

# About the project

## Bigger. Better. Joined up

Heathland covers just one per cent of the South Downs National Park, mostly separated into 'islands' where isolated plants and animals are far more vulnerable to local extinction. Heathland is rarer than rainforest and home to all 12 of our native reptiles and amphibians.

The Heathlands Reunited project, is a partnership of 11 like-minded organisations, led by the South Downs National Park Authority. The project runs for 5 years from 2016-2021 with an area covering 41 heathland sites.

Our aim is to recreate, reconnect, and restore existing heathland to cover an area greater than 1,200 football pitches.

The project also aims to re-engage and inspire communities to visit their heathlands, learn more about them and work together to look after them so they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS VISIT: [southdowns.gov.uk/heathlands-reunited](https://southdowns.gov.uk/heathlands-reunited)**

## ① CHAPEL COMMON



FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER, TBC

Chapel Common, Liss, West Sussex,  
GU33 7JN

	Coldharbour Stagecoach 737 from Peterfield and Liphook
	8km/5miles
	Moderate
	SU 81263 28147
	Booking Required: <a href="mailto:dan.cornell@southdowns.gov.uk">dan.cornell@southdowns.gov.uk</a>
	Leader: Dan Cornell

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Paths at Chapel Common can be rough so is unsuitable for push chairs.

**FACILITIES:** No toilets. From Liss; take the B2070 towards Liphook, then the second hand turn after Rake CE Primary School. Limited parking is available on this road.

**DESCRIPTION OF WALK:** Walk from Chapel through Forest mere to Weavers Down. Then walking back to Chapel Common.

## ② NEW YEARS WALK



SUNDAY 6 JANUARY, 10.00-14.00

Shortheath Common Carpark,  
Oakhanger Road, Bordon, GU35 9JP

	Rookery Farm Bus Stop, Stagecoach 18X from Haslemere and Holybourne. Bakers Corner Bus stop is a 15-20 minute walk, 13 from Alton and Liphook
	10km/6miles
	Moderate
	SU77373 36777
	Booking Required
	Walk Leader: Steven Ord

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Occasionally difficult terrain- unsuitable for wheelchairs and push chairs. Likely to be wet and muddy.

**FACILITIES:** Free car park whilst space allows.

**DESCRIPTION OF WALK:** Join the HCC Ranger service for a guided walk around Shortheath Common before heading out across the countryside to Broxhead Common. Take a circular walk around Broxhead before returning to the Shortheath carpark.

## ③ IPING COMMON HEALTH WALK



THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 10.30 -12.30

Iping Common Car Park, GU29 0PB

	92 from Midhurst Bus station to Elsted Road. Car park is 100yds down Elsted Road.
	7km/4miles
	Moderate
	SU 852220
	Just turn up
	Leader: Bruce, Peter D

**ACCESSIBILITY:** On paths, no stiles, might be muddy in places. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on the lead.

**FACILITIES:** Car park available. No toilets. From Midhurst; take exit on roundabout to A272 Petersfield Road, follow for about 2 miles and turn off onto Elsted Road, the car park is on the right.

**DESCRIPTION OF WALK:** A longer health walk through the beautiful heathlands at Iping Common. Please arrive 10 minutes early.

## ④ CHAPEL COMMON WALK



TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 10.00-11.30

Chapel Common, Liss, West Sussex,  
GU33 7JN

	Coldharbour Stagecoach 737 from Peterfield and Liphook
	3 km/2miles
	Gentle
	SU 81263 28147
	Booking Required
	Leader: Alison Pitts

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Paths are rough in places, the route is not suitable for pushchairs; there are no stiles. Well behaved dogs on a lead welcome.

**FACILITIES:** No toilets. From Liss; take the B2070 towards Liphook, then the second hand turn after Rake CE Primary School Parking is available along this road.

**DESCRIPTION OF WALK:** Find out about the cultural history of heaths, how they are maintained today to ensure their survival. We'll also look at historical features.