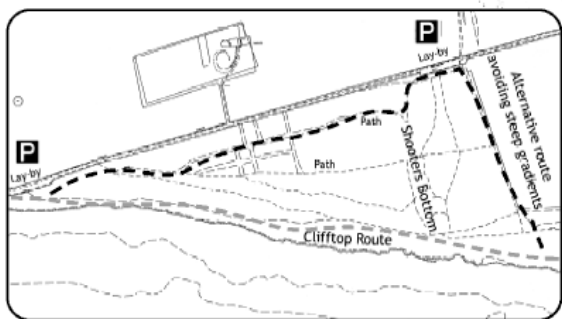
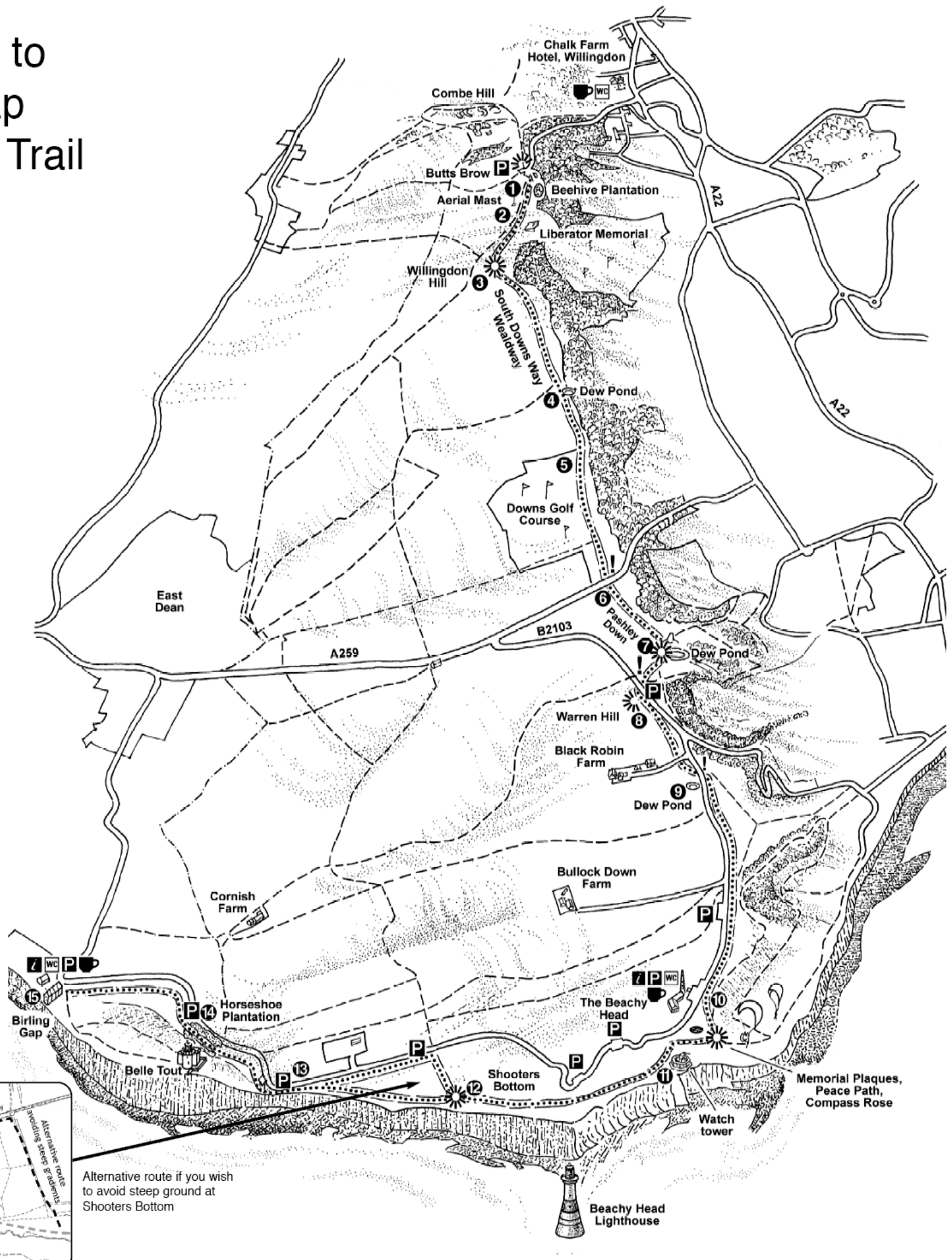


Butts Brow to Birling Gap Easy Access Trail



Key (Map not drawn to scale)

	The Route
	Parking
	Toilets
	Refreshments
	Information
	Caution - Road Crossing
	Viewpoint
	Points of interest (see text)
	Other rights of way
	Borough Boundary



Alternative route if you wish to avoid steep ground at Shooters Bottom

11 At the western end of the Peace Path, continue westwards past the Watch Tower along the clifftops of Beachy Head. Enjoy the views ahead of you, with significant features including Belle Tout, Seaford Head, Newhaven Harbour, and even as far as Selsey Bill on a clear day.

