

# South Downs National Park Trust

## A loved landscape

From rolling hills to bustling market towns to the world-famous white cliffs at Seven Sisters, the South Downs National Park's landscapes cover 1,600km<sup>2</sup> of breath-taking views, hidden gems and quintessentially English scenery.

## But this landscape is at risk

The UK's newest National Park needs to serve the busiest part of the UK – with 2 million people living within 5 miles and many areas of urban deprivation along its boundary. With so many demands on it, it can only exist through the support of those who love it.

“The Downs... too much for one pair of eyes, enough to float a whole population in happiness, if only they would look”

*Virginia Woolf, diaries*



**We are not just a place,  
we are a cause**

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Established by the South Downs National Park Authority, The South Downs National Park Trust is taking a Park-wide approach to protect this extraordinary place for future generations. The trust aims to work in partnership with national and community based organisations, for the benefit of the Park and the people for whom it was created.

## Our aim

***To enhance and protect our beautiful and inspirational landscapes and communities, ensuring they can be enjoyed by all, forever.***

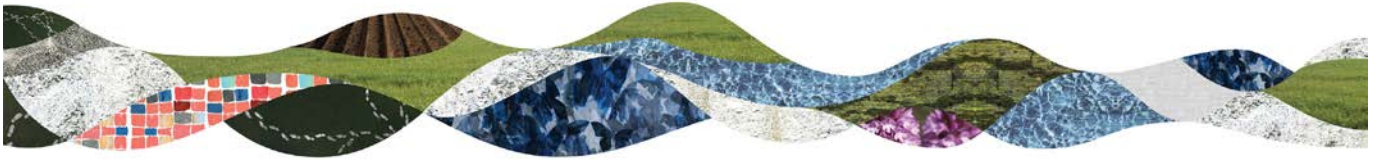
## What we are doing

In order to achieve this the trust will work in 5 key areas:

### **Conserving our landscape and its heritage**

The South Downs National Park has been sculpted through thousands of years of human interaction. The National Parks rangers and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure our breathtaking views, unspoilt places and cultural history are protected.

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## Engaging Young People in Outdoor Learning

Time spent outdoors helps improve health, wellbeing and social interaction and is a key to halting the growing epidemic of obesity and mental health issues. The trust is working to help thousands of young people develop each year, through hands-on outdoor learning.

## Working with our communities

The South Downs National Park is a living landscape. It is the work of farmers, communities and voluntary organisations, that makes our National Park a special place. The trust is helping people make a difference by co-ordinating, partnering and supporting their work.

## Access for all

National parks provide important breathing spaces and spending time in them can improve peoples lives. The trust works to make sure everyone can access our National Park by improving rights of way, establishing new cycle routes and ensuring our National Park is accessible for all.

## Protecting rare plants and species

Based on the expertise of conservation experts, the trust is working to ensure our rare species can survive and flourish for the next generation, such as the Adonis blue butterfly, wolverines and the iconic barn owl.

**“Philanthropy was critical to the establishment of our National Parks and it will be just as critical in their protection”**

Trevor Beattie, CEO South Downs National Park Authority

## Will you Join us ?



## With your support we could do much more

**Support our volunteers to give a little and gain a lot, by enhancing our landscapes –** limited equipment and resources, hampers their work and opportunities to make a difference.

**Reach more young people,** particularly those from deprived areas.

**Develop new community cycle routes** contributing to community health and wellbeing, and enabling people with limited mobility and young families to enjoy their National Park. For example, the Centurion Way.

**Protect the Adonis blue and other endangered species,** such as the mouse-eared bat that only lives here.

