



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

**“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”**

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WB 2 November 2020

We are now entering a second lockdown and we know that this is going to be a challenge for many families. We are pleased that we, as a school, will remain open and that we can still keep the learning going for the children. Please know that if you are struggling with your finances or struggling with feeding your children then please do not hesitate to get in contact. You can do this by emailing [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Christian values** – Our values for this half term are hope, perseverance and courage and the children will be focussing on these during their worship time.

**Staffing** – We would like to welcome Ms White who has taken on Forest Schools and will be working with Year 1 for the next few weeks. The children have loved being outside learning. However, it is with great sadness that we let you know that Miss Lyons will be leaving us at Christmas. Miss Lyons has been with us for many years but feels that it is time for a new challenge. We will miss her greatly and we will let you know when we have appointed someone for Monday and Tuesday in USA class.

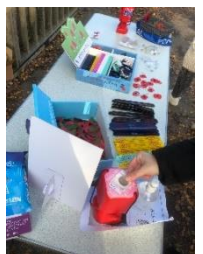
**Kindness shield for November - William K & Michael B.**

**William** - you are always so thoughtful to others in class, being a great talk partner with learning and always ensuring he is on track and that he is talking about learning in class and saving other chat for break time. You have impeccable manners and always put a smile on everyone's face. Your kindness just shines in all that you do.

**Michael** you are consistently showing empathy to your peers and the adults around you. You display kindness, consideration and care every single day. This is so lovely to see in one of our Year 1 pupils.

**Remembrance and selling poppies** – We will be holding a two-minute silence in school on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and holding a Remembrance Service. **If your child is part of a uniformed group (cubs, scouts, rainbows, brownies, guides etc)** then the children are welcome to come to school in their uniform as part of the day.

**Thank you to Mrs Barnes** for supplying us with poppies. We are always keen to support the Royal British Legion at this time of year.



**Coats, hats etc.** – As the weather is getting colder and wetter, the children **must** have a coat in school every day, we like to get the children outside as much as possible.



**PE Kit** – The weather is getting cold and we are continuing lessons outside, please ensure that children have blue or black tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper (blue or black)

**Parent's Evening** – Thank you to all that attended the parent evenings this week. This was our six week in meeting to discuss how your child has settled and what your child's starting points are and we were pleased that we managed to set this up and have some communication. It was not perfect and we will try to iron out some of the concerns but it meant we could communicate this information. If you need further information about the starting points for your child then please contact the class teacher via the class email address.

**Early Birds** – Early Birds is up and running and we have had a few children attending at 8am. If you would like more information then please contact the School Office.

**After school care** – Jiminy's are no longer running after school provision and we are keen to look at what is required for wrap around care. If you feel that you would require after school care from January 2021 then please contact the office to let them know. We are not promising anything but would like to know what need there is at this time. Many thanks in anticipation.

**Vine leaves** – **Caleb L (SL), Ruben S (SL) and Phoebe J (SL)** because they have shown that they are happy to put others before themselves, a wonderful and rare quality to have. **Caiden (Mex)** has been awarded one for compassion as when one of his classmates fell over in PE today, Caiden not only went to help them but also stayed with them to make sure they were ok and cheer them up and would not leave their side until they were feeling better. **Caleb (Mex)** for his compassion and humility as he wanted to help others during this difficult lockdown. David CG (Chi) is completing a walk to raise money for charity, we look forward to hearing you completed it. **Lucy (Tha), Ella (Tha), Victoria (Tha) and Isobel (Tha)** for making a new pupil feel so welcome and supported. **All Saint's Eucharist** – Due to the lockdown our All Saints Eucharist has had to be *cancelled* due to lockdown. We are hoping to have an Advent Eucharist but we will keep you posted.

**Classrooms** – As you would have seen from the risk assessment and the government guidance, we have to keep a flow of air going through the classrooms, it is getting colder now and the classrooms are getting chilly. Please ensure that your child have a layer in their school rucksack that they can put on if they do get cold. Many thanks for your support with this.