Excellent views can also be enjoyed inland across farmland with Butts Brow, Windover Hill and Firle Beacon visible in the distance. Along this route please use the wide grass area keeping well away from the cliff edge.

This area is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, noted for its abundant chalk grassland flora and associated insect and bird life, especially at Shooters Bottom and Belle Tout.

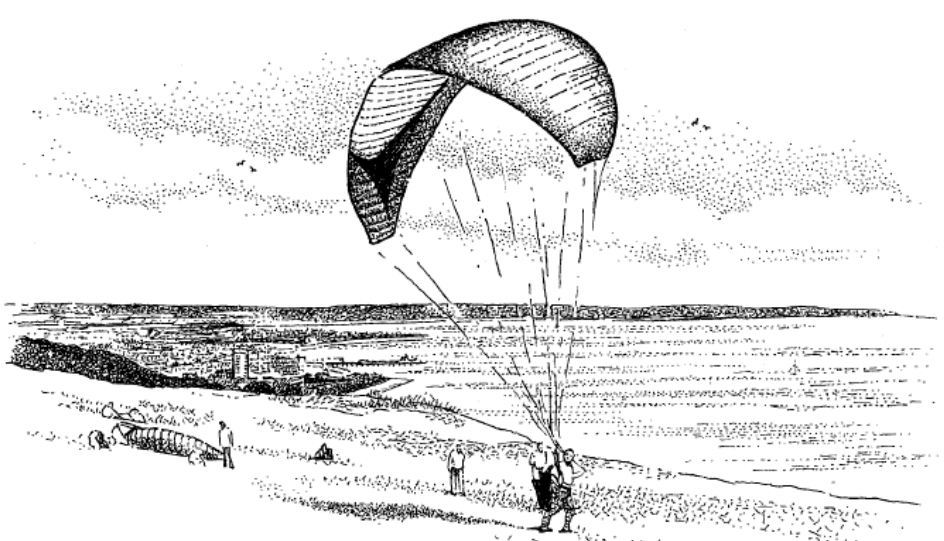
12 At Shooters Bottom, the gradient on the cliff edge route to the Belle Tote lay-by is very steep (nearly 1 in 1), so if in doubt an alternative route inland can be followed.

In which case, with reference to the map, turn right and head inland towards the coast road and Shooters Bottom lay-by to the water trough. There turn left and continue parallel with the road on your right for 60 metres to the valley bottom, just past Shooters Bottom lay-by. Head up the valley bottom for 20 metres and take the first right, through to Belle Tout lay-by. This route avoids severe gradients or camber adjacent to the coast road.

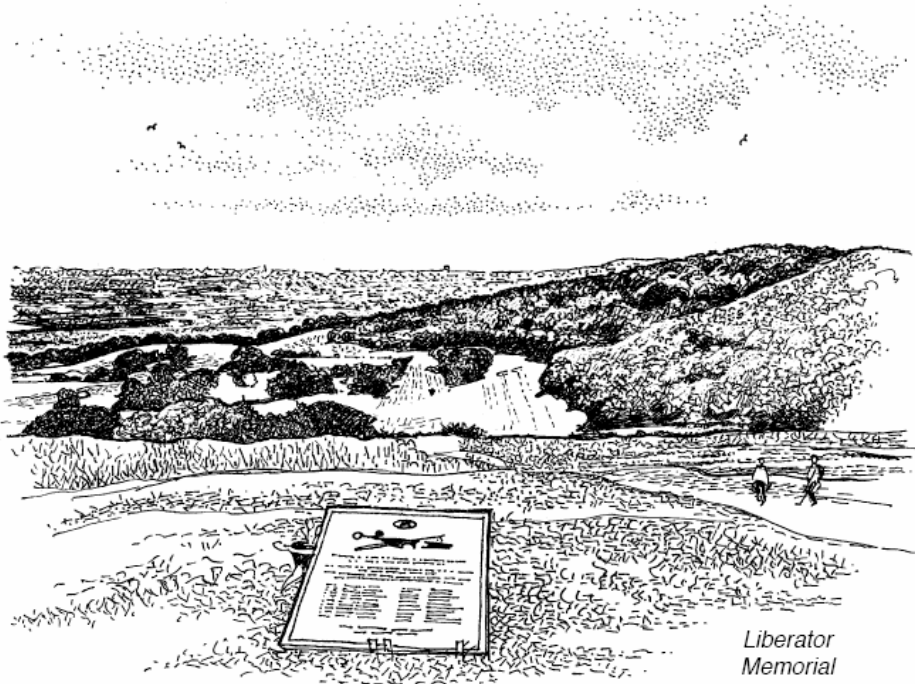
13 At Belle Tote lay-by be very careful, as at this point the ground is undulating and the distance between the cliff edge and the road is restricted.

