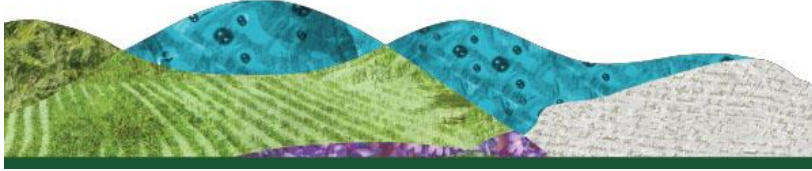


SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK CITIZENS PANEL NEWS



December 2018

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter. This December we've got early results from your autumn survey and are taking a look at how the National Park Authority will use them.

Finally we're looking forward to the year ahead, with a reminder to save the dates for the South Downs Dark Skies Festival in February.

If you want to know more about what's happening in the National Park please remember to sign up for the monthly newsletter <http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/join-the-newsletter/>. Everyone who signs up during December will be entered into a prize draw to win a tour and tasting for two at award-winning vineyard Wiston Farm Estate.

Happy Christmas!,

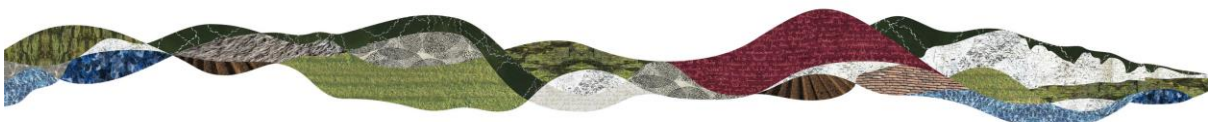
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What would you like to read in this newsletter? I'd love to hear your ideas at tanya.hibberd@southdowns.gov.uk

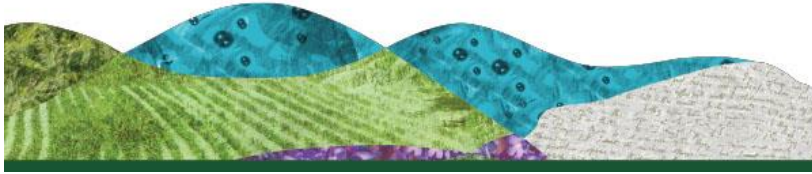
Autumn survey 2018 – in brief

Thank you to everyone who took part in our autumn survey, as always your responses are extremely useful. Below are a few early results and we'll include a more detailed update of how we're using them in our March newsletter.

- More than seventy per cent of you thought that the National Park Authority and our partners should **do more to promote health and wellbeing in the National Park** by including links on our website to walks and activities in the National Park (72%) and working directly with local communities to promote opportunities to enjoy it (72%)
- Less than one in ten of you (9%) **had attended an event** where you saw our events van, team or stand and seven in ten (70%) of you weren't aware of the events we attended. We clearly have work to do to raise the profile of these events and will ask these questions again next year to see how we're doing
- Those who had seen us at an event had good things to say. In particular the **South Downs National Park map** (93% strongly agreed/agreed that it was useful) and the **expertise of our staff** (88% of you strongly agreed/agreed that the staff were informative).



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- More than one in ten of you (11%) were interested in **completing a John Muir Award** in the National Park. We've shared this information with our education and outreach team and will follow up with more information in a future newsletter
- Around a third of you (35%) were **interested in participating in a focus group or online community** to help inform our strategy for health and wellbeing. If this was you watch out for an email in the coming months with more information
- Less than a third of you (29%) had **signed up to the South Downs National Park e-newsletter** and remained signed up.

The final spring survey report is now on our website and the full report with analysis of the autumn survey will go up in February 2019 <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/discover/research/citizens-panel/>.

If you have any suggestions for future survey questions please email tanya.hibberd@southdowns.gov.uk.

Get involved in 2019

It's time to get moonstruck

The South Downs Dark Skies Festival returns from Friday 15 February to Sunday 3 March 2019 with events across the National Park. With 2019 marking 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landing, this year's event, which celebrates the National Park's International Dark Sky Reserve status, will have a distinctly lunar theme. There will be talks, activities and star parties taking place across the length and breadth of the South Downs during the festival.

Find your nearest events on the South Downs Dark Skies festival website from January 2019. <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/events/dark-skies-festival/>

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