**Giving machine for PTA** – As we approach a second national lockdown and in the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering things online.

Please could I ask you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and we get a percentage back, which will be spent, on your children.

Just go to [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk)

1. Join as a shopper
2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School
3. Find online store, do your shopping Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

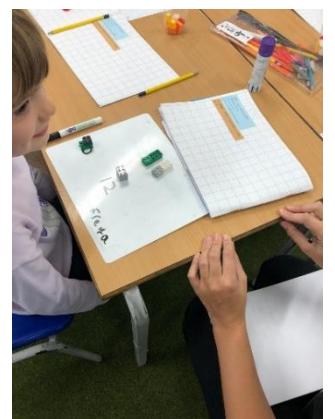
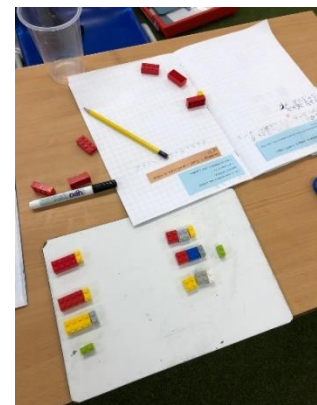
**Help for the homeless** – **Rosie (Ind)** has shared that she will be giving up her bed for the night on the 20th November to raise money to support a charity that provide safe accommodation for young people. End Youth Homelessness are planning a Sleep Out to raise awareness of the growing number of young people who are struggling with homelessness – this issue is particularly pertinent this year as many young people work on zero hour contracts in retail and the service industry all of which has been greatly impacted by Covid. With no income, young people are at a greater risk of becoming homeless and having to struggle on their own. Rosie has raised £305 so far and this will provide three young people with Safe, Clean accommodation for four nights over Christmas. Money raised will also go towards a dedicated fund to help young women and mothers between the ages of 16-25 move into their own homes. If you would like to donate then please click on the links.

<https://eyh-sleepout.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/SleepOut2020-RosieAndEmmaMartin>



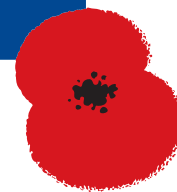
**Financial help** - As a second national lockdown begins we are very aware that many families will be facing challenging financial circumstances. We have been asked by the council to let you know that if you need support during lockdown and the upcoming winter you can contact the Council's Community Hub. The Hub is there to provide help during the COVID pandemic. The Community Hub gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies. Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries. You can find more information and request support online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub) or to speak to someone call: **033 022 27980**. I would also like to remind you that free school meals can be applied for through West Sussex by following this link: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

## Window to the classroom





THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



# DONATE TO THE **POPPY** APPEAL

The Royal British Legion's  
Poppy Appeal supports the  
Armed Forces community,  
past and present.

If you don't have cash,  
there are other ways to donate:



Cornelius, Second World War Veteran. Supported by The Royal British Legion.

