



Summer arrives in the South Downs!

Welcome to the [June newsletter](#) for the South Downs National Park. This month find out how you can help shape the future of the National Park and details of our exciting **ReNature Festival**. We're also shining a spotlight on our amazing butterflies this month, so thank you to Thomas Moore for sharing his image "South Downs Summer". And of course, we've got an **amazing giveaway!**

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Have your say on partnership plan

Increasing tree cover in the National Park by **over 1,400 football pitches**, cleaning up rivers and delivering 25km of new accessible path are among the goals of an ambitious plan going out to public consultation. **We want you to get involved and have your say!**

[Find out more and take part in consultation](#)

ReNature Festival is back!

People are being encouraged to connect with nature this summer as a popular festival returns to inspire us about the amazing wildlife on our doorstep. We've got a **bumper line of events** for you to enjoy!

[Learn more](#)





New local history hub

Are you a fan of local history and finding out how towns, villages and buildings have evolved through the ages?

Historic England has just launched a new [Local Heritage Hub](#) and the resource for the South Downs is crammed with **fascinating facts and photos**.

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Simple steps to prevent wildfires this summer

People are being urged to [take extra care over the coming weeks](#) and months to prevent wildfires.

After a particularly dry and warm spring, the **risk of wildfires is high**.

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Other news from your National Park



Rangers' favourite butterflies!

June sees **Butterfly Awareness Day**, so find out some of those adored by National Park Rangers.

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Boost for heritage

Major lottery funding will support the next generation of craftspeople to care for incredible **historic buildings**.

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How about joining a rambling club?

We hear from **Petersfield Rambling Club** and the joys of shared walking experiences in the National Park.

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Future looks bright for nature reserve

A butterfly oasis in the National Park, **Magdalen Hill Down**, will continue to be managed for nature thanks to a new lease agreement.

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Competition! Win a hotel stay



The National Park is blessed with some wonderful and unique hotels, with arguably some of the best views in Britain!

One of those amazing venues is [Tottington Manor & Terra Restaurant](#), set in a serene location just a 15-minute drive from central Brighton and within easy reach of Worthing, Horsham, Crawley and Burgess Hill.

Surrounded by beautiful farmland, this independent hotel and events venue prides itself on its AA Rosette restaurant, serving dishes created from local ingredients from Sussex farms and producers. The sumptuous food offer is also available in its private dining rooms.

With 12 individually styled bedrooms Tottington Manor is great for those exploring the South Downs Way, or looking for a break away from the city. The venue is also fantastic for celebrating family occasions, with capacity for it up to 100 guests in its South Downs Suite.

We've teamed up with Tottington Manor to offer a night away in the hotel's Duplex suite, which features 17th century roof beams, a jacuzzi bathroom and rainforest shower. The prize includes bed and breakfast, but other dining will be charged as normal.

People signing up to the newsletter during June will be automatically entered into the draw to win the hotel stay. Those who are already signed up can email "Tottington Manor" to newsletter@southdowns.gov.uk before midnight on 30 June.

Sign up to the newsletter [here](#) and see competition T&Cs [here](#).



