



Heathlands Reunited – Sign Up Form

What is the ‘Heathlands Reunited’ project?



Heathland covers just 1% of the South Downs National Park, mostly separated into ‘islands’ where isolated plants and animals are far more likely to be vulnerable to local extinction. The Heathlands Reunited project, led by the National Park Authority and supported by 10 partners aims to create new and improve existing heathland to cover an area greater than 1,200 football pitches.

Whilst the project focuses on restoring, expanding and reconnecting threatened heathland habitats its purpose is also to enthuse and inspire people to visit them, learn more about them and use them responsibly and sustainably. The project will run across 41 sites over 5 years.

There will be a variety of voluntary opportunities, some of which will include training, that come alongside this project. If you are interested in getting involved we would like to hear from you. Please fill in the below form.

I(name) would like to express interest in volunteering for this project. I am happy to be sent more information about this via the contact details given below.

If applicable, please note any organisation you are currently registered as a volunteer for:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

Please highlight your preferred area of interest: Fixed Point Photography

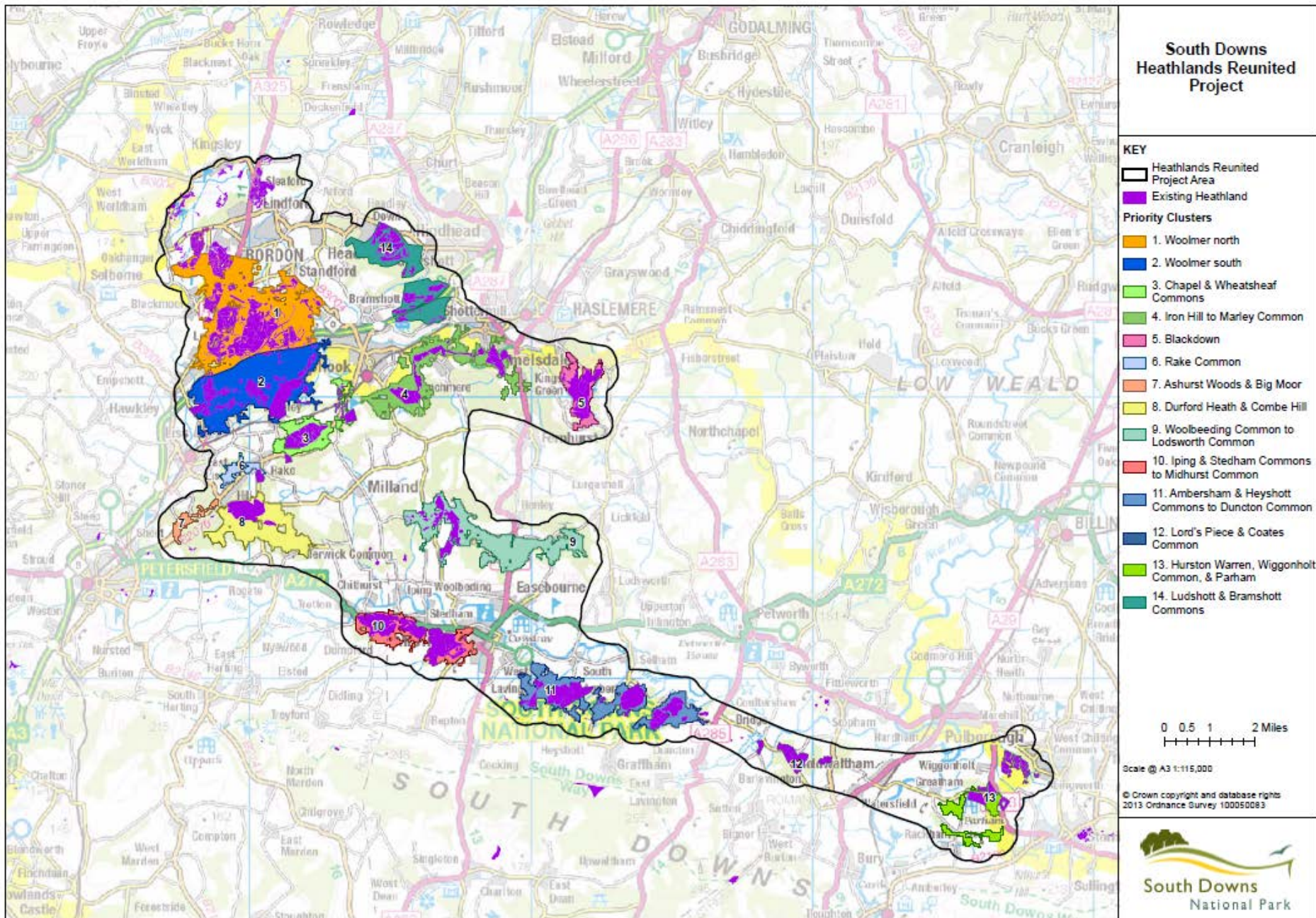
Dog Walking Ambassador

Wildlife Monitoring

Practical management

Heritage

Please give us some information regarding your skills/experience:



Which area are you interested in volunteering in? Please select a number.

Thank you for volunteering to take part in the Heathlands Reunited Project. This fantastic project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), which funds projects that make a difference for both heritage and people. As part of our funding agreement we need to demonstrate the overall impact of a variety of different activities upon a range of people and communities, including all individuals who have kindly volunteered to help us.

We will invite all of our project volunteers to participate in the project's evaluation through a variety of different mechanisms including the completion of an annual survey. The aim of the survey is to capture and measure the impact of volunteering with the project upon the individual, covering topics such as knowledge of the heathlands and overall well-being. The answers to the questions below will provide us with the baseline data from which we can then measure progress and changes in the coming years.

