



MEMBERSHIP Application

To join Friends of Wolstonbury and help us protect and preserve the landscape, wildlife, and learn more about the history of Wolstonbury Hill, complete this form and send it with your payment to:

Friends of Wolstonbury
C/o Rod Scott, Secretary
Oaklands, Oreham Common, Henfield
West Sussex BN5 9SB

Membership is only £7.50 per family. Members receive regular newsletters, details of events, tasks and membership card.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Membership: £ 7.50

Voluntary Donation: £ _____

I enclose my payment of £ _____

Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Payable to "Friends of Wolstonbury"
Please tick as applicable

Signature: _____

PHOTOCOPIES ACCEPTED

By completing this application you agree that Friends of Wolstonbury may contact you regarding matters relating to Wolstonbury Hill by mail, telephone or email. We respect your privacy and be assured that your information will not be passed to third parties.

FoW Use Only
Membership No: _____

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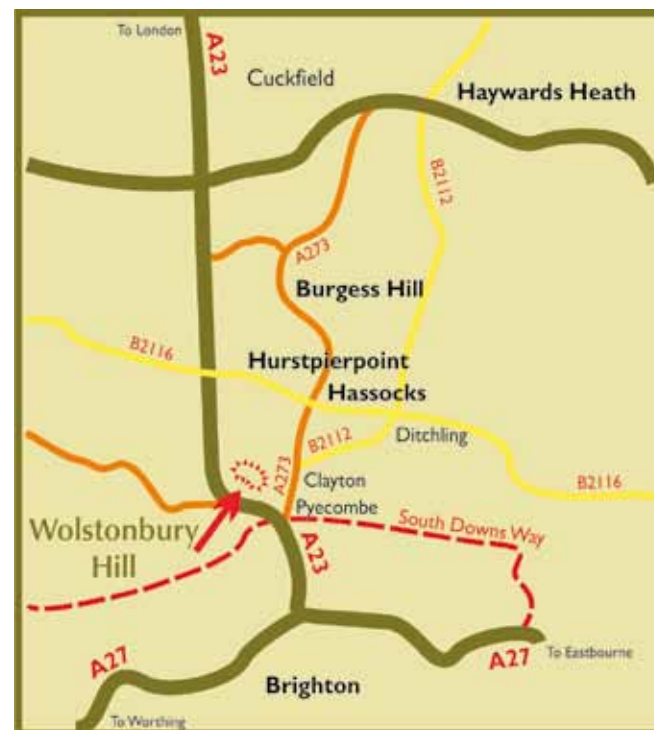
Travelling to Wolstonbury Hill

There are regular bus routes close to Wolstonbury Hill with stops at Clayton & Pyecombe on routes from Haywards Heath & Brighton. For more information on bus routes visit the Friends of Wolstonbury website www.wolstonbury.com

The nearest train station is Hassocks which is approximately a half hour walk or short taxi ride away.

For anyone using satnav/GPS the grid reference for the trig point at the top of The Hill is TQ283138.

Car parking can be found in the road close to the Plough Inn at Pyecombe or at the Recreation Ground, Clayton.



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LOTTERY FUNDED

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Discover Wolstonbury Hill



A guide to Wolstonbury Hill, the countryside, history, walking, wildlife and volunteering



Visit Wolstonbury Hill and discover your own piece of the South Downs!

Wolstonbury Hill is located close to the A23 with the villages of Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint to the north and Brighton and the coastal strip to the south. It will form part of the new South Downs National Park.

The Hill is a very special place for many different reasons. With evidence of occupation by Bronze Age farmers over 4,000



years ago and 58 acres of SSSI land (Site of Special Scientific Interest). Footpaths, bridleways and access land are combined with spectacular views. The Hill is largely owned by the National Trust who manage it in collaboration with the other landowners the 'Friends' group.

ORCHIDS

At least 11 species of orchid can be found on Wolstonbury Hill, including the Man Orchid (*Orchis anthroporum*), one of only three sites in Sussex. Obviously, due to its rarity, the exact location is known to only a few and not divulged openly. Shown at right is a Bee Orchid (*Orchis apifera*).



BUTTERFLIES

From early spring until Autumn you'll find over 30 species

of butterfly including the Adonis Blue, shown left, (*Polyommatus bellargus*) again another rarity and classified as a species of conservation concern. Part



of the success of the survival of the Adonis Blue on Wolstonbury Hill is due to the managed grazing. A special sight you'll see on Wolstonbury Hill are thousands of ant hills. Each of these ant hills contain a colony of ants which have a symbiotic relationship with the adonis blue butterfly. The butterfly chrysalis

is protected by ants until it hatches into a caterpillar. The ants milk the sweet sugary honeydew from the caterpillar's poisonous gland, and in return the ants guard the growing caterpillars from predatory wasps.



ARCHÆOLOGY & HISTORY

Wolstonbury Hill, like much of the English landscape is one shaped by man over the thousands of years. Bronze Age settlers began grazing their stock on The Hill more than 4000 years ago, to shape what we now call chalk or calcareous grassland. The early settlers on Wolstonbury Hill have left their mark with evidence of an Bronze Age enclosure or camp, cross ridge dyke, bowl barrow, field system and trackway. Most of these monuments are on National Trust land. During the 19th century, workers from the work house in Hurstpierpoint excavated flints used in the building of local properties and walls. Danny

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House dates from 1593 and still plays a significant part in the history of Wolstonbury Hill, with the current owner providing the sheep which graze The Hill throughout the year.

During that latter days of the First World War, Lloyd George stayed at Danny House, along with Smuts and Borden who all walked on The Hill. On one occasion it is rumoured that Lloyd George caused a major security scare by leaving secret documents on The Hill during one of his walks. World War II saw Wolstonbury Hill and much of the surrounding area used as a training ground for the Canadian army prior to D-Day. Evidence of a rifle range can be seen on maps dating from the 19th Century and some of the target gear can still be found at Wellcombe Bottom. Wolstonbury Hill has a fascinating history waiting to be explored.



WALKING, CYCLING & HORSE RIDING

Please respect the delicate landscape of Wolstonbury Hill by keeping to the public rights of way, not lighting bonfires and take your litter home. Wolstonbury Hill has an extensive network of public rights of way suited to walkers, offroad cyclists of all abilities and horse riders.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Volunteers play a vital part in the conservation of Wolstonbury Hill and the South Downs. The Friends of Wolstonbury are a volunteer group who help the National Trust and are always looking for new and active members who can help with the practical conservation, administration and publicity. New members are always welcome at our regular activities on The Hill, including conservation work, guided nature walks and occasional evening meetings at a local pub. If you have time to spare and would like to join the group or require more information, please contact Friends of Wolstonbury at www.wolstonbury.com telephone 07710 814665 or email ian@wolstonbury.com