Scan to donate



To donate **£2** text **POPPY2** to **70545** \*

To donate **£5** text **POPPY5** to **70545** \*

To donate **£10** text **POPPY10** to **70545** \*

# EVERY **POPPY** COUNTS



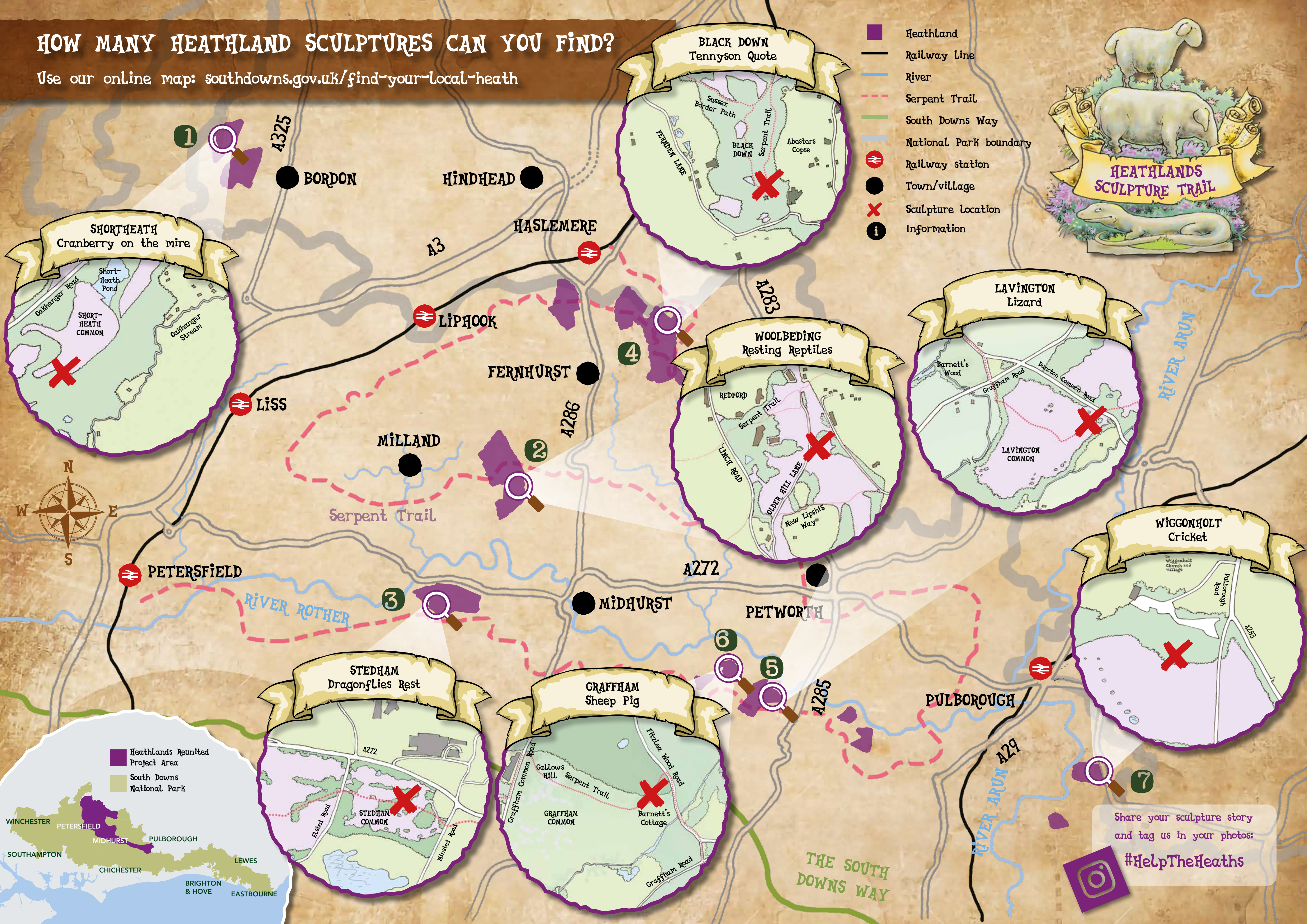
Registered charity number: 219279

\*You will be charged £2, £5, or £10 plus one message at your standard network rate. The Royal British Legion will receive 97%. We will contact you by text on the mobile number you used to give you the opportunity to let us know how you would like to be contacted in the future and to find out whether you would like to add Gift Aid to your donation.



# HOW MANY HEATHLAND SCULPTURES CAN YOU FIND?

Use our online map: [southdowns.gov.uk/find-your-local-heath](https://southdowns.gov.uk/find-your-local-heath)





# Heathlands Sculpture Trail

Inspired by stories from communities and drawing upon sources as diverse as the poet Tennyson and a 394-year-old local map, seven bespoke stone carvings have been made as part of the Heathlands Reunited National Lottery Heritage funded project. Linking seven heathland sites in the National Park, these intricately carved characters of the heath tell the unique story of the history, wildlife and people of each site.

