

Brighton & Lewes Downs UNESCO World Biosphere Region The Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere Partnership brings together more than forty local bodies, united in our work to connect people and nature to inspire a positive future - today.























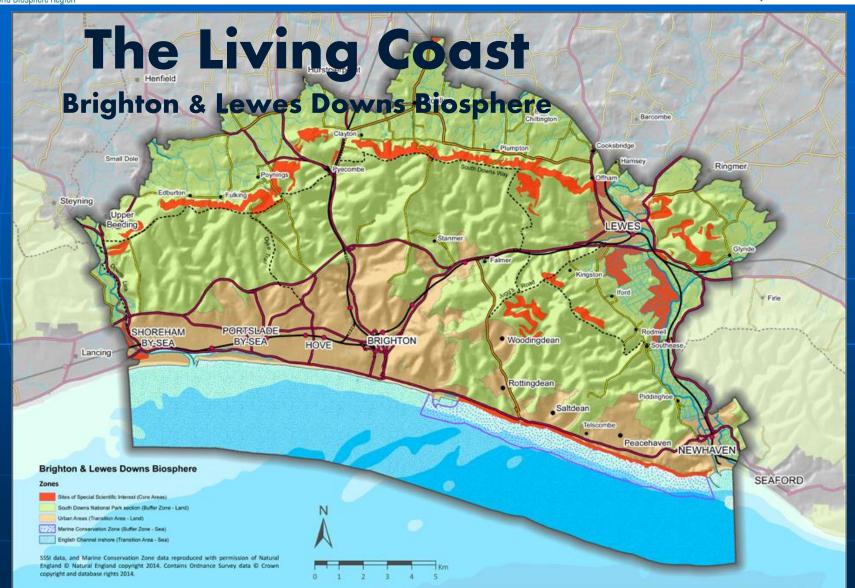






United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**Brighton & Lewes Downs** Biosphere Reserve since 2014 Man and the Biosphere Programme





#### **Our Successes**

1. Conservation – Habitat creation, flood alleviation

2. Sustainability –Council & City Action Plan

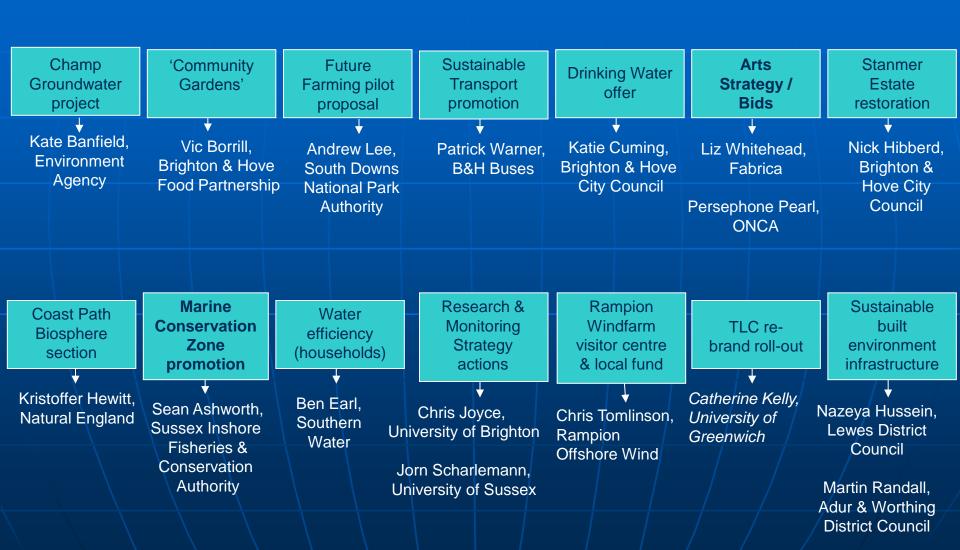
3. Engagement – Education, research, culture, events, communications





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### **Our Priority Projects**





### **Supporting B&H Connected**

- Cutting greenhouse gas emissions
- Adapting to climate change
- Waste
- Built Environment
- Natural Environment
- Food

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Living within Environmental Limits & Enhancing the Environment





#### **Our Offer**

## The Living Coast programme provides an environmental vision for B&H Connected

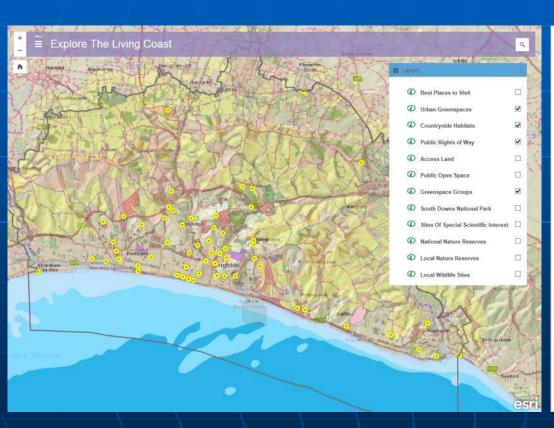
#### Our programme offers:

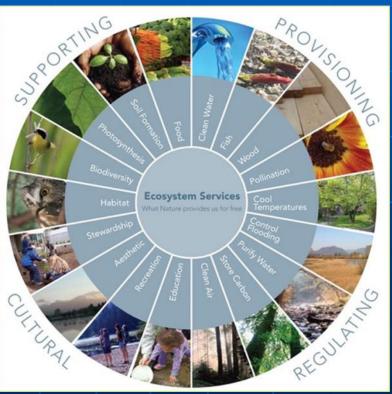
- a broad multi-sector partnership
- working strategically towards common goals, across administrative boundaries
- able to address complex environmental challenges
- accredited by the international best practice standard of UNESCO
- connected to a global network of expertise



#### **Environmental Benefits**

## Ecosystem Services: "What has the environment ever done for us?"







#### **Economic Benefits**

Our Biosphere is the foundation of Life here!

Quality 'ecosystem services' are essential e.g. water

Main direct economic benefit is through Tourism

Connecting people & nature through Culture and Arts

The Living Coast offers a new natural identity for our area





# If there was no environment or conservation focus...





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