

DVA Ditchling

Handbook 2021/22



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Front Cover: Village sign designed by Shirley Cox, made by Nigel Stenning and organised by the DVA in memory of the late Pam Grieve.

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Ditchling Beacon

Oh! There is gorse on Ditchling
All golden in the sun,
And sweeping slopes of Downland
Where gold cloud-shadows run,
And Caburn silver misted,
And Chancton's sunset Ring,
And little Clayton laughing
In wonder at the Spring.

The narrow road to Ditchling,
The old white road I love –
There's open Down beside it
And open sky above.
Unlorded, brave and lonely
It runs from end to end,
The skylark for companion,
The sea wind for a friend.

But we who've stood on Ditchling,
And watch'd the red sun set
Behind the hills at Fulking-
We shall not soon forget.
Mount Harry, grey and quiet,
Crown'd Cissbury tinged with fire
Or royal, happy Ditchling,
The haven of desire!

(extract) by Alfred Bathurst Norman (May 1917)

This booklet is set in *Gill Sans*, a font designed by Eric Gill (1882-1940), sculptor and typeface designer who lived in Ditchling between 1907-1924.

Gill Sans was a development of London Underground's famous *Johnston* corporate typeface (1913), designed by Edward Johnston CBE (1872-1944) who lived in Ditchling from 1912 until his death.

Introduction

Welcome to our 2021/22 Ditchling Village Association (DVA) Handbook. What a joy it is to be able to produce and deliver this to all households within Ditchling after such a torrid time.



If you live in the parish of Ditchling you are automatically a member of the DVA and it exists to coordinate the various local organisations and to foster co-operation between all sections of the village. Each year we invite all new residents to our Newcomers' Party to introduce them to all of the societies and clubs. New residents from Westmeston and Streat are also invited to join us as our guests as we hope that they will enjoy what our village has to offer and we would appreciate their support.

The DVA also hold a Societies' Fair in September which is open to all residents to showcase local organisations and groups but this will be on hold until September 2022.

The entries in this book have been loosely categorized with something to interest everybody. Listings for services, places of worship and some premises for hire are also included. There are many commercial businesses in and around the area that would welcome your support.

Last year we had to forego our village fair, this will now be held on Saturday 18th June 2022 so please keep this date free as it really is a wonderful village affair!

If you would like to support the DVA by becoming a village representative, then please get in touch with us. We keep information up to date on our own website ditchling.com and on our Facebook page.

This booklet is for all residents but we are aware that during the last 18 months there are many new residents who will not be aware of the DVA or many of the societies within Ditchling so we welcome you and hope that you will find this booklet useful.

Finally, I would like to wish the Ditchling Horticultural Society a happy 200th birthday in 2022 — the oldest horticultural society in the UK.

Catharine Robinson, *Chair*

Ditchling Village Association

About the Association



The Ditchling Village Association (DVA) was formed in 1947 to co-ordinate the activities of the various clubs and societies in the Village and continues as an organising body working in co-ordination with numerous and varied local organisations to promote co-operation between all sections of the community.

The stated objectives are –

- To unite all who live in Ditchling for the good of all.
- To promote the welfare and well-being of all who live in Ditchling.
- To help support and encourage each Council, Society and Club to fulfil its particular objectives.

All parish residents are automatically a member of the DVA and therefore entitled to attend all meetings. Additionally, each association nominates a representative. The Officers are elected annually.

Committee Post Holders

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DVA Ditchling Handbook

This handbook is published every year and supported by local businesses. If you would like to advertise in the next edition, or you need to add new clubs, update any details or correct inaccuracies, please contact us.

<i>Neil Iosson</i>	<i>secretary.dva@ditchling.com</i>
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DVA Newsletter

<i>Sign up for our occasional newsletter:</i>	<i>bit.ly/DVA_news</i>
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Ditchling.com

Ditchling.com is the village's website. It offers a diary of events, a list of local news and directory of local businesses and clubs and societies. It holds lots of information about local art, history and events as well as links to the parish council, local transport and other resources. You can also sign up to the DVA email newsletter.

Each group and society has its own account and can add their own news, events and documents. Ditchling.com is curated by John Willis and he can help with any queries.

The DVA also manages an email newsletter and a Facebook page (search for @ditchling.com.soc) and we promote and support local village stories, news, activities, events and businesses. Follow us to keep up-to-date.

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Village
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Ditchling Village Association (incorporating Ditchling.com)



Need News and Information?

This website has news, events and information from members of the Ditchling Village Association. Any organisation or business based in Ditchling can become a member and publish their news and events on Ditchling.com.

LATEST NEWS [more..](#)

Musical men needed!

**Ditchling Charity Ball -
rescheduled to..**

**Literacy Week & Drama
Workshop**

DHS Summer Show

Village Representatives

The role of the Village Representatives is to welcome new residents to the village by delivering the DVA booklet and a welcoming letter within their area of the village. They may also attend the DVA committee meetings if they wish. If you would like to be involved please contact Neil Iosson (secretary.dva@ditchling.com)

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www.ditchlingvillagehall.uk

DITCHLING VILLAGE HALL, Lewes Road, Ditchling BN6 8TT

Social Events:

Coffee and Cake

Drop in coffee and cake mornings at the village hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month organised by the Ditchling Village Association and sponsored by local organisations. These are open to everyone of all ages to meet old friends and make new ones. Young and old are welcome and there is no charge! Working from home—why not drop by?

For further information on these and other Village events keep an eye open on The DVA notice board by the post office, and the village hall notice board. You will also find a copy in “Hassocks & Keymer Talk About” and on the DVA’s website and Facebook page.

