

Newsletter September 2025



Heritage | Community | Environment | Music & Arts

We've got it all!

You don't need to get in the car or board a train for spectacular views out to sea; a long walk across the Downs; an afternoon on the river; a stroll in a historic park; or a visit a nature reserve or one of Britain's oldest buildings. They're all here, within our town boundaries.

And little-by-little the calendar is filling up with music nights, walks, talks and community activities. Take your pick to enjoy what's on our doorsteps.

What's on in Old Shoreham

Thu Sep 4 10am meet at Mile Oak Farm 'Downs from above' on Thundersbarrow

Join the [Downs from Above](#) 'Monument Monitors', checking the state of [archaeological sites on Thundersbarrow Hill](#), with Gary Webster of the National Trust.

Contact [Kayleigh Hibberd](#) if you can join in at short notice.

Sat Sep 6 10am till 1pm Starting at St Nicolas Church Greening Old Shoreham nature map

An introductory session to this [Capturing Old Shoreham mapping project](#), walking the landscape to build a picture of the biodiversity of our area, led by Julia Widdows and the bio mapping team.
More information from [gosh@oldshoreham.org](#).

Wed Sep 10 7-9pm at The Amsterdam Inn Folds Heritage and History Group

The first meeting after the summer, talking about the [Village Map](#) and Virtual Heritage Trail projects and looking at [old maps of Old Shoreham](#).

Fri 12 Sep 7pm at The Amsterdam Inn New singing circle taster session

An evening of joyful singing in a relaxed friendly group led by local musicians Jane Grover and Phil Green. Just bring your voice! Beginners will be very welcome!
More information janegrover123@gmail.com

Sat 13 Sep 9.30 from Adur Recreation Ground BN43 5LT Walking Safari around the Adur SSSI

A two hour walk to learn about the wildlife of this protected local habitat and local efforts to help its recovery from pollution and over-use, with the Friends of Adur SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest)
[Book here: it's free!](#)

Tue 16 Sept 10am till noon at Circular Space, Ham Rd Capturing Old Shoreham Banner Group

A practical workshop session building this new stitched and woven story of Old Shoreham. Contact Wendy Jones if you would like to join or learn more.

Thu Sep 18 10.00-13.00 on Mill Hill Nature Reserve Greening Old Shoreham on Mill Hill

Working on the local nature reserve in preparation for the autumn with local ranger Kieth Walden.
Details from gosh@oldshoreham.org

Sat Sep 20 10.00-13.00 St Nicolas Church Yard Greening Old Shoreham at St Nicolas

Our regular working monthly session focused on the churchyard and Conservation Area (and cleverly timed to coincide with St Nicolas coffee-and-cakes morning!)



Sat Sep 20 14.00 to 16.00 at St Nicolas EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2025



The Village Map Project

A workshop to launch our project creating a new [Village Map of Old Shoreham](#), a rich historic cultural landscape shaped entirely by human activity over 3000 years. Led by artist and illustrator Karolyn Mnich
[Click here to learn more and register for the workshop](#)

Sat Sep 20 10.00-12.00

St Nicolas Coffee and cakes

This month in aid of the Macmillan Fund

Fri Sep 26 8pm till late at The Amsterdam Inn

Folds Music Sessions at the Amsterdam

The regular fourth Friday session of folk music and much more, this month including **Stuart Coupe**, a singer-songwriter with a fantastic reputation; **Steely Fans** for acoustic covers of classic Steely Dan songs and **Liege and Lief** playing Fairport Convention and Richard Thompson.

Saturday Sep 27 10am at Old Shoreham Bridge
Riverbank litter-pick

Monthly clear-up organised by Adur's Green Party
Meet by the Airshow memorial-equipment provided.

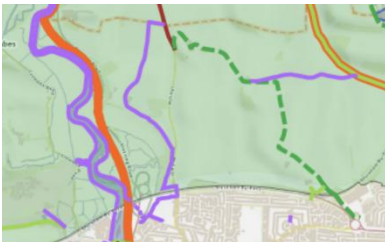


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Send your events to info@oldshoreham.org

Announcements

Footpaths



West Sussex Footpaths and Public Rights of Way team are carrying out their periodic inspection of the local footpaths and rights of way during September, to plan and prioritise their work programme for the year ahead. You can [find the map here](#). When you are out blackberrying or exploring at the start of the month please keep an eye out for parts of the network that are in need of repair or attention and report them using this link [Report a problem with a Right of Way - West Sussex County Council](#). This will catch the attention of the inspection team to help them compile their list of jobs. The Greening Old Shoreham team are talking with the Council's Rangers about helping to keep the footpaths more accessible and improving connections between the Downs and the town.

Community Orchards

Brighton Permaculture Trust have asked about sites for a community orchard. It's a wonderful way to add to the green canopy, create habitat for pollinators, build community and supply food right where we live. And there are many green spaces in Old Shoreham that could be perfect for an orchard - on the riverbank, in verges, on the hillsides, in the park. Or could there be a 'linear orchard' along your street?

If you have a practical suggestion for a site in Old Shoreham where the landowner would give permission to plant trees and where there would be local support and the capacity to care for the trees into the future - Greening Old Shoreham can help with this - then please contact us via gosh@oldshoreham.org and we can support the proposal.

Greening Old Shoreham

Our Conservation Volunteer Group has doubled its membership since the Community Fair in June, and a Guide for new members is full of information about our local landscape as well as how the group works. If you would like [a copy, click here](#)



Coming up next month

[Public consultation on the East and West Sussex Local Nature Recovery Strategies](#)

with practical actions to support habitats and species plus lots of local information. FOLDs has arrived at the right time to help put ideas into action,



[Renovating Mill Hill Local Nature Reserve](#)

October 2, 9 and 14 Special sessions for the Greening Old Shoreham group clearing invasive scrub. (Please note change of dates from those announced earlier).

[Wordfest 2025](#)

27 September to 12 October with a guided walk round Old Shoreham's historic buildings and a Sussex History Day involving members of FOLDs Heritage Group



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