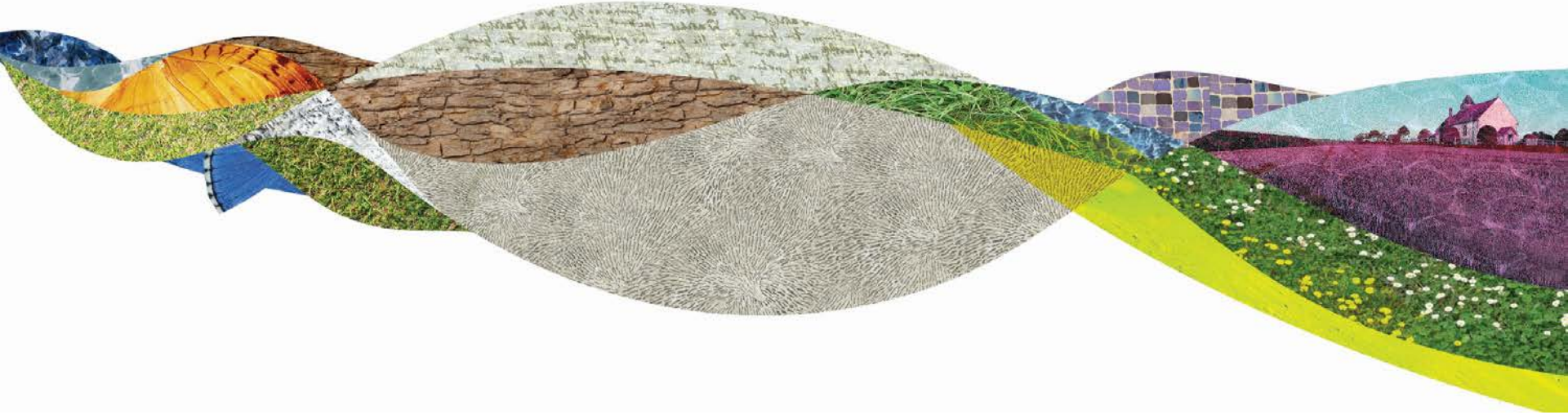


SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

Partnership Management Plan

Hampshire Parish Workshop
08.12.20



Andrew Lee, Director of Countryside Policy & Management
Nigel James, Countryside Policy Manager

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Partnership Management Plan 2020–2025



PMP Outcomes 2020-2025



ENHANCE (*Purpose 1*)

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Four key challenges 2020-2025

