National Trails Event Guidelines
South Downs Way Specific Information

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These details are believed correct as of January 2019. If you find any of the above details incorrect, we’d really appreciate you notifying us to that we can update our information.

South Downs Way Team
South Downs National Park Authority
sdw@southdowns.gov.uk
01730 819299
2. South Downs event notification contacts

If you’re organising an event in a public space including use public highways and public rights of way or your event is expecting large number of public to attend, it is advisable to the police and the District / City or Borough council where your event is going to take place. The list below is all the contact details or web pages need to notify police and Districts through which the South Downs Way passes.

Each District Council has the power to call a Safety Advisory Group (SAG), bringing together all the emergency services and licencing authorities to discuss large events. SAG groups are not there to prevent events but to ensure public safety and offer advice about event plans. The earlier you can notify the relevant Authorities the better.

**Hampshire Police**
https://www.hampshire.police.uk/services/event-planning/
strategic_operations@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

**Sussex Police**
Planning and Events team, Tel. 101 ex 545200
wsxevents@sussex.pnn.police.uk

**Winchester City Council**
http://www.winchester.gov.uk/community-recreation/what-to-consider
events@winchester.gov.uk

**East Hampshire District Council**
http://www.easthants.gov.uk/road-closures
Catherine.rayner@easthants.gov.uk and Mark.dewell@easthants.gov.uk

**Chichester District Council**
http://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/24724/Health-and-safety#sag
licensing@chichester.gov.uk

**Arun District Council**
https://www.arun.gov.uk/event-safety
events@arun.gov.uk.

**Horsham District Council**
https://www.horsham.gov.uk/events/pages/events/planning-a-public-outdoor-events
HDC Health & Safety Officer - Tel: (01403) 215136.
Mid Sussex District Council
Tel: 01444 477379
https://doitonline.midsussex.gov.uk/officeforms/MDC_Safety_Advisory_Group_Event_Notification.ofml

Lewes and Eastbourne Councils
Rebeca.Wynn@lewes.gov.uk
Simon.hurt@eastbourne.gov.uk

Wealden District Council
http://www.wealden.gov.uk/EventSubmitEvent.aspx

These contact details are believed correct as of June 2017. If you find any of the above details incorrect, we’d really appreciate you notifying us to that we can update our information.

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3. South Downs Way Key landowner contact details

The following landowners have agreed for their contact details to be published here to help event organisers make contact in order to gain permissions and minimise any conflicts. It is by no means a comprehensive list of landowners, but those that by virtue of their location are often approached by event organisers requesting space for event infrastructure. The list is ordered West to East along the South Downs Way.

**Holden Farm**, A272, Beaworth, Hampshire.
Charlie Corbett, Charlie.corbett@holdenfarm.co.uk, 01962 771267

**Preshaw Estate**, (Wind Farm & Lomer Farm, Kilmeston / Exton, Hampshire)
Preshaw Farm Partnership, Sir Richard Pelly, The Manor House, Preshaw, SO32 1HP, richardpelly@outlook.com, 01962 771758.

**Sustainability Centre**, East Meon, GU32 1HR, Hampshire,
Accommodation & Events manager, 01730 823166.

**Queen Elizabeth Country Park**, Horndean, PO8 0QE, Hampshire
The Park Manager, 02392 595040

**Harting Down**, B2142, South Harting, West Sussex
The National Trust, 01730 816638, woolbedingcountryside@nationaltrust.org.uk

**Manor Farm**, Hillbarn Lane, Cocking Hill, West Sussex
Richard and Pauline Marks, 07966 514473, 01730 814156, richardamarks@hotmail.com

**Bignor Hill**, Bignor, West Sussex.
The National Trust, 01243 814730, slindonestate@nationaltrust.org.uk

**Downs Farm**, Amberley, West Sussex
Sue and Paul Strudwick, 01798 831842, Strudwick@downsfarm.co.uk

**The Wiston Estate** (inc. Washington Bostal car park & Chanctonbury Ring)
The Estate Office, 01903 812129.

**Truleigh Hill YHA**, Truleigh Hill, Shoreham-by-sea, West Sussex.
Truleighmanager@yha.org.uk

**Devil’s Dyke & Saddlescombe Farm**, Poynings, West Sussex
The National Trust, 01273 857712.

**Ditchling Beacon (car park)** Ditchling, East Sussex
The National Trust, 01323 423923, ditchlingbeacon@nationaltrust.org.uk