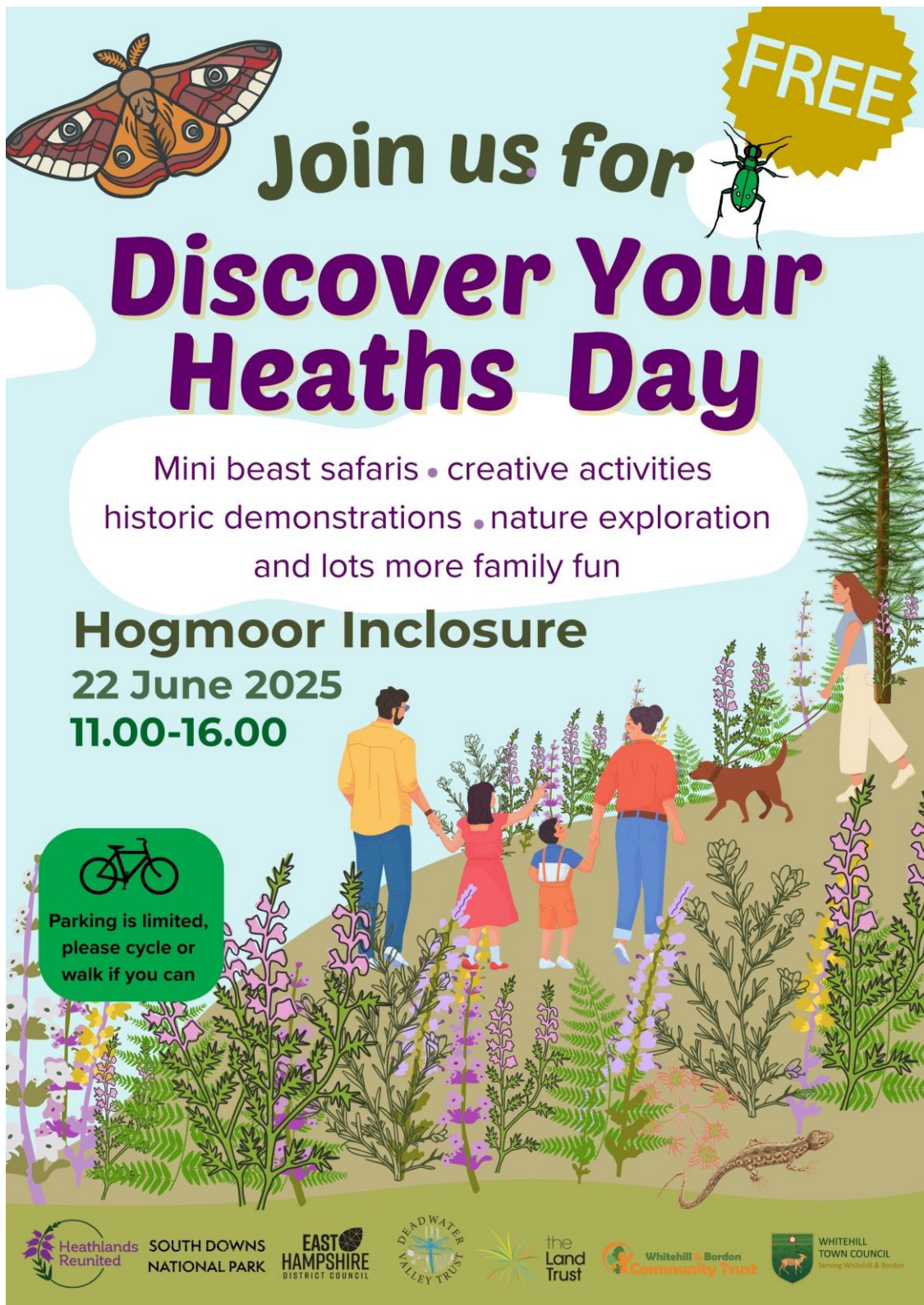
Coming up this June...



- Discover the moths of Selborne at **Gilbert White's House and Gardens** on 13 June! Moths are sensitive indicators of the health of the natural environment and a vital part of the food chain; something which didn't escape the attention of the great ecologist Gilbert White! The venue is holding moth nights over the summer with opportunities to see a variety of moths as the summer progresses.
- Get off the beaten track and enjoy a guided walk around **Ebernoe Common** on 14 June. Nestled on the fringe of the Western Weald, Ebernoe Common is a living relic, untouched by modern haste, cloaked in story and shadow! Its towering oaks — gnarled, hollow, and centuries old — stand like sentinels from another age.
- Head to **West's Wood Fair**, at East Dean, near Chichester, for a fun event featuring the many interesting ways in which wood is used. All the action takes place between 20 and 22 June, including a gun dog display, live music, a kids corner, lawn mower racing, and over 100 exhibitors.
- Discover more about one of the rare chalk streams of Sussex, as well as the beautiful gardens and an 11th century church along its course. The **event at Cocking** takes place on 21 June.
- A series of free guided walks are taking place in the National Park, organised by Alton Climate Action Network. The next one on 14 June is all about the pollinators of the South Downs, while another on 6 July will help walkers understand the impact of climate change on the South Downs. The summer walk on 10 August will observe the different seasons of the South Downs. **Find out more here.**
- Looking ahead, would you be interested in heading out with a National Park Ranger and doing some **birdspotting**? Join expert Tim Squire on 22 July for

a fun-filled day at Seven Sisters Country Park – suitable for beginners or more experienced twitchers!

- See the full [programme for our ReNature Festival later this month](#) and come along to one of our events!



Join us for

Discover Your Heaths Day

Mini beast safaris • creative activities
historic demonstrations • nature exploration
and lots more family fun

Hogmoor Inclosure
22 June 2025
11.00-16.00


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