disposal of waste. You are also covered for serving/supplying any food products.

Cheques, payable to BTCV should be sent to the Community Network. Don't forget to add your group name, ID number and date of event. If you require cover for over 500 people then please call for a quote on 01302 388834.

**Best wishes for good weather and an incident free night**

### **\*DISCOUNTS\*DISCOUNTS\***

BTCV has managed to negotiate a massive

**50% off**

ETN training courses for Community Network Groups. All ETN courses are listed on our [website: http://shop.btcv.org.uk/shop/index](http://shop.btcv.org.uk/shop/index).

Don't forget you also receive

**10% off**

purchases from our online shop including tools, plants, trees and flowers, BTCV merchandise, books and holidays. Please quote your group ID number when ordering to receive your discount.

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