2021/22 (every third Tuesday of the month, 09:45 – 11:00)

Tu 19 Oct 2021	Tu 18 Jan 2022	Tu 19 Apr	Tu 19 Jul
Tu 16 Nov 2021	Tu 15 Feb	Tu 17 May	Tu 16 Aug
Tu 21 Dec 2021	Tu 15 Mar	Tu 21 Jun	Tu 20 Sep

Ditchling Fair: Sat June 18 2022

The next Ditchling Fair will take place on 18 June 2022. Mark your diaries!

The fair’s origins date back to 1312 and it continues today, going from strength to strength. Starting with the Ditchling Wizard’s wake up call at dawn to dancing on the green late into the evening, the fair is a jam-packed full day of fun and celebration of village life.

There’s a maypole dance, the Jack and Jill Race, morris dancing and egg-tossing. There’s so much to be involved with from the scarecrow competition, the dog show to the procession or you can simply come and enjoy some of the delicious local food and watch it all go on. It’s a fair like no other!

If you’d like to be involved in next year’s Ditchling Fair, we are always looking for volunteers.

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www.ditchlingfair.co.uk

www.facebook.com/ditchlingfair



Newcomers' Party: Sat 26 Mar 2022 18:30-20:30

Ditchling Village Hall

The DVA holds an annual "Newcomers' Party" in March, to welcome all residents new to the village since the last party and give them the opportunity to meet representatives of all the groups and societies as well as other newcomers. Open to all ages, light refreshments and wine/soft drinks provided.

We welcome anyone who has moved to Ditchling Parish (including St George's Park) as well as guests from Westmeston and Streat parishes. If you have moved here in the last year or two and have never been to a Newcomers Party—this is your invitation! Confirm your place by filling out the RSVP or emailing us.

If you know someone eligible – please let them know about it.



Neil losson

07866 424754

newcomers@ditchling.com

RSVP 2022 Party: www.bit.ly/dva2022

Societies Fair: Sat 10 Sept 2022 10:00-12:00

Ditchling Village Hall

Once again are holding an open morning where all local groups and organisations are invited to showcase their activities. This event will be open to all residents of Ditchling, Westmeston, Streat, Keymer, Hassocks and beyond.

The Societies Fair will be an opportunity to drop by and find out more about the clubs, classes, competitions and courses they organise and how you can get involved. This is a chance to pop in and ask questions, see demonstrations and try something new.

Similar to the Newcomers' Party — but open to longstanding residents as well — we want to showcase the vibrancy of Ditchling and the diversity of opportunities on offer.

Neil losson

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Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston Sports Day

Sun 1 May & Mon 2 May 2022

An inter-village Sport's Day has been held between the villages of Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston since 1935. This historic event comprises two days of sporting fun, refreshments and community spirit. Competitors compete for points on an individual, family and area basis, the three areas comprise of North Ditchling, South Ditchling and Streat and Westmeston.

On the evening of Sun 1 May there is the 'Three Village Chase', starting from Ditchling Rec and going to Streat Church and back. This is a lovely event where competitors walk or run through beautiful countryside, with the winners of each category winning a cup.

On Mon 2 May the Sport's Day and family picnic is held on Ditchling Recreation Ground. There are events for all abilities and ages from egg and spoon to the 1500m race. A bar is provided by the Cricket Pavillion and Ditchling Primary School provides refreshments. The afternoon finishes with prize giving at 4.30pm.

Hannah Tedman

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A Digital Version of the Ditchling Sign

The much loved village sign was unveiled on the village green in March 2010. It was funded by a generous bequest from Pamela Grieve to the Ditchling Village Association.

Pamela was a long term resident of Ditchling who had been heavily involved with the Ditchling Players and was president for 26 years. She was instrumental in the project to extend and improve the village hall, giving it the space & facilities we enjoy today.

Brian Clutterbuck, at the time chair of both the DVA and the parish council instigated a competition for a distinctive village sign. The winning design, as voted for unanimously by the judges was designed by Shirley Cox. It incorporates themes of Ditchling's heritage of agriculture, religion, arts & crafts and the countryside.

Nigel Stenning, the artist-craftsman who constructed the sign, was born in Ditchling. The materials used include old iron from an abandoned agricultural cart in Allington Lane, copper and wood.

Both the DVA and the parish council have used Shirley's hand-drawn and hand-coloured design for their identity and it has been used on letters, publications and signs since 2010. Whilst it works brilliantly at the large scale it was designed for, it has too many fine elements that get blurred or lost when it is reduced to a letterhead or Facebook icon.





Above: Small format design

Left: Large format design

Below: Reduced size comparison



The DVA wanted to develop a digital version of the design that would work well on electronic media and be easy to reproduce.

Karen Grey, a professional branding and packaging designer, responded to the DVA's request on Facebook for help. She graduated in graphic design from Nottingham Trent University in 2006 and moved with her husband to East End Lane, Ditchling after 8 years working in London.

Karen and the DVA committee worked through several iterations of the logo during 2020-21 to ensure that all the essential elements of Shirley's design were retained whilst simplifying some features so that they would be reproduce clearly and distinctively on smartphones and computers as well as print cleanly on paper and fabric.

The DVA are now launching and sharing the design with our community. The use of the Ditchling digital logo is open to any person, society or group with a connection to Ditchling, providing it is not materially altered or exploited. Copies, along with style guidelines are available on ditchling.com/downloads.

A detailed history - *The Ditchling Village Sign* - by Tom Dufty is available from the Ditchling History Project for £2.50.

Children in Ditchling

Ditchling Toddler Group

The toddler group meets on Tuesday mornings 9.15 a.m. to 11.15 at the Village Hall.

