



# SUSSEX DOWNSMAN HIKE

**1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

Information Sheet 1 – June 2011

**3 Bosprowal Farm Barns  
46a Penhale Road  
Carnhell Green  
CAMBORNE  
Cornwall TR14 0LU**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There are a few amendments to age restrictions this year, mostly due to changes in POR, so please make sure you check that your teams will comply before sending in your entry. The website will be updated as soon as possible to reflect these changes.

Additionally, following the survey we conducted and the general wish for Class S to have four sections without increasing the distance, the Checkpoint at Upper Beeding will now be an additional service area for Class S only.

Finally, we reiterate that in classes A, B, E and S, only 3 members of the team walk at any time. No exceptions.

## **APPEAL**

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

Additionally, if your company would like to get involved in sponsorship of the event, please ask for our sponsors pack.

## **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. **For all competitive classes (A, B, C, E, V\* and S) the minimum combined age of the team members must be at least 48 (\*100 for Class V).** Please note that only whole years are added together.

<u>Class A</u>	open to all ages - Male, Female or mixed
<u>Class B</u>	for under 18* years - Male, Female or mixed (EXPLORER SCOUTS).
<u>Class C</u>	open to all ages - Male, Female or mixed.
<u>Class E</u>	for under 18* years with a <u>maximum</u> combined age of 62 - Male, Female or mixed (EXPLORER SCOUTS).
<u>Class S</u>	for under 14 years 6 months* - Male, Female or mixed (SCOUTS).
<u>Class V</u>	open to all ages with a <u>minimum</u> combined age of 100 - Male, Female or mixed.
<u>Downsman Open</u>	open to all ages - Male, Female or mixed. Under 14's to be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18). 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, and apply on the day of the event.

Classes A, B, E and S consist of four persons 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.

Classes C & 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 BURITON (Hampshire) to EASTBOURNE (East Sussex) approximately 80 miles.

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

Class C hike from BURITON, the winning team being the one that covers the furthest distance of the route in a minimum of 15 hours. At the expiration of 15 hours, teams cannot proceed beyond the next checkpoint or service area.

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

Class S hike from BIGNOR HILL to DEVIL'S DYKE approximately 25 miles.

Class V hike from BURITON to DEVILS DYKE approximately 45 miles.

Downsman Open hike from STEYNING BOWL to DITCHLING BEACON 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 will have to wait for the first available time slot.

Class A                      Start 0800 – 1000. 24 hours to complete.

Class B                      Start 0800 – 1200. 20 hours to complete.

Class C                      Start 0800 – 1000. 17 hours to complete.

Class E                      Start 1030 – 1400. 18 hours to complete.

Class S                      Start 0800 – 1200. 16 hours to complete.

Class V                      Start 0800 – 1000. 18 hours to complete.

Downsman Open      Start 1030 – 1230. 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.

Please note that in Class B, 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 one vehicle with Service Crew, whose task it is to provide their team with necessary food and resting arrangements.

Please note that each team will be responsible for ensuring that their service crew has completed and submitted a Criminal Records Bureau form prior to the hike.

### **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 £6 per team member, and will include a medal for each team member of each team that completes the hike.

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](http://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 or postal address to the organising committee either by email to [info@downsman.com](mailto:info@downsman.com) or by post to Downsman, 3 Bosprowal Farm Barns, 46a Penhale Road, Carnhell Green, CAMBORNE TR14 0LU

You can also find us on Facebook and YahooGroups.

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.

The organising committee is:

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



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### Entry Form

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.

Group / Company or Team Title	
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 (to be carried for emergency use only) \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE CREW

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL

Name of Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number for Weekend (landline) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT DETAILS

Main contact for team:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile (for SMS text messages) \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. This 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 @ £6 each = \_\_\_\_\_ £  
(e.g. 4 x £6 for Class A team = £24)

Breakfasts Required \_\_\_\_\_ nr @ £2 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
(available at 1<sup>st</sup> Burgess Hill HQ on **Sunday** morning)

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cheques payable to "The Sussex Downsman Hike" please.

Preferred start time \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
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