To develop the heathland habitat sculptures, Graeme Mitcheson, the sculptor, spent six months working with trained volunteers who collected oral histories and carried out archive research, as well as community groups and local schoolchildren.

## Want to discover more heathland stories?

Snaking its way through the purple heather, green woods and golden valleys of Sussex, the Serpent Trail runs from Haslemere to Petersfield. This route is a great way to explore the wildlife and history of our precious heathland habitat, while also visiting some of the South Downs's picturesque villages and towns. [southdowns.gov.uk/serpent-trail](http://southdowns.gov.uk/serpent-trail)



## NFC and QR codes

Each sculpture will have an NFC tag and QR code. Using your smartphone you can find out more about your find using an appropriate app.



### 1 Cranberry on the mire



This site is a Special Area of Conservation noted for its impressive 'floating' transition mire, which you can see if you look north west from the sculpture. Shortheath Common has a high cover of the cranberry *Vaccinium oxycoccos* which is rare in southern England.



The name is supposed to be derived from crane-berry because the flowers look like cranes (the bird) with their long necks.

#### HOW TO FIND CRANBERRY ON THE MIRE

<b>Location:</b> Shortheath Common
<b>Grid reference:</b> SU 773 364
<b>Nearest town:</b> Oakhanger
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



Cranberry Plant  
© Nicki Paton

### 2 Resting Reptiles



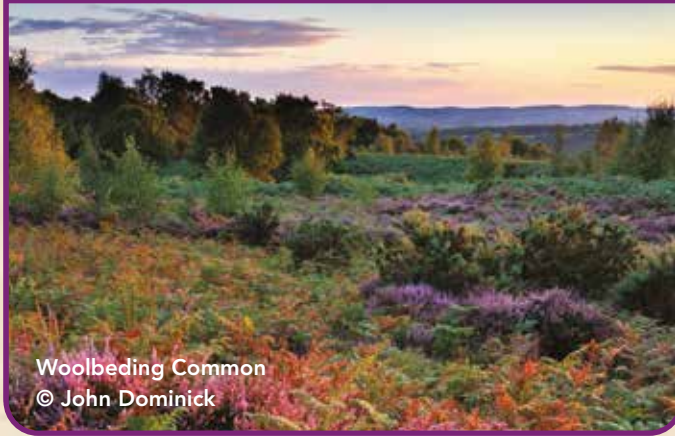
Heaths are home to three species of snake; Grass snake, Smooth snake and Adder.

The smooth snake is Britain's rarest and most secretive reptile. This sculpture shows the snakes curled up on a bed of oak and birch leaves, trees which are both associated with wooded heaths. Woolbeding is unique as it was never made into a plantation and still has links to its ancient birch and oak woodland.



#### HOW TO FIND RESTING REPTILES

<b>Location:</b> Woolbeding Common
<b>Grid reference:</b> SU 871 260
<b>Nearest town:</b> Midhurst
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



Woolbeding Common  
© John Dominick

### 3 Dragonflies Rest



Several species of dragonfly live only on heathlands and Iping and Stedham Commons are home to all five of the heathland species found in southern UK:

- Golden-ringed
- Emperor
- Black Darter
- Broad-bodied chasers
- Common darter

Dragonflies are bigger and sturdier than damselflies and they hold their wings out like an aeroplane when landed. Damselflies hold their wings closed along their body or half-open when landed.