Aline Gibson

07971 470542

YODAH

YODAH is a youth group held at the Emmanuel Centre every Tuesday 6.30pm - 8pm during term time. It is open to all school year 6 (age 10) to school year 11 (age 16). On arrival we have free time to use the pool table, table tennis, computer consoles and much more. After the free time we will have an activity - things include challenges, cooking and crafts and after the activity there is time for discussion and more free time until we finish. We also have trips out.

The group cost £1 a week and is run by our youth worker Gary. You can see pictures of activities on our Facebook page.

Gary Pickett

01273 843165

admin@beaconparish.co.uk

www.beaconparish.co.uk

Facebook: [@thebeaconparish](https://www.facebook.com/thebeaconparish)

Rugby Piglets



Ditchling Rugby Club is steeped in tradition but for the first time in its history has established a minis section suitably named the Wild Piglets. Training is every Sunday 10-11:30 and we cater for all age groups from 4 years upwards.

The absolute emphasis is fun and inclusion, with 4 experienced coaches who carefully design the training sessions to balance learning with the sheer enjoyment of running around with an egg-shaped ball.

We are trying to build Ditchling RFC for the future and we welcome all potential players and ask for your support. So turn your child into a Wild Piglet every Sunday and we promise to wear them out with rugby, fun and games.

Barnaby Robinson

07789 990180

beerobo@zoho.com

www.ditchlingrugby.co.uk

Scout and Guide Movements:



1st Ditchling Scouts/Cubs/Beavers

2nd Ditchling Brownies

Scout Hut, East End Lane

1st Ditchling Scout Group run Beaver, Cub and Scout sections which are open to boys and girls. Each section offers fun, lively, informative age appropriate termly activity programmes for its members.

The aims of these movements are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. These groups give the young people additional opportunity to meet people and pursue activities outside the boundaries of their school and home environments – both physically and culturally. There are weekly evening meetings in the Scout Headquarters in East End Lane for the above sections. The Guide Company exists in name only with Brownies currently moving on up to guides in neighbouring Hassocks.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

<i>Sue Waring</i>	<i>01273 841109</i>	<i>swaring001@gmail.com</i>
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Brownie and Guides

<i>Mrs K. Clarke</i>	<i>01273 682944</i>	<i>ckclarke@btinternet.com</i>
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Nurseries

Ditchling Pre-School Group

This has now merged into Ditchling Primary and Nursery School (see following page).

Acorns Nursery and Forest School

Westmeston Parish Hall, Lewes Road, Westmeston, Nr Ditchling

<i>Contact</i>	<i>01444 455081</i>	<i>janetirwin@janetirwin.com</i>
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Hassocks Happy Feet

The Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks BN6 9LY

<i>01273 844195</i>	<i>www.hassockshappyfeet.co.uk Facebook: @hassockshappyfeet</i>
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Primary and Nursery

Ditchling (St Margaret's) (C of E)

Lewes Road, Ditchling.

A primary and nursery school for ages 2-11, with 165 pupils and organised into 7 classes. A wide variety of classes including a Forest School.

01273 844130

www.ditchlingprimary.co.uk

Secondary

Chailey School

Mill Lane, South Chailey

01273 890407

www.chaileyschool.org

Downlands Community School

Dale Avenue, Hassocks

01273 845892

www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk

Lewes Priory School

Mountfield Road, Lewes

01273 476231

www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

St Paul's (Roman Catholic)

Burgess Hill

01444 415418

www.stpaulscatholiccollege.co.uk

Hurstpierpoint College – Co-educational (Private)

Chalkers Lane, Hurstpierpoint (Age 4-19)

01273 834975

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Halls and Community Spaces

Barn on the Green

Village Green, West Street

A barn converted for parties and other events. It has a small kitchen, toilets and tables and chairs for 60-70 people. Glassware and crockery are available for hire. There is an adjacent sunken garden. Managed by the Friends of Ditchling.

Cost of Hire: Dependent on event

Conditions: Local people/organisations

Rebecca & Mark Rivers-Moore

info@friendsofditchling.co.uk

www.friendsofditchling.co.uk

Ditchling Beacon

The land around Ditchling Beacon is owned by the National Trust and has a pay and display car park.

National Trust

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ditchling-beacon

Ditchling Beacon Common & Ditchling Common

In addition to the Country Park, Ditchling is blessed with two large areas of communal land ('Commons') which trace their origins back to medieval times. Each is around 100 acres (about the size of 50 football pitches). Ditchling Common is located south of the Country Park on Folders Lane, whilst Ditchling Beacon Common is on the South Downs escarpment itself. Both are rich in flora, the Beacon having almost 300 differing species of plants.

The Commons are also home to buzzards, sparrowhawks and kestrels. Significantly they are amongst the best sites for butterflies in Sussex.



*Marbled White butterflies on the
Northern Common, July 2021*

They are traversed by footpath and bridleway routes enabling easy access from the Village and connection to the South Downs Way.

Although the Commoners still have Rights of Common, these have not been exercised for many years. More recently, an agreement has been made with the landowner, the Ditchling Beacon and Commons Charitable Company, to allow it to manage the Commons and to promote its aim of conservation, protection and improvement of the Commons.

David Barclay Evans

dbevans@hotmail.co.uk

Ditchling Common Country Park

Folders Lane East, Ditchling Common

76 hectares (188 acres) of open landscape offering walking, fishing, picnicking, education and dog walking. Two ponds for fishing (by permit). Self-guided nature trail. Notable for its carpet of bluebells and wood anemones in the spring. Free car park.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/1222/ditchling_common_walk_trail.pdf

Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft

Lodge Hill Lane

Learning space seating up to 40 people, projector, screen, self-contained kitchen and toilets and private courtyard garden.

