



Walkabout

WALKS



It's been a wet Spring but this hasn't stopped SE Hants members from getting out and enjoying the walks! Numbers on the short Sunday walks are up, as are the Wednesday and Thursday group numbers.

Many thanks to several new walk leaders who have come forward after the appeal in our last newsletter for new leaders. Please do continue to consider this role if you are not already leading. You can be assured of support and guidance from regular leaders.

WALKS PROGRAMME <https://www.sehampshireramblers.org.uk/walks/our-walks-programme.html>

Please contact David Nixon (dnxn27@gmail.com) if you can offer a walk on any Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday. For Thursday walk leads contact Rob Kingshott (rob.kingshott@gmail.com)



PATHS and ACCESS

In Southmoor, Langstone, the intention (maybe in the next 2 years?) is to build a long, expensive board walk for the inland path and proposed Coast Path (Havant 49.)

The Sea Wall Path (Havant 45) will be closed until it stabilises. Then it will be decided how or if a low tide route can be restored.

The Chalton Windmill issue has now been resolved. The previous occupant is no longer in residence and The Windmill is now up for sale.

FOOTPATH 'FRIENDS'

In the previous newsletter we asked if you walked local paths regularly, (as many of us do) and if so, would you agree to report any problems to our footpath team and keep in contact so that issues can be sorted and paths continue to remain open and clear.

Len Lovis (volunteering secretary) has kindly offered to co-ordinate the 'Footpath Friends' group in the following areas that SE Hants has responsibility for:

Clanfield, Rowlands Castle, Havant (which includes Waterlooville, Hayling and Emsworth), Horndean, Hambledon and Denmead. If you walk paths in any of these areas and can help, please contact Len through the link below. Even if you only walk a short stretch of a footpath regularly, your support could be invaluable.

Len- volunteering@sehampshireramblers.org.uk

Walks leaders should continue to report any footpath issues (with a photo if possible) to Hampshire. <https://hantsrow.esdm.co.uk/>

COACH TRIP to DORKING



Sunday 14th May 2023. Jasper and George are now busy finalising plans for the Dorking walks on the North Downs. Let's hope for good weather! jasperandgeorge@btinternet.com

WALKING and THE ARTS

The Ramblers Association have been asked by 3 artists to become involved in a walking exhibition in 2025 entitled 'Every Step Of The Way.' It will be based on The South Downs Way. Thirty artists will be commissioned to document the route in a variety of ways, the results of which will be exhibited in Winchester, Eastbourne and West Dean College. We are looking for 2/3 people who are interested in the Arts and walking to represent Hampshire in this event. If you would like to know more about this please contact: vanessa.slawson@ramblers.org.uk



FACEBOOK PAGE

SE Hants facebook group now has 70 members. It has been good to see many of you adding photos and comments. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/southeasthantsramblers>)

For any reports, photos or articles for the next edition please send to huw.ramblers@outlook.com