#### HOW TO FIND DRAGONFLIES REST

<b>Location:</b> Stedham Common
<b>Grid reference:</b> SU 857 218
<b>Nearest town:</b> Midhurst
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



Stedham Common  
© Sam Moore

## COUNTRYSIDE CODE

RESPECT · PROTECT · ENJOY

### Respect other people

- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Keep to the paths unless wider access is available

### Protect the natural environment

- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



## Getting around

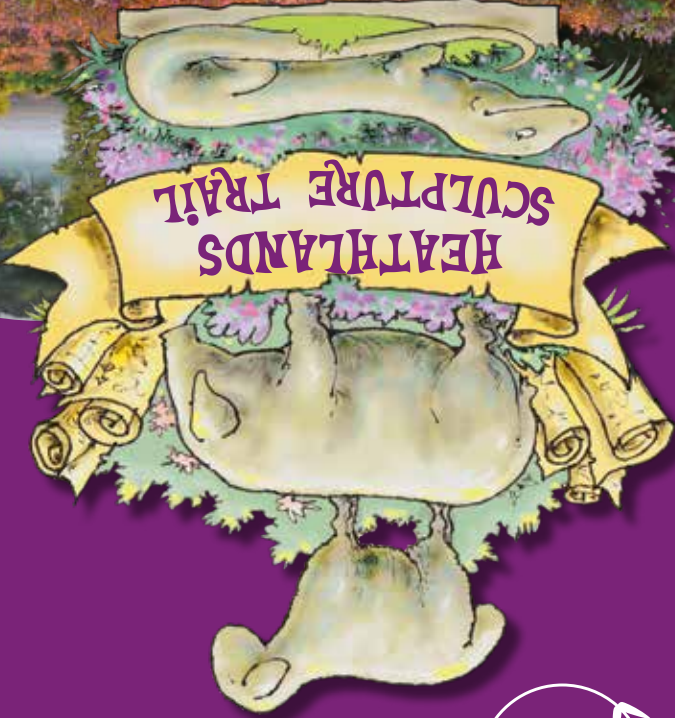
**By rail:** The South Downs National Park is easy to access by rail from London and the south coast. Visit [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) to plan your journey.

**By bus:** One of the most cost-effective ways to travel by bus around the South Downs is by using the **Discovery Ticket** which gives you unlimited travel for the day across the National Park and beyond. Visit [traveline.info/se](http://traveline.info/se) to plan your journey.



SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

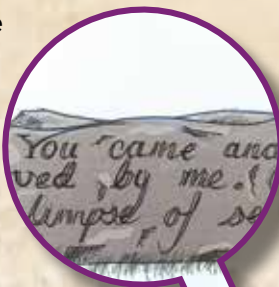
Discover the historical tales and hidden gems of the South Downs heaths



### 4 Tennyson Quote



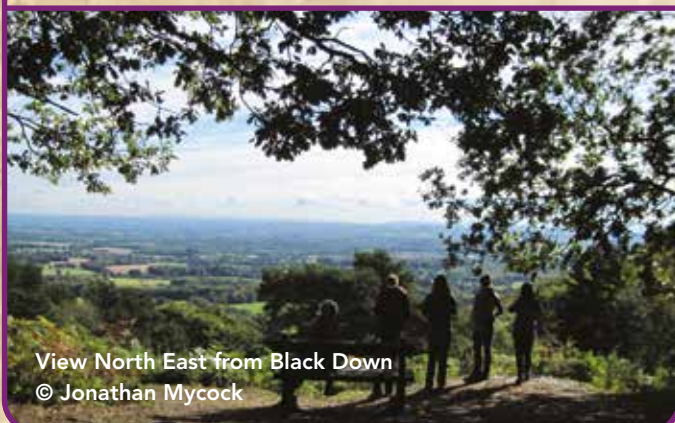
Probably the most famous admirer of the Common and nearby former resident was poet Alfred Lord Tennyson. This sculpture is inspired by some of his words and ancient documents granting rights of pasture to the common.



The documents are beautifully hand written with incredible flowing fonts. This quote is long associated with the site and written by Tennyson, using the font taken directly from the documents. The sculpture references the beautiful landscape and view from the site but also nods to its industrious past.