Enquiries

01273 844744

enquiries@ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk

www.ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk

Ditchling Village Hall

Lewes Road

There is a large hall seating up to 150 people with stage, additionally the lower hall with a capacity of 50. These can be booked independently or together. There is a commercial kitchen & PA system. Licensed for alcohol, public entertainment and music.



The bookings diary is available on the website to make it easy to view availability.

Cost of Hire: Dependent on event. Discount for local residents.

In the event of an emergency in the village hall please contact 01273 921045.

Bookings —

bookings@ditchlingvillagehall.uk

Other contacts: Maintenance—

caretaker@ditchlingvillagehall.uk

Other issues and feedback —

chair@ditchlingvillagehall.uk

www.ditchlingvillagehall.uk

Emmanuel Centre

South Street

The Emmanuel Centre tenancy has recently been taken over jointly by the Beacon Parish and The Point Church as a place for youth and community work. It can accommodate up to 80 people and is available for hire by third parties when not being used for church purposes.

Beacon Parish

01273 843165

admin@beaconparish.co.uk

www.beaconparish.co.uk

Friends' Meeting House

East Gardens

We meet for worship every Sunday 10.30 -11.30am. All welcome. The Meeting House is also available for hire, with seating for 25 to 30

ditchlingquakers@gmail.com

www.ditchlingquakers.org.uk

The Old Meeting House

The Twitten, off Lewes Road

Conditions: Local, cultural or charitable organisations only.

Brian Clutterbuck

01273 844746

The Pavilion Club

Ditchling Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

Costs of Hire: Dependent on event

Sean Guirey

07976 381665

seanguiry@gmail.com

Recreation Ground

Ditchling Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

The recreation ground is owned and managed by Ditchling Parish Council. It offers facilities and spaces for a range of sports used by local clubs including football, cricket, archery as well as plenty of space to let off steam. There is a children's playground and a multi-use area with basketball hoop etc.

The tennis court is run by *Ditchling Tennis Club* and can be booked online.

The Pavilion Club, with licensed bar, is situated on the recreation ground (see previous entry) and available for hire.

Free parking. Booking is not required except for formal team matches.

Parish Clerk

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Places of Worship

Beacon Parish (Church of England)

St. Margaret's Church, West Street, Ditchling

Holy Communion - 10.00am every Sunday except third Sunday of month

when Holy Communion is held at either St Martin's Westmeston or Streat Church

Please check our website for all details of services

Parish Office

01273 843165

www.beaconparish.co.uk

Society of Friends (Quakers)

East Gardens, Ditchling

We meet for worship every Sunday 10.30 - 11.30am. All welcome. The Meeting House is also available for hire, with seating for 25 to 30

ditchlingquakers@gmail.com

www.ditchlingquakers.org.uk

Unitarian and Free Christian Church

The Old Meeting House, The Twitten, Ditchling

Available for Baby Namings, Memorial Services and registered for Marriages (registration for same-sex marriages pending)

Sunday Services, every Sunday at 11 am See website for other activities.

Rev Duncan Voice

07771 609347

revduncanv@gmail.com

ukunitarians.org.uk/ditchling/

Roman Catholic Church

St Edward the Confessor, Lodge Lane, Keymer. (part of St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill)

Saturday Mass 5:30 pm

Parish Office

01444 232358

burgesshill@abdiocese.org.uk

Preservation Societies, Friends Associations & Other Groups

Beacon Good Neighbours

The Beacon Good Neighbours scheme is run by volunteers from Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston to provide neighbourly help to anyone in our communities. The types of support our volunteers can offer include:

- Collecting and delivering post, prescriptions, pensions etc.
- Occasional local lifts to hospitals, doctors, shops, etc.
- Relieving a carer for a short break
- Help with shopping
- Help with computer and internet use
- Help with form filling, letter writing and reading
- Small household repairs and practical tasks (such as changing a light bulb)
- Pet care and dog walking. Light gardening e.g. plant watering
- Befriending – popping round for a chat over a cup of tea

If you know of anyone who could benefit from a little help or if you would like to become a volunteer yourself, please contact us on:

Contact: 01273 921668 beacongoodneighbours@gmail.com
www.beacongoodneighbours.org

Ditchling Charity Ball

The Ditchling Charity Ball is a biennial event held on Ditchling Recreation Ground in a large marquee next to the pavilion. So far, we have raised £89,900 for village charities. The ball was due to take place this year, however, unfortunately due to COVID, it has been rescheduled for 11th June 2022. Details of the event and the charities we have supported are on our website .

Contact: nikki@ditchlingcharityball.uk www.ditchlingcharityball.uk

Ditchling Footpaths Conservation Society

The aims of this society are to preserve the footpaths and bridleways in the three parishes of Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat by walking them regularly. We encourage people to enjoy walks in groups for recreation. We work to maintain the public rights of way of the paths. We help authorities to clear obstructions to the paths. We help the Monday Group (P30) to raise funds for their work to repair stiles and bridges on paths.

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Ditchling Museum Friends' Association



The Ditchling Museum Friends' Association is an independent, registered charity established to support the activities of Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft. It achieves its aims by organising social and fund-raising events, purchasing new resources, promoting exhibitions and talks in the Museum and by distributing its newsletter. The Museum was reopened in September 2013 following a £2.3 million refurbishment funded by the Heritage Lottery, charitable trusts and foundations and individual supporters.