14 From the Belle Tote interpretative panel, take the lower path parallel with the road around Belle Tout Hill, through Horseshoe Plantation and on to Birling Gap.

15 At Birling Gap car park refreshments and toilet facilities are available.



Enjoy views of Eastbourne Seaford



BUTTS BROW TO BEACHY HEAD ACCESS ROUTE

These features of interest are to be used in conjunction with the map overleaf.

- 1 At Butts Brow car park have a look at the interpretative panel for information about this area. From here choose the track immediately southwards, just to the west of the Beehive Plantation, towards the aerial mast.
- 2 Beyond this, where the top of the ridge opens out as grassland, follow the grass track to the left, keeping close to the scrub on your right as far as the Liberator memorial. Here there are fine views over Willingdon Golf Course and Eastbourne.
- 3 Rejoin the main track and continue to the top of Willingdon Hill, where a trigonometrical point upon a mound (former windmill site) is visible to your right. Here there are spectacular views all around, particularly southwards across farmland to the

cliff-top skyline between Beachy Head, Birling Gap and beyond.

At this point turn left and follow the wide grass track along the escarpment ridge with the farmland to your right. All along this ridge there are views inland towards Pevensey, Herstmonceux and eastwards to Hastings, with Dungeness visible on a clear day.

This trackway is also the route of the South Downs Way and Weald Way long distance trails. Around you, the mosaic of woodland, scrub and grassland provide a wide variety of habitats for birds and other wildlife.

- 4 Particularly during the 19th century, farmers constructed dew ponds for the many flocks of sheep that grazed the escarpment as there is no surface water on the downs.

- 5 From the dewpond continue along the trackway to the Downs Golf Course, where care should be taken to stay on the metalled track to avoid golfers.

- 6 At the crossing point with the A259 (where the junction has been recently moved to provide greater safety and visibility) please be aware of fast moving vehicles.

Still keeping the farmland to the right, there are further views over the Royal Eastbourne Golf Course, towards Old Town and the sea.

- 7 Continue to Pashley Down, crossing a prehistoric cross dyke with a round barrow, trigonometrical point and a dewpond. Here there are views southwards towards Meads and the skyline of Beachy Head. At this point follow the track to the right and head towards Warren Hill Car Park, crossing the B2103 to the right of the access gate.

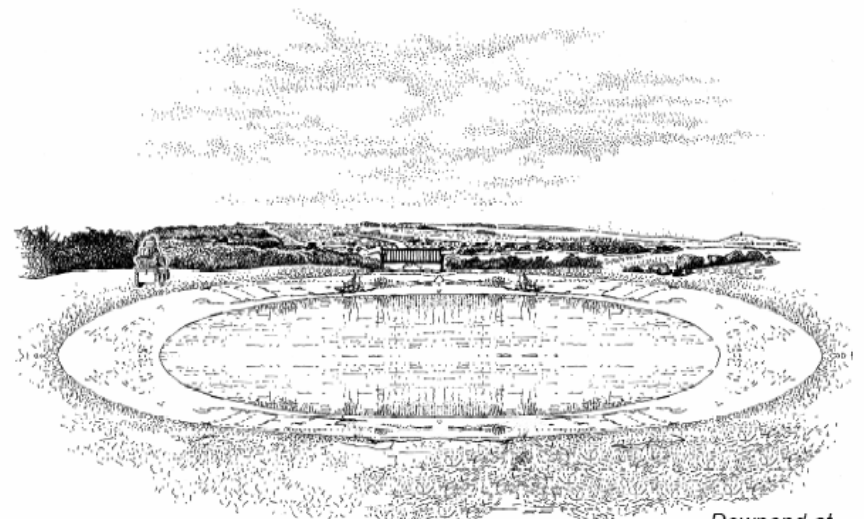
- 8 From the car park, views can be enjoyed westward across the adjacent farmland with the Belle Tout former lighthouse in the distance, before

turning left and heading south towards Beachy Head. Follow the wide grassland strip parallel to the road, crossing Black Robin Farm access drive, along to the dewpond.

- 9 Here, cross over the Beachy Head Road and continue parallel with the road on the wide grassland area towards the Beachy Head pub. From here you can enjoy the panoramic sea views all around.

- 10 At the Beachy Head Memorial Plaques, have a look at the interpretative panel to discover more about the headland. Across the road there are refreshments and toilet facilities available at the Beachy Head pub.