#### HOW TO FIND TENNYSON QUOTE

<b>Location:</b> Black Down
<b>Grid reference:</b> SU 920 293
<b>Nearest town:</b> Haslemere
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



View North East from Black Down  
© Jonathan Mycock

### 5 Lavington Lizard



South Downs Heathlands support all 12 of our native amphibians and reptiles. Lavington Common provides a home for all three types of lizard that rely on heaths; slow worms, common and sand lizards can all be found here.



During the breeding season male sand lizards adopt a bright green coloration to attract a mate. They were once nearly extinct in Britain and are now protected by law, and are still classed as an endangered species.

#### HOW TO FIND LAVINGTON LIZARD

<b>Location:</b> Lavington Plantation
<b>Grid reference:</b> SU 948 186
<b>Nearest town:</b> Graffham
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



Lavington Common  
© John Dominick

### 6 Sheep Pig



The Sheep Pig is inspired by a map, drawn in 1629 during the reign of Charles 1, showing the heath as common land. It reflects the former use of the site as grazing land but also refers to the rare map of the vicinity.



The original archive copy of the map was found in the West Sussex Records office. On the primitively drawn map of the area, tiny drawings of animals (almost appearing to be standing on top of one another) can be seen. Based on this, the sculptor created a replica of the drawing in carved stone.

#### HOW TO FIND SHEEP PIG

<b>Location:</b> Graffham Common
<b>Grid reference:</b> SU 937 193
<b>Nearest town:</b> Graffham/Selham
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



British white cattle  
© Sussex Wildlife Trust

### 7 Wiggonholt Cricket



The field cricket is an extremely rare, declining and threatened insect in the UK which depends solely on heathland habitat. It is classified as Vulnerable under UK law.

The field cricket is one of the largest crickets in the country and although it has wings, it cannot fly. There has been a lot of work on this site to reintroduce the field cricket and encourage the regeneration of heather.



#### HOW TO FIND WIGGONHOLT CRICKET

<b>Location:</b> Wiggonholt Heath
<b>Grid reference:</b> TQ 060 162
<b>Nearest town:</b> Pulborough
<b>Found it</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



Wiggonholt Heath  
© Graham Osbourne

## The South Downs National Park

**Glorious heathland is not the only gem to uncover in the South Downs National Park.**

There are rolling hills, ancient woodland, river valleys, listed buildings, diverse archaeology, thriving villages and market towns as well as the iconic white cliffs of the Heritage Coast.

Covering over 1600km<sup>2</sup> of England's most valued lowland landscapes, the South Downs is a living working landscape waiting to be explored.



Heathlands Reunited is a partnership of 11 like minded organisations, led by the South Downs National Park Authority. The project runs for five years from 2016-2021 within an area covering 41 heathland sites.

The project aims to inspire communities to visit their heathlands and learn more about them so they can be enjoyed by future generations to come. It is also practically recreating, reconnecting and restoring our precious heaths.

Mary Saunders and Rachel Richie with Map of Fitzlee Common 1629 from the Mitford Archives (Mitford MSS 998), in the custody of West Sussex Record Office



## Open Access Land



Where you see the **Open Access symbol** you can leave the footpath on foot and walk, sightsee, picnic, watch wildlife, run or climb within the mapped area. Please adhere to site signage and follow our Take the Lead messages to stay safe and protect vulnerable wildlife in these areas.

Cycling, horse riding and driving are not permitted on open access land. These recreational users must stick to designated rights of way.

## Take the Lead

**For a safe and fun visit with your dog please remember to keep them on a lead around livestock and wildlife.** Always bag and bin your dog poo – any public bin will do. Stick to the paths during ground nesting bird season (March – September) and do not enter Ministry of Defence Land when the red flags are flying.



## Contact

01730 814810

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[southdowns.gov.uk/heathlands-reunited](http://southdowns.gov.uk/heathlands-reunited)



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