Annual membership	£25
Concession	£20
Joint Annual	£45
Joint concession	£35

Admission is free for children of 16 and under when accompanied by an adult

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The Ditchling Society



Is an independent organisation that seeks to preserve what is best in our village and surroundings while lobbying for facilities and resources that will sustain our community in the future. We know that some things, once lost, can never be regained. At the same time, change is inevitable and we need to encourage the ethical and environmentally sensitive management of change for future generations.

The Ditchling Society
conserving the future of our community

We contributed extensively to the development of our neighbourhood plan, which received overwhelming support from the community. As part of our commitment to supporting the aims and policies of the plan, we objectively monitor planning applications that may significantly impact the parish. The Ditchling Society is a partner organisation in 'The Living Coast', our local UNESCO World Biosphere Region, and has links to many environmental organisations such as Friends of the South Downs and CPRE. We issue regular news updates to members and hold an annual summer event for members and guests.

We welcome the support of local residents - as active members, as volunteers in projects we undertake, or simply if you wish to express a love and concern for our parish and village. Ditchling is a very special place and the Ditchling Society works hard to keep it so.

Contact: 01273 841244 info@ditchlingsociety.org.uk

ditchlingsociety.wordpress.com

Friends of Ditchling

A charity which owns and maintains the Barn on the Green for the benefit of the village. Meets as necessary.

See also "Premises for Hire" (p19)

Rebecca Rivers-Moore

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Friends of St Margaret's Church, Ditchling Trust.

The Trust's primary responsibility is to raise funds for major repairs, replacement and conservation of the fabric to help the PCC conserve the church fabric and churchyard; to determine what it is appropriate to provide in order to achieve this aim; and to conserve a viable trust fund for this and future generations.

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Friends, Parents and Teachers Association of St Margaret's CE Primary School & Nursery



Ditchling School is a welcoming, creative and inclusive community which as of 2020 includes 190 pupils across six classes and the onsite nursery.

The Friends, Parents and Teachers Association raises funds to enhance school provisions for all the children. All parents are automatically members and the committee makes decisions on behalf of the members. The role of the FPTA is to develop effective relationships between school staff, parents and others associated with the school; and to engage in activities to provide facilities or equipment to support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

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HKD Transition

We are a group of Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer and Ditchling residents working to support a community response to climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy. Our aims are to work with everyone in our communities to create a sustainable future by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our resilience to the changes that lie ahead.



We are a lively and active group becoming increasingly involved in local activities associated with living in more sustainable ways. Particular areas where we are active include cycling, gardening, local food, minimising waste, flood avoidance, renewable energy and supporting community projects such as Ditchling Orchard.

We issue a monthly newsletter which is full of useful information and provides full details of events and activities both locally and in near-by areas.

Please contact us by email if you would like to find out more and / or join the mailing list for the newsletter via the link on our website.

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Mid Sussex Health Care PPG

The Mid Sussex Health Care Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a voluntary group with an elected committee. NHS England requires every GP Practice to have a PPG as it is part of the Government's strategy to improve local health services. The aim is to connect the community with the Practice and to provide a way for patients to be involved in the development of local health services.

The Committee meets monthly with the Practice to discuss current issues that maybe local, national or both, and to address any problems raised.

The PPG is a channel for patients to provide feedback on their healthcare experience, and it helps to communicate important healthcare information to patients in this community.



Louise Evatt

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Oldland Windmill Trust

The oldest working windmill in Sussex has been beautifully restored by local volunteers and is normally open on the first Sunday of every month between April and October. Volunteers work on Thursdays throughout the year performing maintenance activities or producing stone-ground flour. The team are always looking for new volunteers to help with publicity and stewarding on open days as well as training to become millers.



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Recreational and Cultural Societies

The Attic Art Club

A group of around thirty professional and semi-professional artists established more than 80 years ago, as its name suggest, in an attic in Ditchling.



Currently 2 exhibitions of members' work are held each year in Ditchling Village Hall, one during the May Open House Art in Ditchling event and one in August during Artwave.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary and are considered at the Annual General Meeting in November.

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- ♦ Front of house
- ♦ Publicity

Ditchlingplayers.org.uk

Clayton Windmills PROBUS club

A social society that organises guest speakers and occasional visits to places of specific interest to members. We organise a monthly lunchtime meeting on topical subjects at Pyecombe Golf Club (guests welcome) every third Thursday of the month, as well as other events. PROBUS is a society for retired/semi-retired men who have held some measure of responsibility in any field of worthy endeavour. PROBUS is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness. It is non-political and non-sectarian.

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Ditchling Bell Ringers

The bells are rung, at St Margaret's bell tower, for 30 minutes every Sunday to herald the beginning of the 09.45 church service and, on request, for weddings.

We meet for practice between 7.30pm and 8.45pm every Tuesday.

David Cragg

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Ditchling Film Society

A friendly gathering to view a wide variety of films representing the best in World Cinema, plus the occasional crowd pleaser! High definition digital projection and surround sound. Programme widely advertised locally. Annual membership £30 for all films. Guests welcome (£5 an evening), Tea and coffee included. Wine available for sale. Meets: Ditchling Village Hall 1st Thursday monthly 8pm.

Films (2021)

Th 7 Oct **Parasite**

Th 4 Nov **Leave No Trace**

Th 2 Dec **Pain & Glory**

2021 shows are free to all guests and members.

Ditchling History Project

The DHP is dedicated to learning and sharing information about the history of Ditchling. If you wish to learn about the people who lived or died here, the house you live in, the Arts and Crafts tradition or occupations practised here, we do our best to help you with information from census returns, parish registers and other collections.



Visit us at our website or call in at one of our drop-in sessions held at The White Horse Pub on the second Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 5pm. New members welcome.

