

### The setting and heritage of the parish

The parish of Buriton lies immediately south of Petersfield in eastern Hampshire. The South Downs form a magnificent backdrop and this dramatic scenery, in the heart of the National Park, is also of international biological and landscape importance.

The community cherishes the local landscapes and our environment is of prime importance to us. We aim to make the countryside accessible to responsible walkers by a steady programme of replacing stiles with kissing gates. We want our visitors to share the same care and pride in our surroundings as we do and we offer a warm welcome, especially to those visiting without a car. The parish has hidden depths of history and is like a treasure chest of wildlife and wild flowers. When man first came to Britain, the South Downs was one of the places he exploited. People have lived in the area ever since and have all left their marks in the landscape that we see today.

Until relatively recently, agriculture has always been the main activity with thousands of sheep grazing on the downs and award-winning hops being grown in lower parts of the parish. But there is also evidence of a range of other crafts and industries including a 16th century glass 'factory', families of parchment makers and a number of chalk pits and lime works.

The parish contains a wide range of natural habitats including woodlands, farmland, chalk grassland, ponds, streams, hedges and sunken lanes. These encourage a rich variety of plants, birds, mammals and insects – some of which are of national importance.

Responsible dog walkers are very welcome – but please keep dogs under proper control at all times and on a lead whenever near sheep or cattle. Please remember, there could be young lambs just yards away in a nearby field. And please always pick up after your pet.

### Some walks in the parish – and our re-fuelling stops

The map highlights three circular walks. All can be muddy in places and suitable footwear is strongly recommended. We're passionate about the quality of the homemade fayre, the range of liquid refreshments and the comfortable accommodation available in our two local pubs and our Bed & Breakfast establishments. We hope that you will be too, so why not have a real taste of the countryside when you visit Buriton?

#### Route 1 - Woods and fields →→→ 2.75 miles (4.4 km)

A circular route (clockwise) using rights of way and short stretches of local lanes.

Starts/ends at the Halls Hill public car park and includes delightful hanger woodlands, followed by views over the village and eastwards along the downs before descending to traverse a number of well-tended fields and the 'hidden valley' of The Links to reach Buriton village. Follows the Hangers Way from the village pond to the starting point. Take care on short stretches of local lanes.

#### Route 2 - Following the Shipwrights →→→ 3 miles (4.8 km)

A circular route (anti-clockwise) using parts of the Shipwrights Way and the Hangers Way – including some sections on local lanes.

Starts/ends at the public parking area on B2070 and follows the Shipwrights Way along Bolinge Hill Lane and Petersfield Road to Buriton village. Returns northwards via the Hangers Way before turning left onto B2070 for the short distance back to the parking area. Take care on all stretches of local lanes.

#### Route 3 - South Downs Circular →→→ 2.25 miles (3.6 km)

A circular route (anti-clockwise) using rights of way – some parts may be muddy.

Starts/ends at the Halls Hill public car park and follows the South Downs Way eastwards until its junction with the Milky Way. Descends through delightful hanger woodlands and turns west across fields (The Clays) to reach Buriton church and village. Follows the Hangers Way from the village pond back to the starting point.





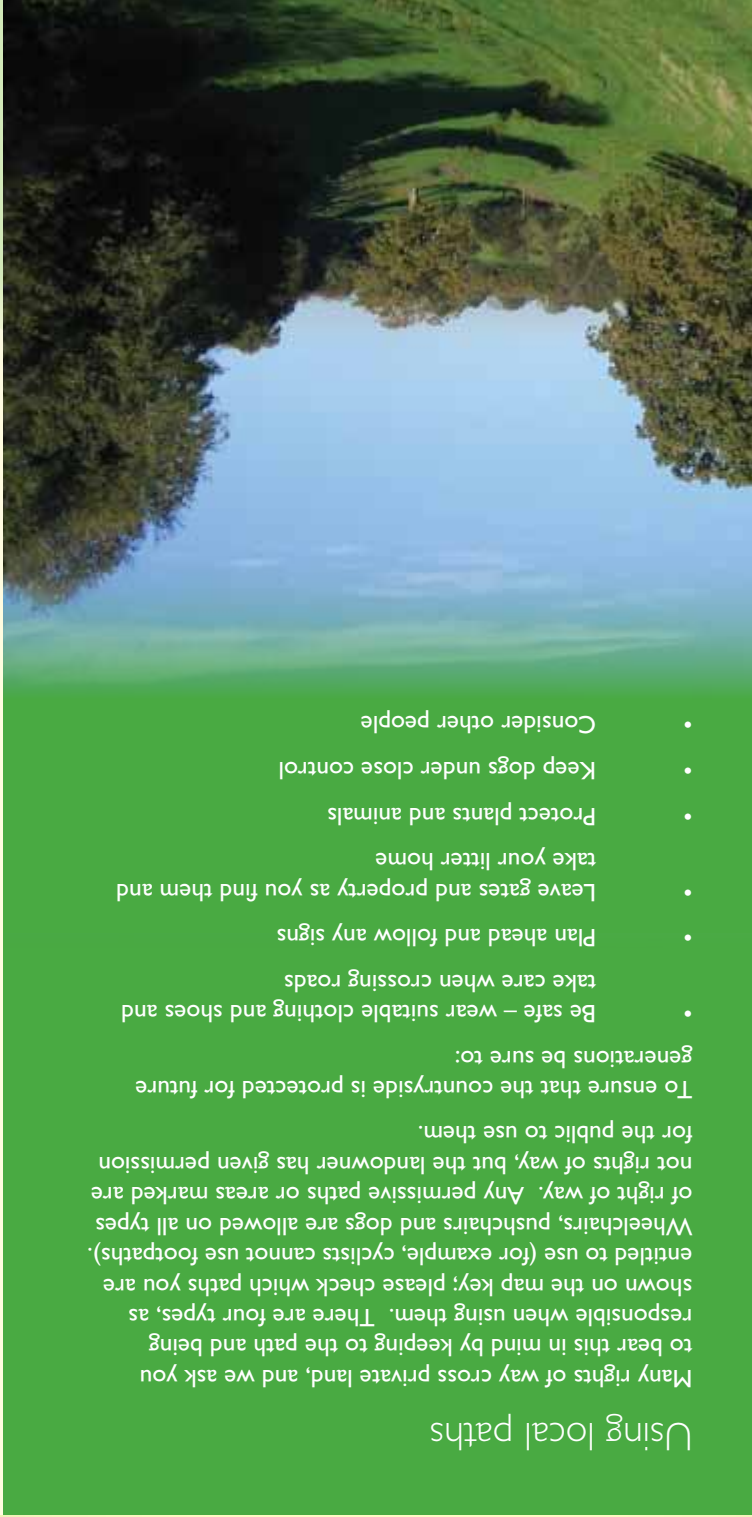
- Keep back side growth and overhanging vegetation
- Reinststate paths across fields after ploughing or planting crops
- Maintain most stiles and gates
- Should not obstruct paths or deter use of them
- Should not plough paths at field edges
- Should not keep dangerous animals (including certain bulls) on paths

