How to find local projects offering nature based therapeutic work

The following are mainly national links who should be able to find local links for mental health teams wanting to find out about local projects

**Green Health Settings, Green Exercise, Green and Blue Gym**
- NHS Forest: [www.nhsforest.org](http://www.nhsforest.org)
- Green Gym: [www.tcv.org.uk/greengym](http://www.tcv.org.uk/greengym); [http://www.greenexercise.org](http://www.greenexercise.org)
- Star Wards: [www.starwards.org.uk](http://www.starwards.org.uk)
- Blue/Marine based health care: [www.seasanctuary.org.uk](http://www.seasanctuary.org.uk); [https://goingcoastal.blue/blue-health-coach/](https://goingcoastal.blue/blue-health-coach/)
- Bristol: [http://allaboardwatersports.co.uk](http://allaboardwatersports.co.uk)
- Local links: [www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/wellbeingthroughnature](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/wellbeingthroughnature); [http://forestofavontrust.org](http://forestofavontrust.org)

**Growing and Horticulture Therapy**
- City farms: [www.fargarden.org.uk](http://www.fargarden.org.uk)
- Association of Social and Therapeutic Horticulture: [http://asthp.org.uk](http://asthp.org.uk); Thrive: [www.thrive.org.uk](http://www.thrive.org.uk)
- National Centre promoting gardening’s therapeutic benefits: [http://www.breathingspaces.co](http://www.breathingspaces.co)
- Example: [https://growingwell.co.uk/](https://growingwell.co.uk/)
- Bristol examples: [www.feedbristol.org.uk](http://www.feedbristol.org.uk); [http://www.trinitycommunitygarden.co.uk](http://www.trinitycommunitygarden.co.uk)
- Local links: [www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk](http://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk); [http://ediblebristol.org.uk](http://ediblebristol.org.uk); [http://growingsupport.co.uk](http://growingsupport.co.uk)

**Animal-assisted therapy and Care Farming**
- Pets as Therapy – [www.petsastherapy.org](http://www.petsastherapy.org); Zoo Lab: [http://www.zoolabuk.com](http://www.zoolabuk.com)
- Equine assisted therapy – e.g. Country Connections: [www.circlesnetwork.org.uk](http://www.circlesnetwork.org.uk)
- Riding for the disabled - [http://www.rda.org.uk](http://www.rda.org.uk)
- Hounds for Heroes: [http://houndsforheroes.com](http://houndsforheroes.com)
- Bristol: [http://www.elmtreefarm.org ; http://www.lwfarm.org.uk](http://www.elmtreefarm.org ; http://www.lwfarm.org.uk); Horseworld
- [http://www.follyfarm.org](http://www.follyfarm.org); small strides;
- [https://www.incredibleeggs.co.uk](https://www.incredibleeggs.co.uk)

**Conservation Volunteering and Activism**
- Volunteering eg [www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk); [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk);
- [http://forestofavontrust.org](http://forestofavontrust.org)
- uk student climate network: Teach the future campaign: [https://ukscn.org](https://ukscn.org)

**Wilderness and Outward Bound**
- Princes Trust: [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)
- John Muir Trust: [www.jmt.org](http://www.jmt.org)
- Bristol links: Imayla: [www.imayla.com](http://www.imayla.com/)

**Nature based psychotherapy: theory and practice**
- Taking therapy outdoors: Martin Jordan: [www.ecotherapy.org.uk](http://www.ecotherapy.org.uk)
- Local practitioners:

**Spirituality and mindfulness in nature**
- Vision quests and rites of passage: [http://schooloflostborders.org](http://schooloflostborders.org);
- Council practice: [http://www.contemplativemind.org/practices/free/council-circle](http://www.contemplativemind.org/practices/free/council-circle)
- Bristol links: [www.humanwildnature.com](http://www.humanwildnature.com);
- [https://www.incredibleeggs.co.uk](https://www.incredibleeggs.co.uk)
- Death dying and nature: [https://arnosvale.org.uk](https://arnosvale.org.uk)

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