Judith Davies

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Ditchling Horticultural Society



**Ditchling Horticultural
Society. Est 1822**

Ditchling Horticultural Society is reputed to be the oldest Horticultural Society in the country. Its object is to further the interests of horticulture generally, including the organisation of Annual Shows. It is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society. It owns and runs its own allotments at North End and encourages children and young people to take part in the shows with specific classes for them in different age groups.

We have two outings a year, one of which is to RHS Wisley, the other is to another garden of interest. Members receive a free Loyalty Card for Tate's Garden Centres which entitles them to a 10% discount on plants etc.

The subscription is £5 for an individual or £8 for a family. We welcome new members who need to be residents of Ditchling, Streat or Westmeston or have close ties to or work in the village.

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Ditchling Morris



Ditchling Morris was formed in 1985 as a family side performing traditional English Morris Dances. Morris dancing is an essentially English tradition and we are a mixed side performing mainly Cotswolds Morris dances that are elegant and energetic. We meet to practice on Thursday evenings from September to May, attend many formal events, international festivals, and can be found performing at various venues in and around the village and surrounding areas throughout the year. We welcome both dancers and audiences to keep the tradition alive. Membership is open to all.

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Ditchling Players



Founded 75 years ago, the Ditchling Players stage two productions a year - usually in May and November. Recent shows have included *Far From The Madding Crowd*, *Blithe Spirit*, *And Then There Were None*, *The LadyKillers* and *How the Other Half Loves*. We occasionally also stage a revue, pantomime, or similar light entertainment. Productions are staged in the Ditchling Village Hall over four nights and are usually well attended. Ditchling Village Hall is very well equipped as a theatre with digital lighting and a spacious stage.

We are a friendly and supportive group, and new members are always welcome. If you have ever thought about acting, or maybe prefer to learn backstage work, publicity or helping front of house, please get in touch. We are particularly keen to recruit people interested in set building and design. Ditchling Players' members also organise regular play readings and social events, including trips to the theatre and backstage tours.

Debbie Dillon

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www.ditchlingplayers.org.uk

Facebook: Ditchling Players

The Ditchling Singers

The Ditchling Singers are a friendly community choir formed in 2010. We sing for fun and everyone is welcome whatever their experience and ability - there are no auditions!

We have a repertoire of popular classics from the 1930s to the present day, taking in Gershwin, The Beach Boys, songs from the shows, Simon and Garfunkel, ABBA and many more. We usually perform at public events two or three times a year. These have, in the past, included the Oldlands Mill Open Day, Cuckfield Christmas Tree Festival and Ditchling Fair. If performing in public is not your cup of tea, this is in no way mandatory.

Rehearsals are normally held twice a month on Sundays, from 4pm to 6pm. Currently these take place in either The Old Meeting House in Ditchling, or Keymer Church Hall.

If you are interested and want to find out more please contact us, or simply come along to one of our rehearsals. Cost: £4 per rehearsal (the first one is free) plus the occasional purchase of music. Please log on to Ditchling.Com to find the current schedule for rehearsals.

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Ditchling Village Orchard Support Group

The Ditchling Village Orchard is located in Boddington's Lane. This peaceful place has been created for the benefit of all. In 2014 local volunteers planted traditional Sussex apple trees, plums, two pear trees, a quince and cobnuts. We are grateful to the Turner Dumbrell Foundation who made the land available and funded the planting and site preparation.

The Orchard Support Group is a friendly team of volunteers who maintain the orchard by watering, mowing, weeding and pruning. We also run the Apple Day event on the village green in early October each year and this has quickly become a very popular family event. If you can help, or have ideas for orchard activities, please get in touch. We issue an email newsletter several times each year to ensure that our supporters are kept up to date with news of activities, working parties and progress at the Orchard.

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LOCAL GREETING CARDS (& BOOKS)



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Beacon



Ditchling Church



View of the Downs
from Lodge Hill

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Ditchling Wine Society

Village Hall

Ditchling Wine Society began more than 25 years ago. Members have regular tastings in the Village Hall and other events. Wine is always on the agenda. Tastings are generally on a Friday evening and cover a wide range of wine-related topics and production areas. The membership is currently full, and we have a waiting list, but we welcome guests.

If you are interested in attending as a guest (until a membership vacancy becomes available) please contact the Membership Secretary for a list of forthcoming wine tastings.

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Monday Group

We are an organisation of volunteer workers in the heart of Sussex, founded in 1961, who build and maintain stiles and other wooden structures on public rights-of-way, as well as working to keep them clear of obstructions and overgrowth.

We respond to requests from members of the public, land owners and local authorities to help provide easier access to our beautiful countryside, and our work can be split into two main categories: Structures and Clearance.

- Structures: Construction of stiles, bridges, causeways, steps and sign posts.
- Clearance: Clearing rights of way to make them more easily accessible.

Harold Rowling, MBE

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Monday Meeting

The Old Meeting House

Do you ever get Monday Morning blues? (Cold roast lamb and sprouts in the fridge, bills and vapid adverts dropping on your doormat), then put on your coat and come to the warm company, interesting (short) talks by a variety of speakers and home-made cake at the Monday Meeting.

Meetings are held at the Old Meeting House, the Twitten, Ditchling on the third Monday of the month from 2-4pm. For further information and copy of the programme.

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Royal British Legion – Ditchling & District



The Branch does not have a club house so do not hold regular meetings. However, the Branch Committee meet regularly and organise the local Poppy Appeal, Remembrance Sunday Parade to the War Memorial and hold a brief service of remembrance on 11th November when it does not fall on Remembrance Sunday. For further information relating to membership, poppy appeal and remembrance

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Sussex Vale Rotary



The Greyhound Pub, Keymer

The Rotary Club of The Sussex Vale serves the communities of Albourne, Ditchling, Keymer, Hassocks. Hurstpierpoint, and Sayers Common. Many of our Members also live in Burgess Hill.