Please be re-assured that all of the information you provide will remain confidential, only accessible to the project management team and the researchers undertaking the project evaluation. The data will be anonymized in any reports or analysis. Most of the questions require an answer, however for some you may not wish to provide an answer; in this instance we have provided the option for you to opt-out of providing a response.

In addition to PROVING what we are doing the data gathered will also provide an excellent opportunity to IMPROVE what we are doing. The data gathered will be analysed and inform the content of a number of reports that will be produced for the HLF and the SDNPA, highlighting where things have gone well and what we can do better. Regular feedback from project reviews and analysis will be available to read in the Heathlands Reunited newsletter.

If you have any queries or questions please call 01730 814810 and ask for the Heathlands Reunited Team.

Please select your age range from the list below?

Gender: Female Male Other

How would you describe your ethnic origin? Please select one of the options below.

Please select one of the options below which reflects your current work status?

If you selected other (please give more details)

Please describe your current / most recent employment (i.e. Blacksmith, Airline Pilot, Teacher etc.)

Please tell us the highest level of qualification you have either achieved or are currently studying for? (In the case of professional qualifications please select an equivalent from below). Please select one of the options below.

We are keen to create a project that everyone can take part in, regardless of any difficulties they might currently be experiencing. The following questions aim to find out if you have any specific requirements with regard to your mobility and any health issues that currently limit your lifestyle.

Do you consider yourself as having a disability? Yes No

How would you describe your level of mobility?

If you said your mobility was slightly impaired or severely restricted can you give us more information about the different ways in which we can support your participation (e.g. frequent breaks, ramp or vehicular access etc.)

Are there any other medical/health issues we might need to be aware of or might restrict your involvement in the Heathlands Reunited project? Please let us know how we can support your involvement in the project? (Eg. allergies, eye conditions that restrict your ability to drive in the dark, hearing loss etc.).

On a scale of 1-10 (Where 10 is a strong understanding and 1 is no understanding) what is your current understanding of:

Heathland heritage

Heathland wildlife

Why heathlands should be looked after today

On a scale of 1-10 (Where 1 is not at all inspired and 10 is very inspired) how inspired do you feel to visit your local heath?

Please return this form to heathlands@southdowns.gov.uk or post to:
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