



Friends of the
SOUTH DOWNS
Protecting the beauty of the Downs



Let **your**
legacy secure
the future
of the South
Downs





Friends of the South Downs help to protect the beauty of the Downs...

Please consider leaving a legacy or making a donation to fund our projects.

Friends of the South Downs was originally founded in 1923, as the Society of Sussex Downsmen. A group of local people who were dismayed at the random development of Peacehaven on the chalk cliffs near Brighton and were determined to protect the landscape for posterity.

We were one of Britain's earliest conservation organisations and rapidly gained members and influence in seeking to protect the whole of the South Downs National Park.

For almost 100 years our charity has been working to protect the beauty of the Downs by campaigning on planning issues, promoting access and conservation and encouraging people to get to know and enjoy the area.

Find out more about us by visiting our website
friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk

Our members and supporters are generous, but we constantly need to raise funds to continue our work.

You could help us to achieve valuable projects like these:

- We paid for **improvements to the South Downs Way** at Plumpton Plain.
- We are running a lottery-funded project to **help school children** learn how previous generations worked and played on the Downs.
- We are paying for **kissing gates** to replace stiles to improve access to the Downs.
- We are contributing £5,000 to a **tree-planting programme** in small towns and villages.
- We are installing **rustic benches** along the South Downs Way.
- A **planning campaign**: "The Friends of the South Downs have helped us preserve the rural hamlet of Greatham from grandiose and inappropriate development. We are most grateful for their constructive and dedicated support. They play such an important part in safeguarding the heritage of the South Downs." - Robert Englehart.

Long standing member Stella Moore left a **significant legacy** to the Friends of the South Downs. Her family said, "Walking on the Downs was a firm favourite activity of Stella."

Society member Ian Leslie, "loved walking on the Downs". In his memory, his family made a **substantial donation** "to help protect and enhance the beauty of the Downs".

A generous life member recently **donated** £1,000 (which increases to £1,200 after gift aid) to help pay for kissing gates and benches.



Please Consider

Please consider leaving us a legacy in your will or make a donation using the donation button on the home page of our website or by following this link <https://friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/support-us/donate/donate-online/>

The Tax Advantages

The tax advantages of leaving a legacy to registered charities like the Friends of the South Downs mean that such legacies are free of inheritance tax. And if more than 10% of your estate is left to charities, inheritance tax falls from 40%, to the lower rate of 36%.

We Recommend

We recommend that you seek the help of a solicitor on how to leave a legacy to us. You will need to give them the following details:

The South Downs Society

Registered Charity Number 230329

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Station Road
Pulborough
West Sussex
RH20 1RL

If you have already made a will, a simple codicil can be added. Whatever your choice, we suggest that you consult your solicitor first.





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Office Opening Hours The Pulborough office is open 9.00am - 1.30pm Monday to Wednesday. Members are most welcome to leave a message on the answer phone outside these hours on 01798 875073.

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