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The hard work of individuals and groups who make up FOLDs is bearing fruit with an abundance of things to get involved with this month and into the winter.

The lengthening evenings offer time to research house and family histories for the [Virtual Heritage Trail](#). Then head for the Downs to join the 'green gym' with Greening Old Shoreham and other volunteers - with something for everyone from gentle nature mapping and churchyard gardening to vigorous 'scrub bashing'.

What's on in Old Shoreham

We have a special focus on Mill Hill and surroundings during October, launching a winter of active conservation work to help rescue this nationally important nature reserve and to improve the connections between the Downs and the town.

Environment

Thu 2 Oct (see also 9 and 14 October)

10.30 to 15.30 at Mill Hill Local Nature Reserve

Grasslands renovation on Mill Hill

The first of three special sessions to begin a major programme of grasslands renovation with Greening Old Shoreham and other volunteers working with the Rangers from South Downs National Park.

Click [here](#) to find out more

We will also be nature recording around the area for the [Capturing Old Shoreham Biomap project](#),

Music & Arts

Fri 3 Oct 19.00 at The Amsterdam Inn

Old Shoreham singing circle

An evening of singing in a relaxed friendly group with local musicians Jane Grover and Phil Green. More information janegrover123@gmail.com

Environment

Sat 4 Oct (see also 16 Oct) 10.00 meet at Mill Hill

Greening Old Shoreham Saturday Session

Opening-up footpaths leading through Mill Hill reserve.

Sat 4 Oct 14.30 meet at the Toll Bridge

Biomap Project Click [here](#) to find out more

Surveying the riverbank and SSSI north of the bridge

Heritage

Wed 8 Oct 19.00 at The Amsterdam

FOLDs History and Heritage Group

Virtual Heritage Trail workshop, with a screening of the first 'rushes' of a video introduction to the Trail.

Environment

Thu 9 Oct 10.30 to 15.30 at Mill Hill Nature Reserve

Grasslands renovation: Session Two

The second of our three special sessions, removing invasive plants from the hillsides to restore space for wildflowers and butterflies to thrive.

Heritage

Sat 11 Oct 10:00 to 17.00 at The Shoreham Centre

Sussex Family History Day

A one-day conference exploring local and national history, featuring award-winning authors, leading historians, and local researchers, including 'Citizen Historians of Old Shoreham', Clare Ablett and Leia Sands, talking about the work of FOLDs Heritage Group. .

For full details and a booking link [click here](#).



Heritage

Sat 11 Oct 15:00 at St Nicolas Church

Cause for a song 15.00(See box below)

A 'World War Two Singalong' with tea and cakes organised by The Friends of St Nicolas in aid of church building conservation.

The Friends of St Nicolas raise funds to maintain the historic Grade 1 listed Saint Nicolas Church in the heart of Old Shoreham, one of Britain's oldest buildings. If you can't join the fundraiser on 11 October, please consider making a [donation](#).



Environment

Tue 14 Oct 10.30 to 15.30 at Mill Hill Nature Reserve

Grasslands renovation: Session Three

The last special session on the reserve. After this we will review what's been achieved and decide how to continue the work over the winter.

Thu 16 Oct 10.00 meet at Mill Hill

Greening Old Shoreham Thursday Session

Continuing work to improve the reserve footpaths.

Sat 18 Oct 10am at St Nicolas

Gardening in the Conservation Area

The monthly Greening Old Shoreham gardening session in and around the churchyard, artfully timed to coincide with St Nicolas' monthly coffee and cakes!

Music & Arts

Tue 21 Oct 10.00 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.

Fri Oct 24th 8pm till late at The Amsterdam Inn

Folds Music Sessions at the Amsterdam

Featuring **Down South** an Americana trio delivering classic songs from 'across the pond' with **Sue Harris and Hilary**, a folk duo with a twist and **The Valentinos** - more Americana and a bit of Eric Clapton



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Send your events to info@oldshoreham.org

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

Sat 1 Nov and Thu 20 Nov

Connecting the Town with the Downs

Next month's Greening Old Shoreham sessions will include work with West Sussex County Council Rangers to improve the lower access footpaths that connect the town to Mill Hill and the National Park.

Shoreham's 'Great Big Back Garden'

We'll be trying to do as much work as possible to build the [Capturing Old Shoreham nature map](#), while there are still leaves and berries visible to help with plant identification. We are also making plans with Swiss Gardens School, Friends of Buckingham Park, Apron Community Garden and the National Trust for working sessions after the New Year and into Spring.

Other announcements

The Village Map Project - have your say.

The project to create a [Village Map of Old Shoreham](#) was successfully launched during the European Heritage Days in September and now we are inviting all FOldS members to get involved and share your ideas for the map.



Please complete the short and simple survey ([click here to take the survey](#)). It need only take ten minutes, and it is online now.

The 'Virtual Heritage Trail' – get involved

FOldS members are creating a Virtual Heritage Trail combining new research and internet resources to create a rich and up-to-date guide to Old Shoreham that you can follow from your armchair or on foot. The first edition will be ready by the end of the year and there is a lot to do. The Heritage Group needs more investigators to research key sites on the Trail. To find out more - and preview a pilot video of the trail - come to the next meeting on 8 October, 7pm at The Amsterdam..

Local government – same as it ever was?

Local councils are making recommendations to government for reorganisation. [Our local councils' preference is for Adur to fall in with Arun, Chichester and Worthing](#). Is this a missed opportunity to strengthen Shoreham's historic and geographic links with neighbours to the north?