

About Us



The Singleton Environment Centre building was designed with sustainability at its core and everything about the centre is ecofriendly.

It is managed by BTCV, the UK's leading environmental conservation volunteering charity, on behalf of Ashford Borough Council. Natural ventilation, low energy lighting, rain water harvesting, wood chip powered heating and solar power are just some of the features of the centre.

The centre promotes Ashford's green spaces, wildlife and local environment as well promoting sustainability.

The centre sits in its own landscaped area with a terrace leading out to the grounds which feature native plants, trees and a pond. The centre also boasts a workshop area in specially adapted redundant shipping containers and a 100 seat amphitheatre adjacent to the main building.

The centre adjoins the tranquil surroundings of Ashford Community Woodland, a green space designed and managed by the local community with stunning views of Ashford and the distant Kent Downs. ACW volunteers meet on the first Saturday of the month to carry out practical tasks in the woodland. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us to find out more.



Getting There

The Singleton Environment Centre is conveniently located close to Ashford town centre, with excellent links by foot, cycle, road or rail, making it accessible whether you are travelling from the local area or further afield.

Ashford International Station provides frequent links to the Kent Coast, East Sussex, Canterbury, Maidstone and London, as well as Eurostar services to the continent. There are frequent bus services from the station and town centre, and parking facilities for cars, motorcycles and cycles are provided at the site. National Cycle Route 18 runs behind the centre.

Public Transport

Visit www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk or call 0871 200 2233. National Rail Enquiries tel: 08457 48 49 50.



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*A unique environmentally friendly venue
nestling in tranquil, landscaped grounds*



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About BTCV



BTCV is the UK's leading environmental conservation volunteering charity. Set up in 1959, BTCV has a successful history of enabling volunteering throughout the UK and around the world.

Our work addresses the wider issues of encouraging personal development, building sustainable communities, reducing social exclusion and improving people's health.

Our projects are open to anyone, whatever your background and interests.



Through our strong local partnerships, and with over 45 years of experience, we have developed a collection of successful projects.

Across Kent, we offer diverse training opportunities, Green Gyms, a network of community warden schemes, and a range of practical activities.



As a charity, BTCV is almost entirely reliant on grant funding and voluntary donations. The work we do is only made possible by people like you – people who want to make a difference to their community and environment.

Please visit our website for more information.

About the Centre

Working in partnership with Ashford Borough Council, BTCV runs a range of activities from the centre including training events, courses and evening talks. The centre works closely with local schools to bring a range of educational programmes to the centre.

There are also community events and activity days through the year and the centre showcases Ashford's growing arts scene including music, theatre, dance and other arts. There are monthly music evenings at the centre – check the website for latest details.

The centre welcomes visitors seven days a week and you can learn about Ashford's green spaces and environmental projects, just pop in for a coffee, or enjoy a stroll in the community woodland.

Sustainable venue

The Singleton Environment Centre offers a totally sustainable and refreshing new venue in Kent for:

...the local community

family functions, celebrations, fitness or art classes.

...clubs, charities and associations

meetings, evening talks, training, workshops and voluntary events.

...business

meetings, training, team building events, conferences, interviews and functions.

Whether you are visiting for a walk, a coffee, an event, meeting or function The Singleton Environment Centre is open seven days a week and you'll be sure of a warm welcome.

The Singleton Environment Centre is supported by:



Footprints Café & Bistro

The centre boasts its own on-site, local caterers 'Footprints' who are based at the centre.

The Ashford family team of Caroline, Neville and Jessica follow the theme of conservation and environmental awareness by serving local and seasonal produce with ethically farmed meats and fish, plus delicious fair-trade teas and coffees. They can cater for any event held at the centre, from meetings and conferences to other functions.

Footprints Café & Bistro is open to the public Tuesday - Sunday during the day for a range of light bites and meals. On Friday and Saturday evenings between 7pm and 11pm Footprints serve their dinner menu, the finest local fresh food, in a relaxed ambience.

For reservations you can contact them on 01233 668 308 or visit their website for details www.ourfootprint.org.uk – why not call in and taste for yourself.



For further information visit www.btcv.org/kent or call in and see for yourself. We look forward to welcoming you to The Singleton Environment Centre

...a unique, sustainable venue.