

The South Downs: the shaping of a landscape

Conference information

The newly-designated South Downs National Park is a familiar landscape to many who enjoy visiting the Downs or seeing them from a distance. But there are many aspects of the history of this landscape which would benefit from more understanding in order to inform our interpretation. Our speakers will explore aspects of the past of this landscape which need deeper consideration and also look at some of the possible implications for the future of issues such as estate management (long a major influence on the landscape of the Downs) and changing attitudes towards conservation on the Downs in which the Sussex Wildlife Trust, now fifty years old, has played a key part.

Booking Information

The Conference will be held at the University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton in the Chichester Lecture Theatre. The ticket price includes morning and afternoon tea and coffee and a delegate booklet.

Please note that lunch is not included. You may bring your own packed lunch and some seating is available in the foyer of the building as well as outside. You will also be able to purchase lunch on the day.

Getting There

Car: The University of Sussex is situated off the A27 at Falmer between Brighton and Lewes in East Sussex. *Parking charges are being introduced by the University and you must request a permit at time of booking which you will need to display to be able to park free of charge.*

Train: The University is served by Falmer railway station on the Lewes-Brighton line. The rail journey from Brighton or Lewes takes about eight minutes and the campus is a short walk from the station.

Bus: Buses run regularly between Lewes and Brighton and the number 25 runs to the centre of Campus. For more information on access, please visit the University of Sussex website, www.sussex.ac.uk



Sussex Archaeological Society Conference

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Chichester Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton
In association with the Centre for Community Engagement



Conference Booking Form

The fee for the conference is £30 per person, which includes the conference booklet and morning and afternoon tea/coffee. Lunch is not included. There is a discounted rate of £20 for full or part-time students on an award-bearing course.

Book now through the Sussex Past shop site:
www.sussexpastshop.co.uk or complete the form below.

Delegate Information

Name: _____

If you are an SAS member, please quote your membership no: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime contact number: _____

Email: _____

Confirmation will be sent by email. If you require confirmation by post, please include an SAE with your booking form. Cheques should be payable to Sussex Past.

Please send me ticket(s) @ £30 Please send me ticket(s) @ £20*

*if you are applying for the student rate, please name your course and the College here.

Car parking permit required? Yes/No (please circle as appropriate)

Please send your completed form with your payment and SAE (if no email) to:

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- 10.00 Chairman's Introduction
Prof Matthew Cragoe, Sussex University
- 10.05 Making Places: some aspects of Prehistoric Archaeology in the South Downs National Park
Dr David McOmish, English Heritage
- 10.45 The Medieval Landscapes of the South Downs
Dr Mark Gardiner, Queen's University Belfast
- 11.25 Coffee
- 11.50 The Evolution of the Farming System on the Hampshire Chalks, late Medieval Period to the mid-18th Century
Dr Gavin Bowie, specialist in chalkland farming
- 12.30 Land Ownership and Farming on the West Sussex Downs 1750 - 1950
Dr John Godfrey, specialist historian of the Western Downs
- 1.10 Lunch
- 2.15 The Rise and Decline of the Country House on the Downs c1540 - 1914
Dr Sue Berry, Editor, VCH (City of Brighton & Hove)
- 2.55 The Rural Estate - its Role and its Contribution
Mr James Cooper, Director, Stansted Foundation
- 3.35 Tea
- 4.00 The Rise of the Conservation Movement for the Downs and its influence
Dr Tony Whitbread, Director, Sussex Wildlife Trust
- 4.40 Questions and End