We are an informal group with a wide range of work and life experiences - who all enjoy volunteering, fundraising, social activities.....and having fun - whilst making a real difference to people's lives. From supporting local Foodbanks and the Dementia Cafe to helping to completely eradicate the dreadful disease of Polio. We provide financial grants and practical assistance to deserving causes both in the local area and internationally.

Our meetings take place weekly on a Monday evening 7.00 for 7.30 pm, The pattern is a Fortnightly Face to Face meeting and meal at 'The Greyhound' Keymer, alternating with a 'Zoom' virtual meeting. If you would like to find out more, give our Club Secretary, Marcus Martin a call

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www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1567

Vivace! Choir

The Old Meeting House

We are a small choir of mixed voices based in Ditchling, East Sussex. Our motto is 'Ubi Caritas et Amor' (Where there is love and charity) and we hope that you will come along to one of our future concerts and experience for yourself the joy that an evening with Vivace! can bring.

Our concert programmes feature a wide range of music, from Baroque to Rock. Some items are performed by soloists or small ensembles on a variety of musical instruments. Vivace! is a member of Making Music and we look forward to working with other affiliated organisations to promote throughout Sussex all that's best in live choral music.

We would welcome anyone interested in joining the choir. Rehearsals are 7:30-9.30pm on Wednesday evenings at the Unitarian Chapel (The Old Meeting House) in Ditchling.

Karen Hollamby

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www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk

Women's Institute —

Ditchling (Downs)

Ditchling Village Hall

We are affiliated to East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes. A group of women who meet in the evening who would like to attract all women of the local community who are still working, or retired and active, as well as women who are looking for an alternative W.I., out will go cake baking and flower arranging in favour of outings, fab speakers and social occasions. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall for a glass of wine and a very convivial evening. Visitors are extremely welcome. An annual subscription of £42 is due in January.



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Sports Activities and Clubs

Ditchling Archery Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

A target archery club, shoot all year round on Sunday mornings at Lewes Road Playing Fields, Ditchling. Members include longbow, recurve and compound archers. We run beginners' courses twice yearly and are open to anyone over 8 years, all children must be accompanied until the age of 18. Membership fees apply.



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Ditchling Cricket Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

Ditchling Cricket Club was founded in 1818. The club has two Saturday league sides, a friendly Sunday side and has Clubmark status. The club also has in excess of 120 juniors and enjoys considerable success despite its relative small size. The 1st and 2nd XI's play in the 1st Central Sussex Cricket League. The club always welcomes new members, both playing and non-playing.



Paul Ford (Chairman)

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Ditchling Football Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

Play in the Mid-Sussex Football League on Saturdays at Adastra Park, Hassocks (whilst drainage is resolved at Ditchling recreation ground)



The 1st XI play in the 1st Division the 2nd XI in Division 4 South. Training takes place at the Clayton Recreation Ground, on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings (July to September). During winter months training takes place at University of Sussex under floodlights each Thursday 8pm (September to March). Match fee for seniors is £5 per game, annual subscriptions are £50. New players and supporters of all ages welcome.

Michael Stratford

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Ditchling Footpath Conservation Society

Organise recreational walks as well as maintain footpaths. See page 22 for full entry.

Sally Burfoot

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Ditchling Rugby Club

Rugby Field, Keymer Road

Play at the Playing Fields, Keymer Road, Ditchling between September and April. Play in the Sussex 2 League. Training Tuesday evening at Varndean School 7-8pm.

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Ditchling Table Tennis Club

Ditchling Village Hall

We meet weekly on Wednesdays, 12pm-1pm in the lower hall of Ditchling Village Hall for an hour of fun table tennis. Equipment supplied and no experience necessary. Cost £1 - £1.50 per session (covers hall costs).

Barry Newnham

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Ditchling Tennis Club

Municipal hard court at Ditchling Playing Fields. Annual subscription from £15 juniors, £30 seniors, family subscriptions available. Keys and details from Ditchling Post Office.

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Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston Sports Day

The sports day, is an annual inter-village sporting and social event held at the Playing Fields on the May Bank Holiday. See page 13 for further details.

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Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

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Michael Stratford

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Sussex Nomads Cycling Club

Ditchling Village Hall Car Park, Lewes Road

The Sussex Nomads Cycling Club is a long-established cycling club based around Ditchling, with about 130 members who enjoy cycling for pleasure, fitness and sport. We organise weekly training and social rides, a programme of summer time trials, an annual hill-climb competition on Ditchling Beacon and trips to European and UK cycling events. Prospective new members are always welcome at club runs - just turn up at 9am any Sunday at Ditchling Village Hall - and you can sign up for free trial membership of our online forum for more details of events and membership benefits.

Will Faas

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Councils

Ditchling Parish Council

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Clerk: Sarah Mamoany 01273 844733 parishoffice@ditchling-pc.gov.uk

Meets on the fourth Monday of the month at the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall from 7pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and observe or make representations.

The parish council owns and manages Ditchling Recreation Ground, Ditchling Burial Ground and street lighting. Other work involves representing local opinion on planning applications.

Parish councils are part of local government and not connected to (but often confused with) Church of England Parochial Church councils. Ditchling Parish Council members are local people who live or work in the area.

Parish Office, Ditchling Village Hall, 18 Lewes Road, Ditchling BN6 8TT

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Ditchling & Westmeston Green Party Group

The aims of this group are to create initiatives that local residents, members of our group, can get involved in. These will illustrate people's concern for the environment and their concern for all of our residents, regardless of age, health or prosperity.

