

# SIDMOUTH - Powered by volunteers

*Environmental groups looking after our valley*

There are many brilliant volunteer groups who help to look after the valley.  
Use this leaflet to discover what they do and how you can get involved.



Groups situated  
across the  
entire valley





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Each of these community groups plays a part in making our valley a beautiful and healthy place for all the species that live here. You too can join them. To find out more just scan the QR code against each entry. To view this information in a digital format on the Sidmouth Town Council website, scan the QR code opposite.



### Cherishing Sidmouth Cemeteries

This friendly group meets Tuesday mornings to look after the Town Cemetery. Volunteers carry out garden & conservation work to improve the ornamental planting & wildlife diversity. The aim is to have this lovely Victorian graveyard managed but not manicured.  
<https://cherishing-cemeteries.vgsidmouth.co.uk/contact-us>



### Friends of the Byes

Work with EDDC and National Trust. The group was formed in 2010 with the aim to increase biodiversity in the Byes. We meet on Saturday morning, contact us at: [contact@friendsofthebyes.org.uk](mailto:contact@friendsofthebyes.org.uk)



### Friends of Glen Goyle

This group has taken on what had been a neglected stream valley in the heart of Sidmouth. They manage it to enhance its ornamental planting whilst encouraging wildlife and improving biodiversity. They meet most Thursday mornings.  
<https://glen-goyle.vgsidmouth.co.uk/contact-us>



### Friends of the Knowle

Set up to support the Town Council to restore this site to its former glory with formal gardens and a wild area to enhance biodiversity. Volunteers meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday mornings each month. Contact [kelvinrdent@gmail.com](mailto:kelvinrdent@gmail.com)



### Lower Knapp Pond Reserve

Volunteer group focused on Lower Knapp Pond Reserve just off Station Road, tasks include pond maintenance, wildflower meadow and hedging work.  
Contact: [sipapworth@hotmail.com](mailto:sipapworth@hotmail.com)



### Sidmouth Plastic Warriors

A group started in 2018 with the purpose of reducing plastic waste in Sidmouth. Join us for regular beach cleans and let us know what you're doing to help reduce plastic waste near you. Contact: [info@sidmouthplasticwarriors.org](mailto:info@sidmouthplasticwarriors.org)



### River Sid Catchment Group

Aims to reinvigorate nature within the catchment with an emphasis on the ecosystems that depend on clean healthy water. Volunteering opportunities include monthly water monitoring of the river and tributaries and monthly river-fly monitoring of small river invertebrates.  
Contact: [info@riversid.org](mailto:info@riversid.org)



### Sidmouth Community Food Forest

Looks after an area on the Byes at Sidford, which combines planting for nature with the production of food. Volunteer days on the last Sunday of each month.  
Contact: [stefandrew@gmail.com](mailto:stefandrew@gmail.com)



### The Sid-Bashers

Himalayan Balsam is an invasive species that crowds out our native plants on which the wildlife of the valley depends. We need your help on Tuesday mornings from mid May to end of Aug to remove the plant before it sets seed.  
Contact: Martin at [m.goscomb@btinternet.com](mailto:m.goscomb@btinternet.com)



### Sidmouth Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

A group of volunteers that maintain the public rights of way (footpaths & bridleways) within the boundaries of the parish. They meet on Monday evenings April – Oct plus occasional Sundays all year round. Contact [iandcollins007@gmail.com](mailto:iandcollins007@gmail.com)



The community organisations listed here are all run by local volunteers. Each of these groups look after the whole valley, and support other community groups in their work.



## Sid Vale Association

Founded in 1846 to 'conserve the charm and attractiveness of Sidmouth and the Sid Valley' it is the oldest civic society in Britain. Environmental volunteer groups meet on Monday mornings to look after the Nature Reserves on the Byes every week & the Knapp every other week.

Contact: [estates@sidvaleassociation.org.uk](mailto:estates@sidvaleassociation.org.uk)



## Sidmouth in Bloom

Volunteers improve grey spaces, plant borders in town to encourage insects and wildlife, promote street cleanliness and pride of place. Anyone of any age or ability can join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Contact Susan Goode at: [s\\_goode@talktalk.net](mailto:s_goode@talktalk.net)



## Vision Group for Sidmouth

VGS has been an active part of Sid Valley life for two decades, its ethos encompassing sustainability, resilience and community. As well as assisting in setting up, and still working with many of the groups listed here, the VGS is happy to support embryonic groups as they grow towards independence. <https://visionforsidmouth.org/contact/>



## Sidmouth Arboretum

Caring for and promoting the trees throughout the Sid Valley, it is the UK's first civic arboretum. To find out about volunteering contact: [info@sidmoutharboretum.org.uk](mailto:info@sidmoutharboretum.org.uk)



## Sid Valley Biodiversity Group

A small group of enthusiasts with a range of different surveys and monitoring going on at any one time. Brings together people across many other groups with an interest in biodiversity. Contact: [sidvalleybiodiversity@yahoo.com](mailto:sidvalleybiodiversity@yahoo.com)



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<https://sidmouth.gov.uk/council-information/grant-applications/>

