

Local media contacts

Media contacts in Brighton and Hove that are useful for community groups.

For advice about ways to get your story covered by the media, see our information sheet *Writing a News Release*.

For advice about giving an interview, see *Radio and TV interviews*.

Newspapers and websites

Brighton and Hove News

This is a local news website which often covers a lot of local community stories. The website has over 100,000 visitors per month.

Contact Jo on 01273 530 829
brightonandhovenews@gmail.com
www.brightonandhovenews.org/contact
[@bhcitynews](https://twitter.com/bhcitynews)
www.facebook.com/brightonandhovenews

Brighton and Hove Independent

This is a free weekly newspaper and a website. They also regularly cover stories about what local groups and organisations are up to. Their paper version is read by around 19,000 people per week.

3rd Floor,
Queensberry House
106 Queens Road,
Brighton,
BN1 3XF
07803 505625
news@brightonandhoveindependent.co.uk
brightonandhoveindependent.co.uk/contact/
[@BrightonIndy](https://twitter.com/BrightonIndy)

Argus

The Argus is the local daily paper. They reach nearly 120,000 people. However, they get a lot of information sent to them, so it isn't always easy to get covered. They will be more likely to cover your story if you send a good photo and an interview with somebody who is involved.

The Argus
Dolphin House
2 - 5 Manchester Street
Brighton BN2 1TF
Newsdesk: 01273 021373
news@theargus.co.uk

Contact one of their general reporters. If you have luck with one, try to keep them informed of your activities in future, as they may be interested in covering your stories again.

All the contact details of Argus editors and reporters are on their website¹.

Giving Times

Online newspaper reporting on charity and social enterprise news stories in the Brighton and Hove area.

www.givingtimes.co.uk
Send your stories to news@givingtimes.co.uk or complete the form on their website.
01273 608455
Unit 24, 6th Floor
New England House
New England Street
Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 4GH

Local community newsletters

If your event or news is relevant to residents of a particular neighbourhood, or a particular interest group, it's worth finding out whether there is a local community newsletter produced in the area, and contacting the people who publish it. If you don't live in the local area, you could check community centres, hairdressers, coffee shops or other local businesses to check if such a publication exists. Some newsletters are sent out only to their members so may not be available to the general public. Try doing an internet search.

¹ <http://www.theargus.co.uk/contactus/contactus/>

Radio

BBC Sussex

A good way of letting BBC Sussex know about an upcoming event is to pop in and drop off a flier or poster to their office on Queens Road. You can also write to them by post or email, or call them.

*BBC Sussex
Queens Road
Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 3XB
01273 320428
sussex@bbc.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-12835872*

Juice FM

Juice FM have an initiative called Spirit of the City which you can use to promote local community events on their website and radio station..

*To promote an event, submit details online:
<http://www.juicebrighton.com/community/>*

Radio Reverb

Radio Reverb is a community radio station, so it is especially for use by local communities.

Their show *In Brighton Friday* and *Thursday Live in Brighton* specifically promotes local community events, especially artistic or fundraising events.

They also have specific shows for different communities of interest, including an LGBT show, a trans show and a refugee show.

A full list of their community/speech based shows is on their website.²

*www.radioreverb.com/contact-us
RadioReverb,
Unit 8, Open Market,
Marshalls Row
Brighton
BN1 4JU.*

Radio Free Brighton

This is another local community radio station, run by volunteers. Have a look at their schedule³ – your activity or event might fit into the theme one of their shows.

*jaki.chase@gmail.com
radiofreebrighton.org.uk
@RadioFBrighton*

² http://www.radioreverb.com/all_shows?filter=3

³ <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=radiofreebrighton@gmail.com&ctz=Europe/London>

Television

It's quite hard to get community activities featured on television. Unlike local radio stations, local news programmes generally only have 30 minutes airtime a day, so they are very selective. They will only feature things that are very "newsworthy". So they might occasionally like an unusual good news story about a successful community achievement (e.g. opening a new community garden), but are unlikely to be interested in something which is quite everyday, such as a fundraising event.

If you are running a campaign, you will be much more likely to get on TV if you time an action or event to coincide with something relevant that is already happening and making it into the news.

BBC South East

Covers Brighton & Hove, East Sussex and Kent

BBC South East Today

The Great Hall

Mount Pleasant Road

Tunbridge Wells

TN1 1QQ

01892 675580

southeasttoday@bbc.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1c26xkfQZXQYMkWWVrcxHDN/contact-us

facebook.com/BBCSouthEastToday

@bbcsoutheast

BBC South

Covers the area from Brighton and Hove, across to eastern Dorset and up to Oxfordshire.

BBC South Today

Broadcasting House

Havelock Road

Southampton

Hampshire

SO14 7PU

02380 226201

south.today@bbc.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5JbckQ6mkS1wX7vzvG2TD9t/contact-us

facebook.com/BBCSouthToday

@BBCSouthNews

Latest TV

Brighton-based TV channel. Can be watched on Virgin Media channel 159, channel 7 on Freeview or online.

01273 687171

news@thelatest.co.uk

Meridian News (ITV)

This is ITV's news programme for the South East.

Newsdesk: 0844 8812000
www.itv.com/news/meridian
itvnewsmeridian@itv.com

News distribution services

These are organisations that send press releases out to hundreds of media outlets all at once. They usually charge for this service, but those listed here offer free news distribution to charities and non-profit groups.

Pressat

Pressat is a news distribution service which provides free national news distribution service for charities. Register online, and they will circulate your press releases to thousands of journalists and newsdesks.

<http://www.pressat.co.uk/free-news-distribution-for-charities-and-non-profits/>

Relevant Now

Relevant Now is a news distribution service which provides free national news distribution service for charities and charitable projects. Register online, and they will circulate your press releases to thousands of journalists and newsdesks.

<https://www.relevantnow.com/>

Listings

These are websites and magazines which list upcoming events in Brighton and Hove. There are lots of them – the best way to find them is to type “Brighton Hove listings” into a search engine.

Here are a few:

What's on in Brighton

whatson.brighton.co.uk

You can submit your event details using a form on their website.

Visit Brighton

www.visitbrighton.com/event-submission

You can submit your event details using a form on their website. You must include an image, or they won't list it.

We Love Brighton

www.welovebrighton.com/contribute/

To submit an event, send a press release to

info@welovebrighton.com

Community Works Events Calendar

Community Works have a calendar on their website where you can publicise upcoming community events.

*bhcommunityworks.org.uk/community-events/
01273 234023*