

Welcome...

Welcome to the Downs on your Doorstep

Not only can you walk the "Chattri and the Windmills" Downs you can also cycle and horse ride most of it too.

If you want to discover more of the South Downs you can now walk freely across open access land.

As you explore, you will discover how people through the ages have left their mark on the downland landscape.

Discover the past and enjoy yourself!

Open Access



Since September 2004 you have the right to walk over areas of open country. Some of these areas can be found on the map overleaf.

Rights and Responsibilities



The access land symbol shows land that may be open for public access on foot.

Rights for other types of activities may also apply, such as riding a horse on an existing bridleway.

Dogs must be kept on a fixed lead (2 metres or less) on most areas of open country between 1st March and 31st July to protect ground nesting birds and at any time near livestock.

Occasionally the land may have restrictions or closures. Please follow any signs. For more information please visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

The Countryside Code

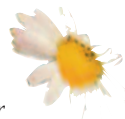


- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

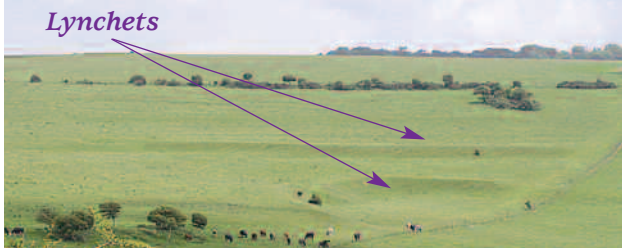
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Past Peoples

- Look out for ancient field systems called lynchets. Possibly dating back 2500 years to the Iron Age, they were created by ploughing. Soil slowly built up along fence or hedge lines, creating a 'terrace' pattern
- Less visible are 4000 year old bronze age burial barrows on Tegdown. Originally appearing as bare chalky white mounds, they were built for high status people
- There are also earthworks at Ewe bottom. Possibly dating back to the bronze age. It is not known what their purpose was



Lynchets



Flour Power

- Some believe that Jack and Jill Windmills got their names from the nursery rhyme 'Jack & Jill went up the hill....'
- Jack, the black tower mill, built in situ in 1866, is a private residence and is not open to visitors
- Jill, the white post mill, dates from 1821. Originally situated in Brighton she was moved here 31 years later by a team of oxen. She has since been restored by volunteers
- To find out more, including opening times, please visit www.jillwindmill.org.uk



Sacred Views

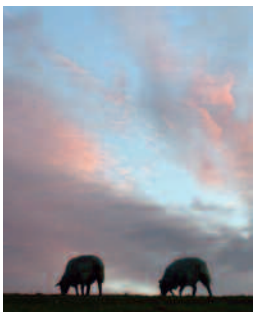
- During the first world war injured Indian soldiers were hospitalised in the Dome in Brighton
- The Hindus and Sikhs that died were taken out onto the Downs and cremated as in keeping with their religion
- In 1921, the then Prince of Wales unveiled the Chattri. This traditional Indian memorial is built on the original cremation site
- Memorial services are held every year to honour the dead



Want to know more? Visit www.chattri.com

As Time Goes By

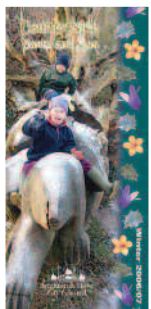
- 6000 years of farming has created the open landscape we enjoy today
- Originally people cleared the wildwood. Subsequent grazing prevented regrowth
- Sheep farming helps to maintain the open downland. In the Middle Ages, 400 years ago, the Downs were dominated by this industry
- Man made ponds called dewponds acted as watering holes for flocks of sheep
- The importance of sheep grazing is evident in the names Tegdown and Ewe Bottom. A Teg is a young sheep and a Ewe is a female sheep



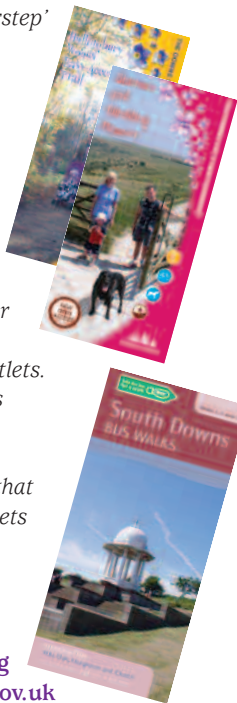
Open up leaflet to see map

Want to Explore Some More?

Look out for other 'Downs on your Doorstep' leaflets, or use the orange Explorer 122 Ordnance Survey map (available from bookshops).



Take a look at our 'Countryside Events and News' leaflet. Copies are available from the council's citydirect offices, Visitor Information Centre, libraries and leisure outlets. Alternatively contact us (details below).



Why not try other walks on the Downs that start and finish at local bus stops? Leaflets are available from the the South Downs Joint Committee, please contact:

Tel: 01243 558700

Web site: www.southdownsonline.org

e-mail: comms@southdowns-aonb.gov.uk

Your Countryside Service

We help look after the amazing countryside in and around Brighton & Hove. We focus on the conservation of the local wildlife, landscape and historical features. We also encourage responsible enjoyment of this natural heritage.

