

Mid-Sussex Rambler



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Welcome to your Summer Newsletter. I hope you are keeping cool and getting plenty of shady walks when the heat is not too ferocious.



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King Charles III England Coast path – a new National Trail!

Sue Berry

After a 25-year campaign by The Ramblers and although not yet fully completed, the King Charles III England Coast Path (KCIIECP) was inaugurated by His Majesty the King at Seven Sisters in East Sussex in March 2026.

When complete the KCIIECP will be the longest managed coastal path in the world at around 2,700 miles long. Detailed trail information can be found on



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the National Trails website https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/england-coast-path/

By way of celebration, Ramblers groups around the country have been highlighting their England Coast Path walks this summer. Mid Sussex Ramblers have already led coast path walks on Seaford Head and the Seven Sisters (see photos) and there are more to come.

Please do join us if you can, our coast walks all carry the KCIIIECP marker and can be found in the usual walk finder listing

<https://www.midsussexramblers.org.uk/walks/walks-programme.html>

Walks led by other Ramblers groups in Sussex can be found on the Sussex Area Programme <https://sussexramblers.org.uk/walks.html>



Photo by Paul Jenkins

High Weald Walking Festival 2026

The festival will run from **Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th September**. The programme will be available from 12th August. All information on the festival can be found at <https://www.highwealdwalks.org>



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Have you seen this butterfly?

One of our butterflies is (nearly) missing. The butterfly conservation community is very concerned about the Wood White Butterfly. In South-East England it is only found in woodland areas of Surrey and West Sussex.

Have you seen it whilst you were out walking? If you are on a woodland walk, can you keep a look out? If you think you spot this pretty insect, please email woodwhite@sussex-butterflies.org.uk



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Thank you so much for your time!



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Jill windmill open to visitors once again

I'm sure we have all admired both Jack and Jill high on the South Downs at Clayton. The mills look particularly impactful when seen on a clear day when approaching the Downs from the north. Jack is, of course, privately owned nowadays but did you know you can go inside Jill? It is a steep climb inside, but well worth the time. A visit can easily be incorporated into a Downland Walk.

Jill has been in her beautiful location since 1852 having been moved from Dyke Road in Brighton. The Jack and Jill Windmills Society now maintains the site and opens the mill to the public on Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 5pm in the summer.

The Sunday opening has been interrupted this summer as some routine exterior work and maintenance had to be completed. This meant Jill had to be shrouded in scaffolding; a particular challenge because by design the windmill sways in the wind. The scaffolding therefore had to be freestanding of the mill itself. But the work is now complete and the Sunday opening is now reinstated until the end of the summer. Do

check for opening information on the society's website
<https://www.jillwindmill.org.uk/jjmap.htm>



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Photos from Ann Woodroffe from late spring, early summer. It did rain once upon a time . . .



Our walks programme can always be accessed at
<https://www.midsussexramblers.org.uk/walks/walks-programme.html>

Details of the **Mid Sussex Ramblers Committee** may be found at
<https://www.midsussexramblers.org.uk/gallery/event/MSRCommittee.html>

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