Climate change



Nature recovery



Health & inclusion



Rural economy



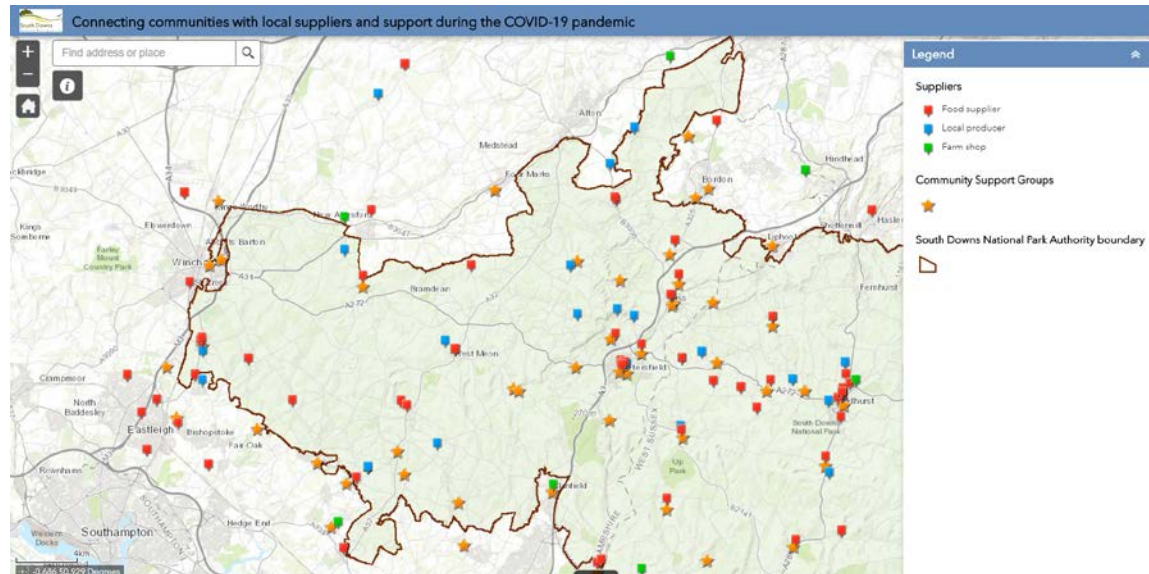
Covid-19 Recovery Fund

- Established May 2020;
- £375,000 allocated from SDNPA reserves;
- 105 valid applications received;
- A total of £280,532 awarded to 61 businesses/organisations;
- Separate fund set up for collections at risk: 14 museums, galleries and heritage sites received £18,491
- £25,000 to deliver events and activities online



Connecting our Communities map and website

- 72 entries from Hampshire
- Mr. Whitehead's Cider Company Ltd - *"Thank you so much for this, it is lovely to see our name on the map...Great work."*
- Visit Hampshire - *"It's always helpful to know what support is being provided out there, both locally and nationally."*
- Gilbert White's House - *"Thank you, that's great."*



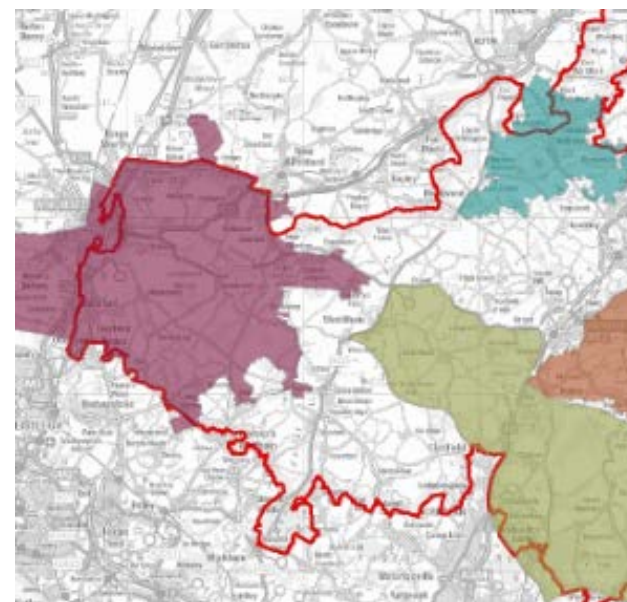
Four key challenges 2020-2025 – Climate Change

- **SDNPA commitment** towards reducing carbon footprint in the National Park by 2040.
- Development of a Climate Change Action Plan for the Authority.
- **Example:** Energy Project. Working with local communities to support their transition to a low carbon future through the development of community energy schemes.
- **Example:** Helping farmers to assess and reduce their carbon footprint. Undertaken on a number of farms in Hampshire.



Four key challenges 2020-2025 – Nature Recovery

- **SDNPA commitment** towards better managed habitats, bigger in size, more in number and increased connectivity.
- **Example:** Supporting and working with local communities on habitat projects and initiatives. E.g. at Petersfield.
- **Example:** Supporting farm cluster groups, including three in Hampshire, to enable farmers, foresters and other landowners to work collectively on habitat improvements at a landscape scale.



Four key challenges 2020-2025 – Health & Inclusion

- **SDNPA commitment** to connecting people with the landscapes of the South Downs and developing initiatives to improve their health and wellbeing.
- **Example:** Artscape. A small art based charity that works to improve the lives of anyone who faces isolation through poor health or circumstance across Hampshire.
- **Example:** Families Inclusion Project. Targeting support for families from deprived communities in and around the SDNP to discover, explore, conserve and share their experiences of the SDNP.