Interested in your local wildlife? Visit: www.CityWildlife.org.uk

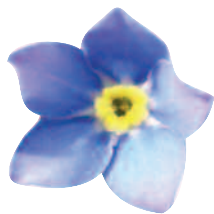
To find out more please contact us:

Brighton & Hove City Council
Countryside Service
Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ

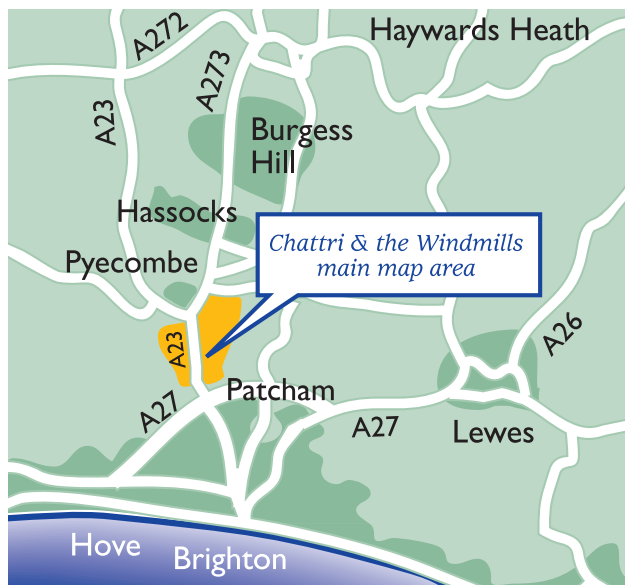
Tel: 01273 292140

Web site: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/countryside

e-mail: countryside@brighton-hove.gov.uk



How to Get There



➡ Hassocks railway station 45 minutes walk (1.25 miles) to Jack & Jill Windmills.

🚌 Patcham Youth Hostel 17, 40, 87, 273

🚌 Patcham Village 5A

🚌 Jack & Jill Windmills (5 minute walk) 40, 273

Brighton & Hove Bus Company

01273 886200 www.buses.co.uk

Brighton & Hove City Council

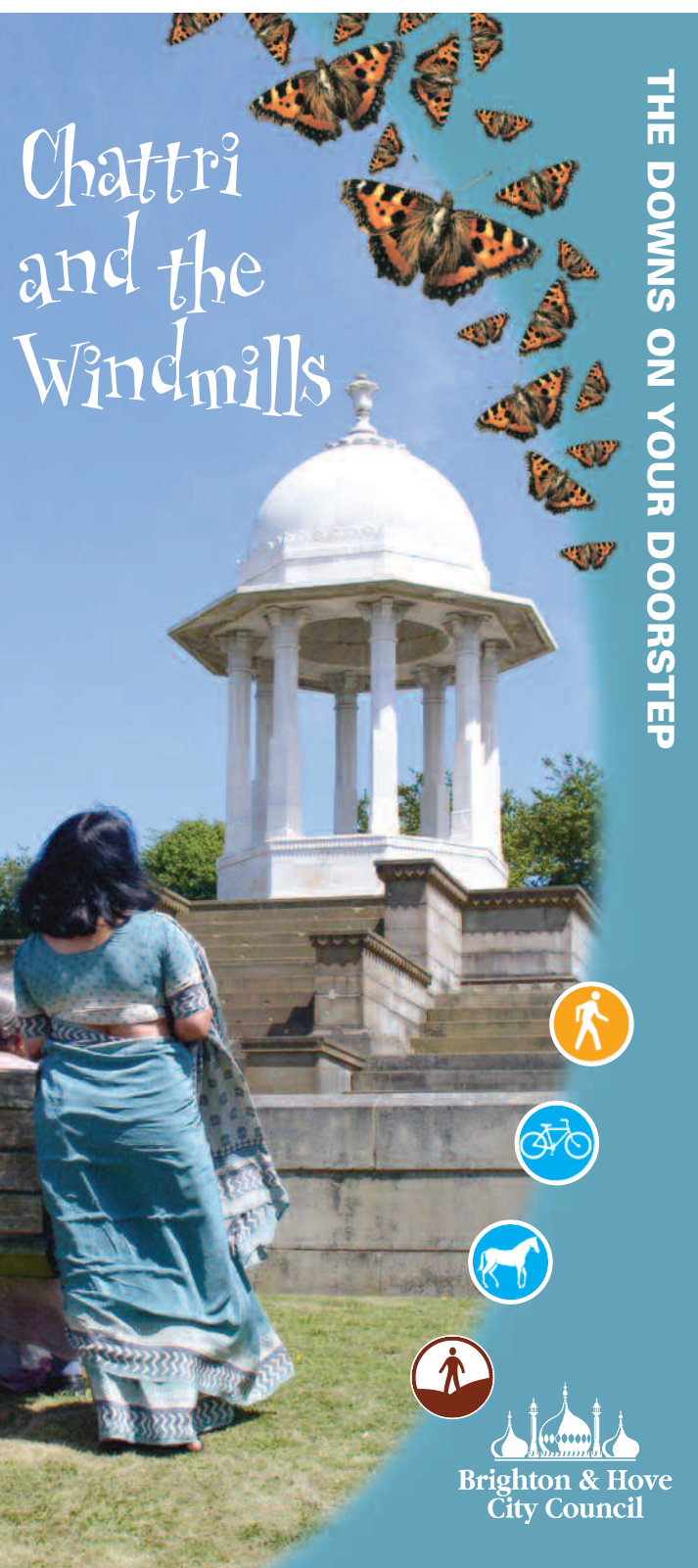
Public Transport Travel Advice
01273 292480 www.citytransport.org.uk

National Rail enquiries

08457 484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk

Traveline

To plan a door-to-door journey by bus and train
0870 608 2 608 www.traveline.org.uk



THE DOWNS ON YOUR DOORSTEP



Brighton & Hove City Council

Chattri and the Windmills



Key

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Steep Slope (arrow points down hill)
- Youth Hostel Association (closing 31/10/07)
- Phone
- Bus Stop
- Café
- Open Access
- Dew Pond
- Public House

Scale: approximately 1 mile or 1.5km (30 minutes walk)

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Know Your Rights of Way

- Open Access
- Footpath
- Bridleway