Extra information can also be obtained at the Beachy Head Countryside Centre during opening times. There is a 360° viewpoint Compass Rose at the highest point, approximately 50 metres south west of the Plaques. From the Memorial Plaques, follow the Peace Path to enjoy views of the Eastbourne Seafont and the Beachy Head Lighthouse.



Dewpond at Pashley Down

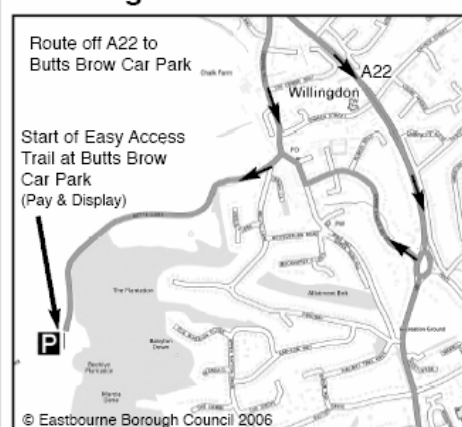


Beachy Head Lighthouse



BUTTS BROW TO BIRLING GAP EASY ACCESS TRAIL

How to get there



Please use this leaflet in conjunction with the Ordnance Survey map 'Explorer 123' Duration of Trail: Allow 3 hours.

Distance: 11 Kilometres / 6.5 miles.

Level of Difficulty: Easy for walkers. Moderate for users of heavy duty outdoor mobility vehicles with 50-70 amps/hours batteries such as a Trampler. The route is on level terrain except for steep ground at Shooters Bottom, where an alternative route is provided.

The trail starts at Butts Brow Car Park (Map Ref: TQ 579017)

Walk Information

Clothing

The route is on high ground and is generally exposed, particularly along the cliff-top, therefore please provide yourself with suitable clothing. The trail is on dirt tracks and short grass, suitable for walking shoes or boots.

Refreshments and Toilets

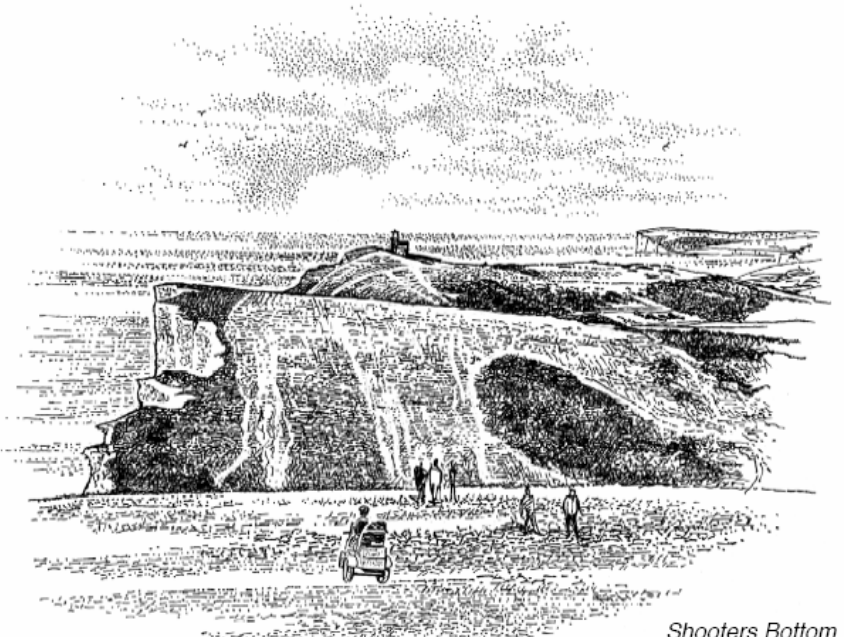
These are available at Chalk Farm Hotel in Willingdon; the Beachy Head public house and at Birling Gap Hotel.

Public Transport

There is currently a regular bus service to Beachy Head and Birling Gap, (Bus 12A) which runs between Eastbourne and Brighton.

This route was inspired by an idea from the Beachy Head Group of the Ramblers' Association - who made a major financial contribution to the cost of this leaflet - and was implemented by Officers of Eastbourne Borough Council.

This leaflet is available in different formats on request.



Shooters Bottom

This trail is ideally suited for walkers and is also accessible by experienced users of heavy duty outdoor mobility vehicles such as Trampers. It follows the eastern escarpment of the South Downs next to Eastbourne, reaching the dramatic and world famous chalk cliff-top at Beachy Head where the route continues upon the cliff-tops to finish at Birling Gap.

The trail can be enjoyed in its entirety or sections undertaken as required. However, as this is a linear route, you will need to decide beforehand how you will intend to return to your starting point.

Start the trail at Butts Brow car park up on the Downs above Willingdon Village via Butts Lane. (Map Ref: TQ579017)