Four key challenges 2020-2025 – Rural Economy

- **SDNPA commitment** to supporting vibrant communities, sustainably managed land-based industries and local enterprise.
- Approx. 8000 businesses in the SDNP, of which 98% are in the micro / small category.
- **Example:** Little Green Van. Supporting this pop-up shop which has various locations across East Hampshire, to develop a streamlined ordering system.
- **Example:** Meonside Meats. Providing support for the development of a local grass-fed lamb meat box provider.



Covid - 19 Recovery Fund - Examples

- Provision of small grants to meet business adaptation needs. E.g. digital infrastructure and physical equipment for new approaches to public events.
- **Chawton House and Gardens.** Funding for outdoor works to create safe and engaging visitor walking trails across the gardens and wider estate, contributing to their temporary take away refreshment facilities and a community gardening project.
- **Sustainability Centre.** Supporting the provision of outdoor sessions for adults who suffer from social isolation and mental health challenges.



Covid - 19 Recovery Fund - Examples

- **Gilbert White's House and Gardens.** Support for new activities and equipment to provide an enhanced outdoor visitor offer with a particular focus on nature (plants, birds and insect species), linking the visitor experience to White's own experiences and observations of landscape.
- **St Catherine's Hill.** Support for improved visitor management through path improvements and new directional signage.



Thank you:

Andrew Lee

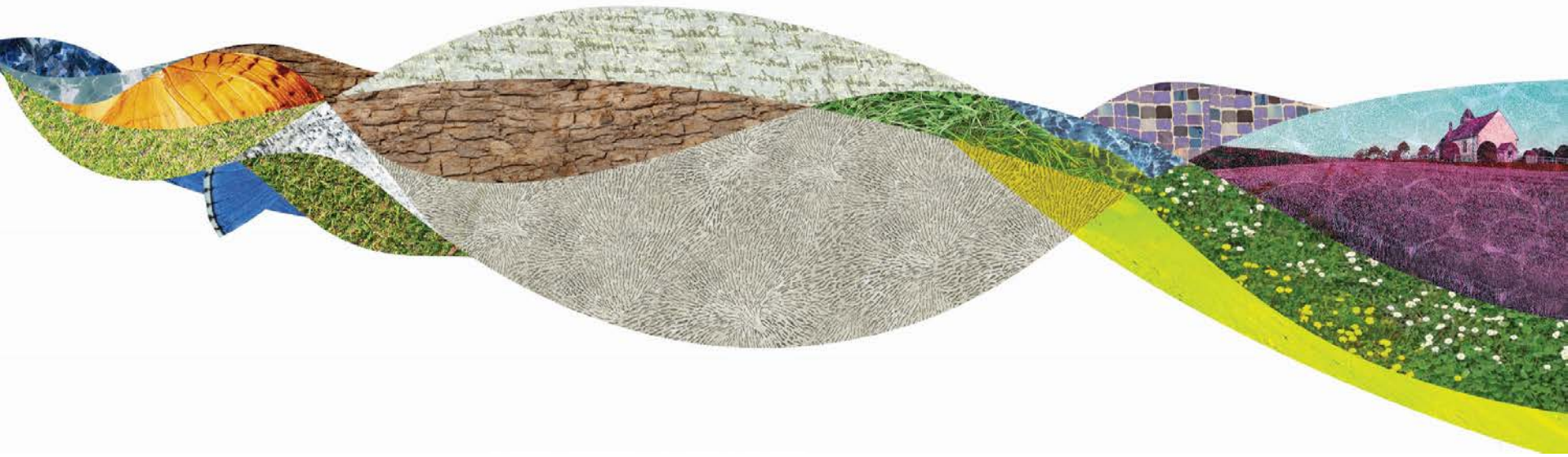
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Working with Local Communities