**Ditchling Beacon (Summit and ridge top west of car park)**
Sussex Wildlife Trust, 01273 492630
**Housedean Farm**, A27, Lewes Road, East Sussex  
Mr David Taylor, 07831 762210

**Itford Farm**, YHA Southdowns, Southease, East Sussex  
Southdownsmanager@yha.org.uk

**Seven Sisters Country Park**, Exceat, Nr Seaford, East Sussex.  
East Sussex County Council, 01273 335036

**Birling Gap**, Nr. East Dean, East Sussex.  
The National Trust 23 423197, birlinggap@nationaltrust.org.uk

**Eastbourne Downland** (inc. Beachy Head and Warren Hill)  
Eastbourne Borough Council, Simon Hurt, 01323 41000
4. Emergency Access points along the South Downs Way

The following list shows all the points where standard (non 4x4) emergency vehicles can access the SDW. Please note that some of these access points are private farm access and can only be used by emergency vehicles for emergency purposes and not for general event traffic unless specifically agreed with the landowner in advance. Private access is marked with a star.

The list is arranged from West to East and includes both the bridleway route and footpath only route over the Seven Sisters.

- Chilcomb Village  SU513 278  Public road through village as far as “Little Golders.
- Cheesefoot Head  SU529 278  Public car park off A272 80metres from Trail.
- Rodfield Lane  SU552 280  Public road and small turning area where SDW crosses.
- Holden Farm, A272*  SU560 269  Farm entrance. Restricted Byway is drivable in emergence to Beauworth.
- Milbury’s Pub  SU569 245  Public road follows SDW between Hamilton Farm and Wind Farm.
- Lomer Farm*  SU580 240  Private farm entrance to farm, SDW runs through farm yard.
- Beacon Hill  SU598 228  Public road and small uneven car park.
- Exton Village  SU615 209  Public roads through village.
- Old Winchester Hill  SU645 214  Public road and car park with height barrier.
- Whitewool Farm  SU655 215  Public road to farm and then private farm track though farm yard.
- Coombe Cross  SU667 209  Public road where SDW crosses. Space to pick up and turn.
- Sustainability Centre  SU675 191  Public road parallel to SDW, large car park.
- Butser Hill  SU705 191  Public road to Butser Hill and large car park near hill top.
- Queen Elizabeth Country Park  SU718 182  Public road to QECP car park and visitor centre. Can drive up through park as far as SU722 183.
- Halls Hill cap park to Sunwood Farm  SU732 197  Public road and car park with height barrier. Road and byway can be driven along SDW as far as Sunwood Farm SU759 194.
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<td>SU771 191</td>
<td>Private metalled farm road off B2146</td>
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<td>B2146</td>
<td>SU783 184</td>
<td>SDW crosses road</td>
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<td>B2141, Harting Down</td>
<td>SU789 181</td>
<td>SDW crosses road, informal car park to west of crossing. Main car park accessed 100m south of SDW crossing. SDW continues in front of car park.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telegraph House*</td>
<td>SU809 175</td>
<td>Access to SDW south of Beacon Hill via private metalled driveway to Telegraph House. Driveway leaves B2141 at SU805 163.</td>
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<td>Hill Barn, Cocking</td>
<td>SU875 166</td>
<td>Public road and car park. SDW driveable between SU768 166 and SU880 165.</td>
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<td>A285, Littleton Farm</td>
<td>SU950 144</td>
<td>SDW crosses A285, small layby / farm access.</td>
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<td>Bignor Hill</td>
<td>SU974 130</td>
<td>Public road up to unmade car park.</td>
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<td>A29, Bury Hill</td>
<td>TQ004 119</td>
<td>SDW crosses busy road. Room to pull off road on eastern side.</td>
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<td>Amberley</td>
<td>TQ025 124</td>
<td>Private concrete track to sewage works.</td>
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<td>Amberley, High Titten</td>
<td>TQ028 122</td>
<td>Public road from B2139 as far as Highdown TQ034 125.</td>
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<td>Kithurst Hill car park.</td>
<td>TQ070 124</td>
<td>Public road from B2139 up to SDW. Large car park has a height barrier.</td>
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<td>Chantry Post</td>
<td>TQ086 119</td>
<td>Public road from A283 to SDW, no height barrier.</td>
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<td>Washington Village</td>
<td>TQ117 128</td>
<td>Public road access between Church and Washington Bostal car park.</td>
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<td>Steyning Bostal road</td>
<td>TQ162 096</td>
<td>Public road running parallel to SDW for 800m</td>
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<td>Annington Farm Lane</td>
<td>TQ185 094</td>
<td>Public road that SDW follows for 600m.</td>
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<td>A283</td>
<td>TQ196 094</td>
<td>Public lay by with height barrier and small area in front of height barrier.</td>
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<td>Beeding Hill to Truleigh Hill</td>
<td>TQ208 095</td>
<td>SDW runs parallel to SDW between informal car park and Truleigh Hill YHA.</td>
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<td>Devil’s Dyke</td>
<td>TQ258 107</td>
<td>SDW crosses public road. Near by National Trust car parks</td>
