

HSCP Chatter



Record Cycle Rides

We had a record-equalling 14 turnout for last week's ride (with 6 on traditional bikes and 8 on electric bikes). The beautiful Lords Piece-Amberley-Duncton route: forests, foothills, flood plains, immaculate mansion houses and country cottages to die for, along those romantic back-lanes beneath the chalk downs. A delightful secret coffee stop tucked in hills was an obvious winner! We can't stress how enjoyable these rides are! Interested? Check the flyer and talk to Phil initially.



Walking Wonders

So far we have explored Chanctonbury and Cissbury Rings, attacked the Downs from lovely Ditchling, and enjoyed Denbies Vineyard and surrounding Surrey Hills! Somehow perfect weather is almost guaranteed on our walking days! So...dust off your walking boots and if you haven't joined us for any walks before, then email us or have a chat with Richard (details at the footer). Check the flyer for dates.



'owling Success In The Shed!

This wonderful community of owls, turned (can you believe) from lengths of plywood stuck together, are a hit! It's amazing how simply moving their head to a different position completely changes their expression... "I'm shy", "I don't believe you", "I'm wondering..." and so on! Beautifully made they really are turning heads! Pop into the Shed to have a look. £20 each.



Summer Event Dates

The results of our poll have been counted, and it has been decided! We will go for two events this Summer:

Friday 19 June for our traditional evening BBQ and pétanque.

Sunday 19 July for a Sunday afternoon Summer Party.

19 July may have a World Cup theme as the Final will start that evening! We would love to make these events a big success for ALL our members, so please get the dates in your diary and come to have some fun. More details soon.

All-Weather Shed Cover

The shedders demonstrated their considerable welding skills to create a brand-new perspex roof structure between the shed and the new container. This, plus some extensive electrical work, has given us scope to allow members to work in a less crowded environment and enjoy the fresh air, whatever the weather!

Membership Renewals Coming Up

It is just about time for HSCP Members to renew. Don't forget that your membership entitles you to join any of our activities (except walking football which is a little extra). Please spread the word and if you are interested in trying a different activity, the contact for each is below. Please get in touch! Membership Details will be emailed soon - we do hope you will join us for another year.

HSCP Activities Milestones!

As we celebrate HSCP activities' 10th birthdays we thought it would be fun to reflect on some of the important milestones!

2015

- Work Started on flattening the top pitch area in 2014. By 2015 Walking Football club was born.

2016

- The 4 pistes were finished and Pétanque Club started. Men's Shed was erected by early members.

2017

- Recycling was introduced, Defib purchased, car park surfaced, rock garden installed. Over 100 trees planted.

2018

- HSCP officially registered as charity. Chatter was launched, & the first BBQs. Football moved to top pitch.

2019

- Green team was set up and Health Walks started, initially exploring Knepp Castle Estate.

2022

- Cycle Club took off in earnest and Health Walks tackled the 100 miles South Downs Way.

Christmas Lunch 2026 Date for your Diary

By popular demand we are moving our traditional Christmas Lunch event to slightly nearer Christmas on **TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER**.

Get in Touch...

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2026 CYCLE RIDES

GET OUT INTO THE STUNNING SUSSEX/SURREY
COUNTRYSIDE WITH US!



- ❖ EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY FROM SPRING TO AUTUMN
- ❖ SOME STEEP HILLS... BUT WALKING UP IS OKAY!
- ❖ CIRCULAR CYCLE RIDES IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FAB LOCATIONS
- ❖ 20 MILES IN 3-3.5 HOURS
- ❖ QUIET COUNTRY LANES
- ❖ CAFÉ STOP, OBVIOUSLY!
- ❖ NORMAL AND ELECTRIC BIKES BOTH WELCOME
- ❖ TWO 30/35 MILE SUPER-LOOPS



2026 DATES:

APRIL 1

APRIL 15

MAY 6

MAY 27

JUNE 17

JULY 8

JULY 29

AUGUST 19

SEPTEMBER 9

SEPTEMBER 30

ARRANGEMENTS:

- ✓ Anyone interested in joining the cycle rides is added to the WhatsApp Group, where information about the next ride and its logistics are posted a few days beforehand.
- ✓ There's always car parking at or near the start/finish location, where we meet up, and, when everyone is ready to go, we set off.
- ✓ We stop for rests, views, occasional instructions, and of course for refreshments and a natter at a café!
- ✓ Meet-up is usually 9 a.m., and we finish in time to be home for lunch.

YOU MUST BRING / CARRY / WEAR...

- Suitable clothing, including cycle helmet
- Water
- Spare inner tubes for your tyres (pump & tools covered by leadership)
- Cash for coffee/cake
- Reasonable fitness!



WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW!

If you think you might like to join some or all of our cycle rides, do let us know. We will add you to the WhatsApp Group, so you can be fully informed—with no obligation! Email horshamshipleycommunityproject@gmail.com. Questions welcome—ask Derek: derek.tulett@yahoo.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE we all ride at our own risk, and neither the organisers nor the Horsham & Shipley Community Project can be held responsible or be liable for any loss or injury.

2026 HEALTH WALKS



THE HORSHAM
& SHIPLEY
COMMUNITY
project

- ❖ EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY FROM SPRING TO AUTUMN
- ❖ CIRCULAR WALKS OF VARYING DISTANCE AROUND OUR LOCAL AREA
- ❖ MORNING START, THE SHORTER WALKS TO BE FINISHED BY LUNCH TIME
- ❖ LED BY OUR KEEN WALKER MEMBERS

You must bring / carry

- ✓ Good walking shoes or boots
- ✓ Suitable clothing (and spares!)
- ✓ Water/drinks
- ✓ Snacks / Lunch for the longer walks
- ✓ Reasonable fitness for the longer walks!



Logistics We meet at a pre-agreed time and place. Lift sharing encouraged! We will stop for snacks/lunch and to admire views! Directions and full details of each walk will be available nearer the time.

Please note we all walk at our own risk, and neither the organisers nor the Horsham & Shipley Community Project can be held responsible or be liable for any loss or injury.

Dogs will be welcome on most walks, but must be kept on a lead on lanes, roads and when near other animals.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW!

We have a WhatsApp group for those interested which gives more details of each walk as the time approaches. If you would like to be part of the WhatsApp Group to stay informed, please let us know asap. Email horshamshipleycommunityproject@gmail.com.

Any other questions please ask Richard on richardmharris60@gmail.com, or call 07503 347811.

OUTLINE ROUTES AND APPROXIMATE DISTANCES

Full info for each walk – meeting place and time and more details about the route – will be given in the week before, via our friendly WhatsApp Group. For now, get these dates into your diary!

18 March – Richard | Chanctonbury & Cisbury | 8 miles

8 April – Keith | Denbies, Dorking, | 4-5 miles

29 April – Caroline | Ditchling Beacon | 6-7 miles

20 May – Richard | Knepp Estate Red Route | 6 miles

10 June – Kevin | Loxwood | 5-6 miles

1 July – Laurence | West Hoathly & Bluebell Rail | 5 miles

22 July – Alison | Holmbury Hill | 8 miles

12 August – Audrey | Forest Green | 6 miles

2 September – John & Caroline | tba!

23 September – Russell | Treasure Hunt | tba

14 October – Richard | Horsham Riverside Walk | 13 miles