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Chris Paterson – Communities Lead

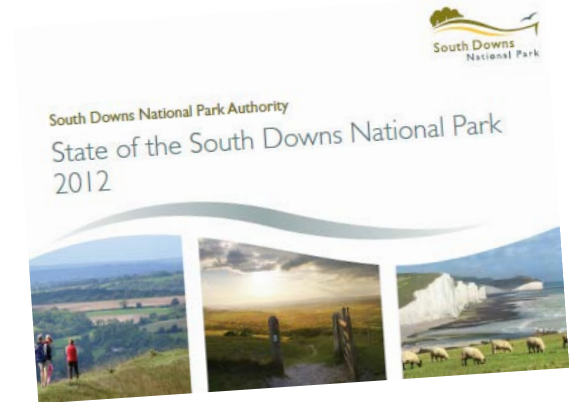
A history of engagement...

- Engagement has been key in plan and policy development
- Parish workshops 2012 – 2020
- Two workshops per year (not this year!)
- 17 workshops
- Engaged over 140 parishes
- Over 2400 Councillors & Clerks
- Across all three Counties
- Towns and Villages



A history of engagement...

- You have contributed to the development of all key Policies and Plans:
 - State of the Park Report
 - Special Qualities
 - Partnership Management Plan
 - Local Plan



Policy, Plans....Action

- Now we need your support to turn OUR plans into action
- There is already a huge amount of community action out there
- A range of case studies to show work already happening across the park
[Case Studies - South Downs National Park Authority](#)
- Now we need your support to deliver the outcomes of the PMP
- Town and Parish Councils to promote opportunities to the wider community



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Local action

Outcome 1 & 3

Landscape & Natural Beauty

Habitats and Species

Clausentum Fen - Winchester



Local action

Outcome 1 & 3

Landscape & Natural Beauty

Habitats and Species

East Meon River Restoration



Local action

Outcome 4

Arts and Heritage

Heritage at Droxford Church



“Wilfrid’s – our volunteer led café – embodies the community spirit which has underpinned the success of the project and has been shown by the support of fundraisers, donors, volunteers, cake-bakers, and the visitors and walkers who appreciate a good coffee surrounded by the unique heritage of Droxford Church.”


John Symes, Project Lead

Other ideas

- **Town and Parish Councils can promote ideas to their residents via Parish Magazine or webpage**
- **Set up Biodiversity action groups**
- **Encourage residents to take action locally**



Support pollinators by planting bee and other pollinator friendly plants in your garden, or recreation ground



Promote opportunities to support biodiversity through wildlife monitoring or other tasks

Local action

Outcome 7

Health and Wellbeing


HeartSmart – Walking for health




I am getting out,
meeting people and
discovering so much
more of the countryside
close to me all thanks to
HeartSmart.

Other ideas

- **Promote existing walking groups to residents via Parish Magazine or webpage**
- **Set up a local walking group**
- **Encourage healthy activities in town and village halls**



Install green gyms in parks and recreation grounds



Develop circular walks in your area and promote these locally – we can promote your local walks as well