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<td>Saddlescombe Farm</td>
<td>TQ271 114</td>
<td>SDW crosses Saddlescomb road at large informal lay-by.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Haresdean Farm. Pyecombe</td>
<td>TQ291 123</td>
<td>Public road to access Haresdean riding school. SDW also follow lane through village. Church lane no through road.</td>
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<td>Pyecombe Golf Course</td>
<td>TQ294 129</td>
<td>Driveway to Pyecombe Golf Course</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jack &amp; Jill Windmills / New Barn Farm.</td>
<td>TQ303 135</td>
<td>Public road and car park to Jack &amp; Jill Windmills. Farm track driveable to New Barn Farm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ditchling Beacon</td>
<td>TQ333 129</td>
<td>National Trust car park off Ditchling rd.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Streat Hill Farm*</td>
<td>TQ352 127</td>
<td>Public bridleway over private farm road to Streat Hill Farm where SDW crosses.</td>
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<td>Housedean Farm, A27</td>
<td>TQ369 092</td>
<td>Public road (Old A27) and lay by area (away from farm entrance) at Housedean Farm (east bound). Farm bridle access to west bound carriageway. (private farm bridge emergency vehicles only).</td>
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<td>Swanborough Farm*</td>
<td>TQ390 068</td>
<td>Concrete farm track (Dencher Road) from Swanborough farm to Swanborough Hill.</td>
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<td>Northease Farm*</td>
<td>TQ407 056</td>
<td>Concrete and broken track (White Way) from Northease Farm to Breaky Bottom.</td>
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<td>Mill Hill, Rodmell</td>
<td>TQ412 053</td>
<td>Public dead end road from Rodmell.</td>
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<td>Cricketing Bottom*</td>
<td>TQ413 048</td>
<td>Bridleway (SDW) over private farm Track</td>
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<td>Southease Village</td>
<td>TQ422 052</td>
<td>Public road carrying SDW through Southease village to Southease Station. Private level crossing with key access only at Station.</td>
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<td>Itford Farm A26</td>
<td>TQ431 055</td>
<td>Road access through farm yard to Southease Station and SDW from A26.</td>
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<td>Firle Beacon Car Park</td>
<td>TQ468 059</td>
<td>Public road from A27 (Firle) to car park. Height barrier into car park but turning and parking for larger vehicles before barrier.</td>
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<td>Bo Peep car park</td>
<td>TQ494 050</td>
<td>Public road from A27 to car park and SDW.</td>
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<td>Alfriston Village</td>
<td>TQ518 029</td>
<td>SDW runs through public roads of Afriston Village.</td>
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<td>Lullington</td>
<td>TQ532 032</td>
<td>SDW crosses lane between Lullington and Willmington.</td>
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<td>Jevington Village</td>
<td>TQ561 014</td>
<td>SDW passes Church along very narrow lane then crosses Jevington Road.</td>
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<td>Eastbourne Golf Club A259</td>
<td>TV585 986</td>
<td>SDW crosses A259</td>
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<td>Beachy Head Rd</td>
<td>TV590 974</td>
<td>SDW crosses Beachy Head Rd. (Oct 2011 onwards)</td>
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<td>Eastbourne, Duke Drive</td>
<td>TV600 971</td>
<td>SDW ends at road</td>
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<td>Beachy Head visitor centre</td>
<td>TV590 958</td>
<td>SDW adjacent to road, car park and easy access wheelchair friendly path.</td>
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<td>Belle Tout</td>
<td>TV566 953</td>
<td>SDW adjacent to road and car park. SDW also crosses private driveway to Belle Tout.</td>
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<td>Birling Gap</td>
<td>TV550 960</td>
<td>SDW crosses National Trust car park.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seven Sisters Country Park</td>
<td>TV519 994</td>
<td>SDW crosses A259 at visitor centre. Vehicle access between A259 and beach with key from ESCC Rangers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Westdean</td>
<td>TV523 996</td>
<td>SDW goes along public lane through village.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Litlington Village</td>
<td>TQ522 016</td>
<td>SDW runs along Litlington road for 100m.</td>
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This Mileage chart shows the distance between various points along the South Downs Way in miles. The places listed in **bold** are near by villages with facilities such as public transport, refreshments and accommodation but are found just off the Trail. The figures in brackets next to 'off Trail' locations are the distances along the Trail before you need to head off the Trail, followed by the distance from the Trail to the village. A number of 'off Trail' locations have several access route options, but the closest or easiest has been chosen here. All distances are approximate and darker grey background are to be found on the South Downs Way Profile.
6. South Downs Way Drinking Water Points