#### Landowners:

- Ensures that rights of way are not obstructed
- Maintains the surface in a fit condition for its intended use
- Maintains some bridges
- Signposts and waymarks paths
- Authorises stiles and gates
- Keeps the definitive map up to date

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#### Maintaining rights of way



#### Using local paths

- Many rights of way cross private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind by keeping to the path and being responsible when using them. There are four types, as shown on the map key; please check which paths you are entitled to use (for example, cyclists cannot use footpaths). Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are allowed on all types of rights of way. Any permissive paths or areas marked as not rights of way, but the landowner has given permission for the public to use them.
- To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:
  - Be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
  - Plan ahead and follow any signs
  - Leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
  - Protect plants and animals
  - Keep dogs under close control
  - Consider other people

Hampshire boasts an extremely rich and diverse countryside and an extensive network of public paths which provide a range of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors. Rights of way are linear routes, often ancient trackways through deep countryside; there are over 3,000 miles of these in Hampshire. The map in this leaflet may also show access to other areas of land, such as commons, woodland, recreation grounds or conservation areas, and your Parish Council may know of guided walks or events. Many people will be able to reach the countryside within a few hundred yards of home and the plants, trees and views along the same paths often change dramatically through the seasons. We hope that this leaflet will encourage you to explore and enjoy your local countryside.

#### Enjoying the countryside

### Welcome to the parish of Buriton

Welcome to a real rural experience in a quiet serene corner of the South Downs. Take some time to scratch beneath the surface and discover for yourself why those who live and work here love it so much. Discover the history, a warm welcome and a sense of tranquillity that recharges batteries and encourages you to linger.

Buriton is a very special corner of the National Park for exploring by foot, on horseback or by bike and its tranquil quiet lanes are perfect for a leisurely afternoon ride. Help us to keep them that way by leaving the car at home. It is easy to walk or cycle from Petersfield railway station.

Leaving the car behind you can experience some unparalleled countryside that will appeal to the most sedate walker or the most adventurous cyclist.

This leaflet provides ideas for three short walks and there are also some local history trails in our Chalk Pits Nature Reserve. Start at the Halls Hill Car Park in Kiln Lane and explore a piece of South Downs heritage in some wonderful woodland before taking a ten-minute stroll down the Hangers Way to explore the village.

Buriton sits astride the South Downs Way, the Hangers Way and the Shipwrights Way. It's a perfect place to stop for a refuel on any walk or ride.

Welcome to the South Downs, welcome to Buriton.



### Buriton Parish Council:

Local information: [www.buriton.info](http://www.buriton.info)

#### Refreshments / Accommodation:

The Five Bells: **01730 263584**

[www.fivebells-buriton.co.uk](http://www.fivebells-buriton.co.uk)

The Village Inn: **01730 267275**

[www.villageinnburiton.co.uk](http://www.villageinnburiton.co.uk)

Nursted Farm: **01730 264278**

(Bed & Breakfast and Self-Catering):

[www.nurstedfarm.co.uk](http://www.nurstedfarm.co.uk)

The Café, Q.E. Country Park: **02392 596345**

#### Public Transport:

There are frequent train services to the nearest rail station (Petersfield) only 2 miles from the parish.

National Rail Enquiries: **03457 484950**

or [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Bus service 94 provides regular journeys between Petersfield and Buriton (Mondays to Fridays) and Stagecoach service 37 also runs through the parish. Details from Hampshire County Council via [www.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/transport-advice/bus-guides.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/transport-advice/bus-guides.htm) and **0300 555 1388** or from Stagecoach:

**0845 121 0190**

Other information via Traveline:

**0871 200 2233** or

[www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com)

#### Visitor Information:

Tourist Information Centre: **01730 268829**

Queen Elizabeth Country Park: **02392 595040**

[www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/qecp](http://www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/qecp)

East Hampshire District Council:

**01730 266551**

[www.easthants.gov.uk/visit-east-hampshire](http://www.easthants.gov.uk/visit-east-hampshire)

[www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/](http://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/)

[www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)

[www.hants.gov.uk/row](http://www.hants.gov.uk/row) and

**0300 555 1391**

[www.hants.gov.uk/walking](http://www.hants.gov.uk/walking)

[www.hants.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/cycling)

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