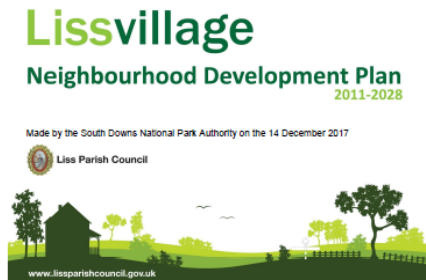
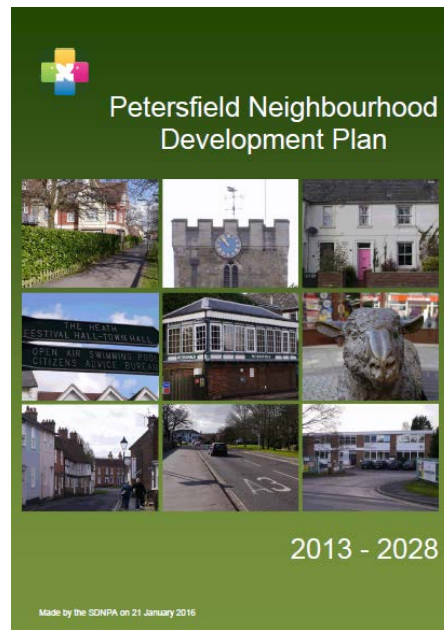
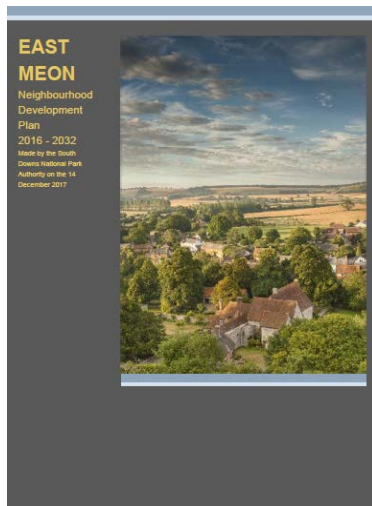
Local action

Outcome 9 & Outcome 10

Great places to live

Great places to work

Neighbourhood planning



Local action

Outcome 9 & Outcome 10

Great places to live & work


Buriton Road scheme



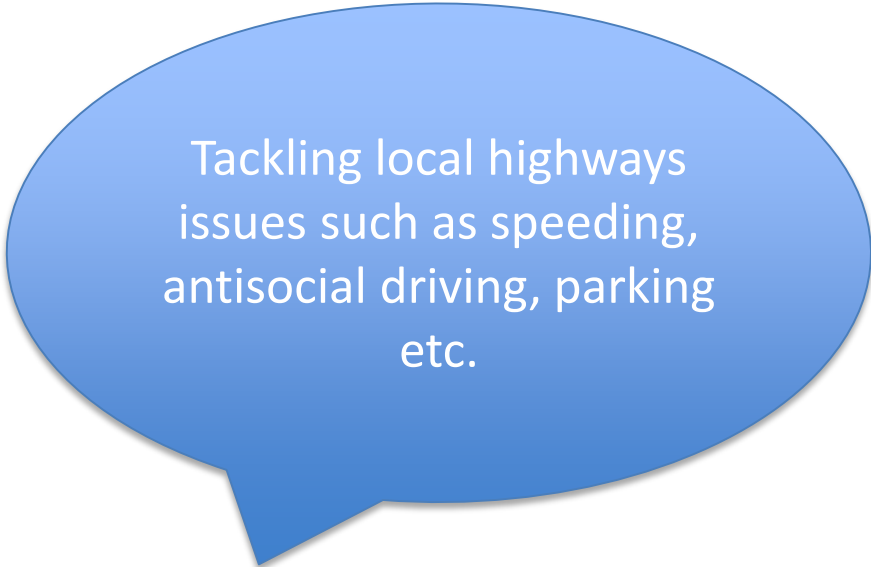
“The project improved the public realm, creating space for pedestrians and cyclists whilst influencing the behaviour of vehicle drivers.” Maggie Johnston, Buriton Parish Council

Other ideas

- **Promote local businesses to residents and visitors in village magazines and webpages**
- **Use local suppliers / businesses**
- **Create attractive gateways / highstreets to attract visitors and improve local environment**