This is a list of free to use drinking water point along the South Downs Way. Many of the taps are in open rural locations and are therefore drained and turned off during winter to prevent freezing and damage. If you are relying on these between November and April, please contact the SDW team first to get up to date information.

Holden Farm
Tap located on eastern side of farm yard. SU 561 267

The Sustainability centre
Outside of the main building on the right hand side, SU 676 190. Beech Café also on site.

Queen Elizabeth Country Park
Tap next to the café courtyard always accessible. SU 718 185.
Café open 10am – 4:30pm most of the year, check opening times on 023 9259 1362.

Hill Barn
A286 crossing, SU 879 166. Tap & trough.

Amberley

Parkfield Farm
Washington (on western side of A24), TQ 118 119. Tap.

Botolphs
River Adur crossing, TQ 198 094. Tap & trough.

Truleigh Hill
YHA, TQ 220 106. Tap.

Saddlescombe Farm
TQ 271 114. Tap.

Housedean Farm
A27 crossing, TQ 368 092. Tap.

Southease Church
TQ 423 052. Tap.

Seven Sisters
Country Park, TV 518 995. Tap behind toilet block.

Jevington Church
Tap just in front of church. TQ 561 014.

Birling Gap
Tap on outside of toilet block. TV 553 960. Café also on site.
7. How to Donate to the South Downs Way

National Trails are maintained largely at public expense and by volunteers. National Trails are maintained to a higher standard than the general rights of way network in recognition of their national status and high usage. The ongoing maintenance and improvement amounts to thousands of pounds each year. Much of this work is not a statutory duty of the local councils and relies on good will and partnerships. Events, particularly large events, can put extra strain on these already popular routes.

To help maintain the Trails, event organisers are encouraged to donate at least **£1 per participant** for one-day events using a National Trail.

**Donate via our website**

Donations can be made online using the National Trail website. Donating in this way also helps maintain the National Trails website which helps to promote your events. 20% of donations made through the website will go to maintaining the website and 80% will be spent on the trail itself.

[https://southdowns.charitycheckout.co.uk/sdw#!/](https://southdowns.charitycheckout.co.uk/sdw#!/)

Please include a reference along with your donation detailing the event name and your organisation so that we can acknowledge your generosity.

