



SUSSEX DOWNSMAN HIKE

7th October 2017

Information Sheet 2 – May 2017

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Hurstpierpoint
Hassocks
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 50th Sussex Downsman Hike. This will be the last one for the current organisers. We hope it's going to be another good one and that many "old" faces will be there, as well as many new ones. Let's make it the best one yet.

You'll hopefully be pleased to hear that we've decided to mostly leave well alone this year and not change any of the entry criteria for any class and to leave the entry fee at £7 per person, which we still believe is very good value.

Please spread the word and forward copies of this information and entry sheet as widely as possible.

APPEAL

If you are able to offer assistance with the running of the event, please get in touch with the organisers. We generally need people willing to man a Checkpoint (particularly owners of off road vehicles for the awkward ones).

Additionally, if your company would like to promote themselves through the event, please get in touch.

INFORMATION

Please note that as this event takes place on land entirely classified as Terrain Zero, a hill walking permit is not required.

The Hike is organised principally for the Scout and Guide Associations of East and West Sussex, with an open invitation to Scout and Guide Groups throughout Great Britain.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT TEAMS WILL HAVE HAD SUITABLE TRAINING AND PREPARATION FOR THE HIKE, AND THAT ALL MEMBERS ARE PHYSICALLY FIT.

CLASSES OF ENTRY

The hike is divided into Classes as follows. All team members must be members of the Scout Association or Girlguiding UK (i.e. be included on the census sent to HQ).

For all competitive Classes (A, B, E, S and V*) the minimum combined age of the team members is 48 (*100 for Class V). Please note that only whole years are added together.

<u>Class A</u>	open to all
<u>Class B</u>	for those born on or after 8/10/1999 (under 18)
<u>Class E</u>	for those born on or after 8/10/1999 (under 18) with a <u>maximum</u> combined age of 62
<u>Class S</u>	for those born on or after 8/04/2003 (under 14 years 6 months)
<u>Class V</u>	open to all with a <u>minimum</u> combined age of 100
<u>Downsman Open</u>	open to all. Under 12s to be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18), <u>who is part of the team</u> . This will be for fun and experience only. No trophies will be awarded for this event.

*** Please note that maximum ages stated must be strictly adhered to.*

Classes B, E and S consist of four people to a team but only three hike at any one time - the fourth member being transported by the Service Crew with the facility to change a team member at each of the Service Areas. There is no option for four to walk together at any time.

Classes A & V consist of three team members who hike the whole distance together.

Downsman Open can consist of between three and six team members who hike the whole distance together.

Route for each Class

Class A hike from BIGNOR HILL to EASTBOURNE approximately 60 miles.

Class B hike from BIGNOR HILL to EASTBOURNE approximately 60 miles.

Class E hike from STEYNING BOWL to EASTBOURNE approximately 45 miles.

Class S hike from CHANTRY HILL to FALMER approximately 30 miles.

Class V hike from BIGNOR HILL to ITFORD approximately 45 miles.

Downsman Open hike from DEVIL'S DYKE to FALMER approximately 15 miles.

Start times on Saturday / maximum times

Start times will be allocated within the range stated below on a strictly first come first served basis of entries received. Please indicate on the entry form if you have a specific preference, and allow time for us to notify you of your start time. Entries on the day, or late arrivals who miss their allocated start time, will have to wait for the first available time slot.

<u>Class A</u>	Start 0800 – 1000. 24 hours to complete.
<u>Class B</u>	Start 0800 – 1200. 20 hours to complete.
<u>Class E</u>	Start 0900 – 1200. 18 hours to complete.
<u>Class S</u>	Start 0800 – 1200. 16 hours to complete.
<u>Class V</u>	Start 0800 – 1000. 18 hours to complete.
<u>Downsman Open</u>	Start 1000 – 1200. 10 hours to complete.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The winning team in each competitive Class will be presented with the relevant Class trophy, which they keep for 1 year. The winning team is responsible for getting the trophy suitably engraved and returning it prior to the following year's event.

Please note that in Class E, there is an additional trophy for the fastest "mixed" team – i.e. where at least two team members are female.

Additionally, each competitor who completes the hike (including the Open Class) will receive a commemorative medal. The members of winning teams will have their medals suitably engraved.

SERVICE CREW

Each team must have only one vehicle with Service Crew, whose task it is to provide their team with necessary food, drink and resting arrangements. Service Crews cannot service more than one team.

Please note that each team will be responsible for ensuring that their Service Crew has completed a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check prior to the hike and that they comply with Safeguarding rules.

"The Waghorne Trophy" will be presented to a service crew who the Organisers decide are the most deserving of recognition. Anyone can nominate any service crew for this trophy.

MISCELLANEOUS

Each and every infringement of the rules will incur a time penalty and possible exclusion from the event. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Organisers.

This year's entry fee is £7 per team member.

If you are unable to raise a complete team, but are keen to enter, please let us know and we will endeavour to put you in touch with others in the same situation.

The above is not exhaustive or guaranteed to remain unamended before the event. Please check carefully the details provided on receipt of your entry. Please also visit www.downsman.com regularly to check for any additional information that becomes available.

If you wish to be added to the distribution list for information in order to receive it direct, please provide an email address to the organising committee who can be contacted by email at info@downsman.com

You can also find us on Facebook (Sussex Downsman Hike), Twitter (@downsmanone) and YahooGroups (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/downsman>).

Please forward your entry form as soon as possible with the entry fee. If any details are not known currently, these can be notified to us at a later date. Please do not delay your entry until you can complete all the information.

Please note that entry fees are non-refundable except in what the Organisers consider to be exceptional circumstances. Conversely, no start time will be confirmed until the entry fee has been paid in full.

The organising committee is:

Richard Sullivan, Cameron Bell, Richard Griffin, John Walsh, Clive Jackson, Louise Sullivan



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TEAM MEMBER DETAILS

CLASS _____.

TO BE RETURNED AT LEAST SIX DAYS BEFORE THE HIKE

PLEASE COMPLETE CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Are you the only team from your Group in the Downsmen Hike? If not please give yourself a name or initial as well as your group to enable us to identify teams. This is especially important when you have two teams in one section.

Team Name	
Section / Group / Company	
District	
County	

TEAM

<u>Full names of participants</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Male / Female</u>
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Mobile phone number (turned on for organisers to contact) _____
 Mobile phone number (to be carried for emergency use only) _____

SERVICE CREW

Name 1 _____ From _____
 Mobile phone number _____ To _____
 Name 2 _____ From _____
 Mobile phone number _____ To _____

(Please provide further details if you intend to change Service Crew more than once)

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of Emergency Contact _____

Telephone Number for Weekend (landline) _____ (mobile) _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Main contact for team:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

N.B. The mobile number will only be used in relation to the event (e.g, for late cancellation).

The above details will be used for sending any updated information, for raising any queries, sending out results / medals (if not collected) and the like, and for notification of next year's event.

You will not be pestered for anything unrelated to the Sussex Downsman Hike.

£

Entry Fee enclosed ____ nr entrants @ £7 each =
(e.g. 4 x £7 for Class E team = £28)

Cheques payable to "Sussex Downsman Hike" please.
Alternatively, you can send a payment by PayPal to info@downsman.com. If using this method, please email us in advance so that we can identify your payment.

Preferred start time _____

Return to:
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