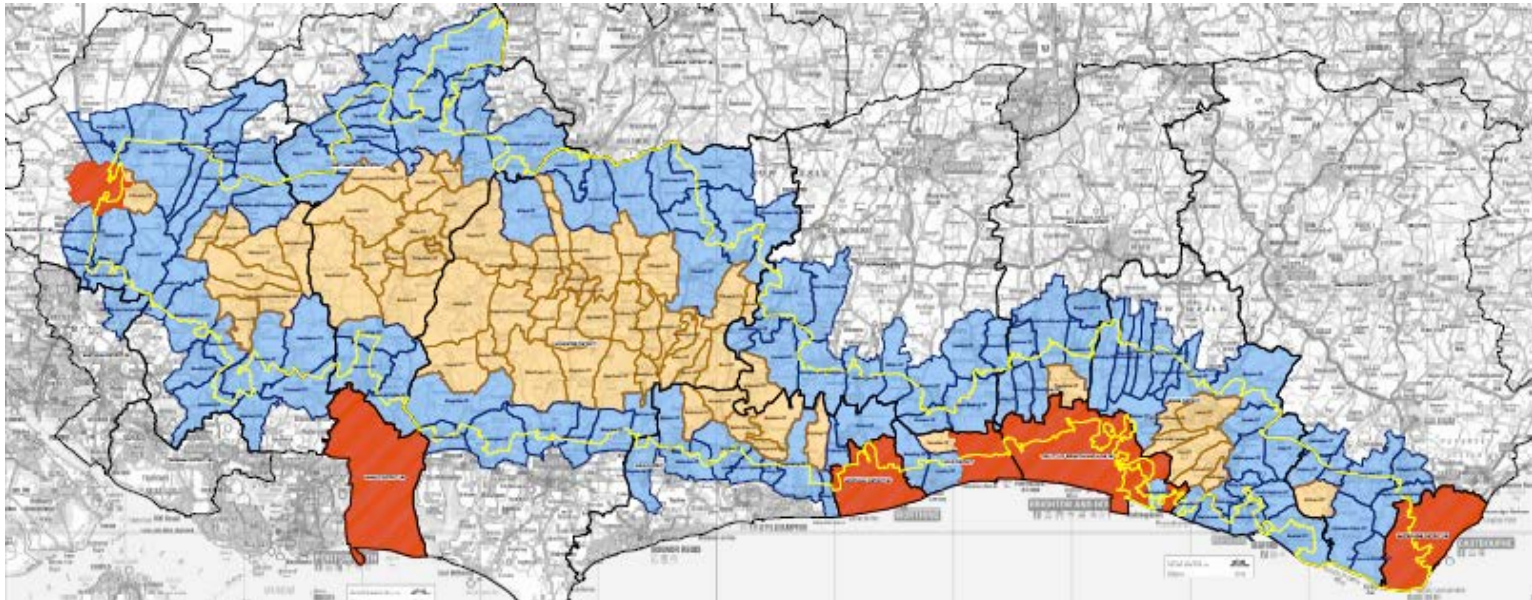
Set up local buyers groups. To encourage people to use local suppliers and support the local economy



Tackling local highways issues such as speeding, antisocial driving, parking etc.

Town & Parish Workshops – The Future

- Harness the contribution of Town and Parish Councils across the Park
- Support Local Councils to harness the efforts of local people
- Share Best Practice
- Inspire others to action



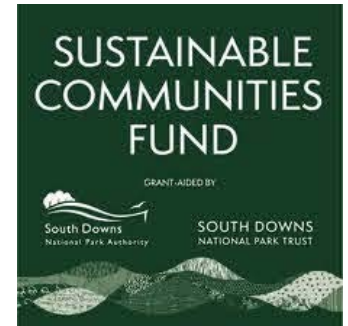
Town & Parish Workshops – The Future

- A change to the parish workshop format
- Focus on sharing information and best practice
- 3 workshops per year
- Alternate between traditional presentation and Q&A format and Webinars
- Webinars are an opportunity for parishes to present their projects to inspire others
- Ask parishes to submit projects, we'll support them in preparing the webinar materials



How can we help.....

- **Sustainable Communities Fund**



- **South Downs Trust**



- **South Downs Ranger Team**



- **South Downs Volunteer Ranger Service**



- **CIL**

Thank you

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