All event donations are acknowledged on the website, and via the National Trail website and social media. Every pound really does help us to maintain the trail to the highest standard to be enjoyed by everyone for years to come.

Thank you for your support.
Please use this form to tell us about your planned event on the South Downs Way. This form should be used in conjunction with the "Events on National Trails; Guidance for event organisers." This form will help the trail management team to keep track of planned events, monitor the use of our protected National Trails logos and help us to provide you with the best service. We may contact you for clarification about your event(s) and to update you with relevant information.

The South Downs Way uses public rights of way and is open to all. Therefore we do not have the power to approve or deny events. The details here are just to ensure smooth running of events on the Trail.

### Event Details

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<td>Event web page:</td>
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<td>Brief description of route:</td>
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### Organisers Details

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<td>Contact on day(s) of event:</td>
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Please supply an electronic copy of your Event Plan. Copy attached? Y / N To follow Y / N

1. Have you read the National Trails event Guidelines? Y / N
2. Have you added your event to the National Trail website? www.nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way Y / N
3. Have you shared your event plan with the relevant District / unitary Councils? Y / N
4. Have you gained permission from any landowners where you're planning check points, food / water stations etc. Y / N
5. Are you planning to make a suggested donation of £1 per paying participant to help maintain the South Downs Way? Y / N
6. Would you be interested in having a National Park information van / stall at any planned finishers area? * Y / N
7. Are there any issues or problems with the route that you’d like to highlight prior to your event? *

* We can not guarantee attendance at any event, but will add any request to our events list for consideration.

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South Downs Way Event Notification Form

If you have answered "Yes" to questions 1 - 5 above you are permitted to use the "Proudly Supporting National Trails" logo below. The National Trail acorn is a registered trademark and can only be used with permission. If you'd like to use this logo and you agree to the terms of use set out below we will send you a high resolution electronic version.

Would you like to use the "Proudly Supporting National Trails" logo?  

Y / N

Supporters logo terms of use

1. This logo is for use only for the year shown.

2. Use of the logo is restricted to promotional material such as websites, leaflets and flyers promoting events for which donations to support the National Trails are being made.

3. The logo must not be shared with other organisations and cannot be sub-licenced

4. Don’t a.) interfere with elements within the logo; b.) stretch or distort the logo; c.) introduce special effects like drop shadows; d.) introduce colour gradients, textures or photographic images into the logo panel; e.) tilt letters, use true italics.

5. Don’t try to recreate or add to the logo

Declaration

By signing this declaration you are:

> agreeing to abide by the National Trails Event Guidelines

> you understand that it is the responsibility of the event organiser to ensure the safe running of an event and to ensure that appropriate permissions, marshalling, first aid cover and insurance is in place.

> agreeing to abide by the supporters logo ‘terms of use’ if the logo is used.

> agreeing to receive information and updates about the South Downs Way, the South Downs National Park and the South Downs National Park Trust. We promise to never to share your contact details with any other organisation without your consent. For more information about how we process personal data, please see our privacy policy below.

Sign:  

Print name:  

Date:  

Privacy Policy

Use and storage of your personal information

When you supply any personal information to us we have legal obligations towards you in the way we deal with that data. We must collect the information fairly, that is, we must explain the purpose for us using it and tell you if we want to pass the information on to anyone else. In general, any information you provide will only be used within the South Downs National Park Authority and by its service providers, including the South Downs National Park Trust. It will never be supplied to anyone outside South Downs National Park Authority or the South Downs National Park Trust without first obtaining your consent, unless we are obliged or permitted by law to disclose it.

We will hold your personal information on our systems for as long as you use the service you have requested, and remove it in the event that the purpose has been met or you request us to do so. You can ask us to stop using your information at any time (also known as “opting-out”) by contacting us on the details below. We will ensure that all personal information supplied is held securely.

Contact for further information about data processing

You have the right to request a copy of the personal information the South Downs National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Trust hold about you and to ask us to stop using your information. Please address requests to: Head of Governance, South Downs National Park Authority, South Downs Centre, North St., Midhurst, GU29 9DH. 01730 814810. info@southdowns.gov.uk