Nationally, the Green Party is funded by members, individuals, not corporate organisations. This allows us to act objectively and independently in accordance with our values and beliefs. The Green Party is already playing a key role in the constitution of Lewes District Council which, of course, includes the villages of Ditchling and Westmeston.

People with an interest in current affairs and social engagement are welcome in our group as are those who like going for walks in the fresh air to deliver the literature that we create! Joining this group is very informal and you will be made to feel very welcome. All we ask is that you consider making a nominal donation to the group's funds.

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October

Su 3 HKD Apple Day
 Tu 5 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Th 7 FILM: Parasite
 We 13 DVA - AGM
 Tu 19 DVA - Coffee & Cake

November

Tu 2 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Th 4 FILM: Leave no Trace
 Fr 12 Quiz - Friends of the Museum
 Sa 13 Ceilidh - St Margaret's FPTA
 Tu 16 DVA - Coffee & Cake
 Tu 23 Ditchling Players: Private Lives
 - Sa 27

Su 28 Light up Ditchling

December

Th 2 FILM: Pain & Glory
 Tu 7 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Tu 21 DVA - Coffee & Cake

2022

January

Tu 4 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Mo 10 Open Auditions: Ditchling Players
 Tu 18 DVA - Coffee & Cake

February

Tu 1 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Tu 15 DVA - Coffee & Cake

March

Tu 1 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Sa 12 DHS Spring Show
 Tu 15 DVA - Coffee & Cake
 Sat 26 DVA - Newcomers Party

April

Su 3 Oldland Mill Open
 Su 3 Orchard Maintenance Morning
 Tu 5 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Tu 19 DVA - Coffee & Cake

May

Su 1 Oldland Mill Open
 Su 1 Orchard Maintenance Morning
 Su 1 3 Villages Chase
 Mo 2 3 Villages Sportsday
 Tu 3 Ditchling (Downs) WI

Tu 10 Ditchling Players: Death by Design

- Sa 14

Tu 17 DVA - Coffee & Cake

June

Su 5 Oldland Mill Open
 Su 5 Orchard Maintenance Morning
 Tu 7 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Sa 11 Ditchling Charity Ball
 Sa 18 DVA - Ditchling Fair
 Tu 21 DVA - Coffee & Cake

July

Su 3 Oldland Mill Open
 Su 3 Orchard Maintenance Morning
 Tu 5 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Sa 16 DHS Open Gardens
 Tu 19 DVA - Coffee & Cake

August

Mo 1 Open Auditions: Ditchling Players
 Tu 2 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Su 7 Oldland Mill Open
 Su 7 Orchard Maintenance Morning
 Tu 16 DVA - Coffee & Cake

September

Su 4 Oldland Mill Open
 Su 4 Orchard Maintenance Morning
 Tu 6 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Sa DHS Bicentenary Show
 Sa 10 DVA - Societies Fair
 Tu 20 DVA - Coffee & Cake

October

Su 2 Oldland Mill Open
 Tu 4 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Tu 18 DVA - Coffee & Cake

November

Tu 1 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Tu 15 DVA - Coffee & Cake
 We 23 Ditchling Players: Gaslight
 - Sa 27

Su 28 Light up Ditchling

December

Tu 6 Ditchling (Downs) WI
 Tu 20 DVA - Coffee & Cake

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Useful Contacts

Citizens Advice Bureau

38 Church Rd, Burgess Hill 01444 454575 adviceguide.org.uk

Department of Work and Pensions

Medwyn House, Mountfield Road, Lewes
01273 368000 www.dwp.gov.uk

Library Services

Hassocks	01273 842779	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/
Burgess Hill	01444 235549	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/
Lewes	0345 6080195	www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/

Transport

Bus

Route 167: Burgess Hill – Hassocks – Ditchling – Lewes

Compass Travel 01903 690025 compass-travel.co.uk

Co-op free bus: Ditchling – Westdene – Blatchington Road Co-op (Tuesdays only)

Brighton and Hove Buses 01273 886200 www.buses.co.uk

Train

Hassocks Station, Keymer Road, Hassocks

3 trains per hour to Brighton, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Gatwick Airport, London, Luton, Bedford, Cambridge and beyond.

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Taxi

Five Star Taxis 01273 846666

One-nine Private Hire 01273 841919 www.one-nine.co.uk

Cycle

Proper Cycling & Coffee, 26 Keymer Rd, Hassocks BN6 8AN

Cycle sales and repair 01273 841611

Car Repair and Maintenance

Multiple car and motorcycle repair, servicing, tyre and body repair workshops at:

Tidy's Industrial Estate, Folders Lane East, Ditchling Common

Other Local Services

Dentist:

Hassocks Dental Surgery, 54a Keymer Rd, Hassocks 01273 842987

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Hassocks Eyecare, 17 Keymer Road, Hassocks 01273 843946

Veterinary

Ark Veterinary Group, 44 Keymer Rd, Hassocks 01273 844399

Groceries

Parkers 25 High St 01273 843343

Post Office 1 Lewes Rd 01273 842736

Sussex Peasant Churchyard, Thursday pm

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Eating Out

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Police

Non-emergency call 101

Medical

Ditchling Health Centre (General Practice)

Lewes Road 01273 834388 midsussexhealthcare.co.uk

Medical Telephone Advice, Out-of-Hours Medical Service

NHS 111, call 111 www.nhs.uk

Mental Health Line 0300 5000 101 (24/7 service)

Pharmacy

2 South Street 01273 842660

Defibrillators (Public Access)

- Ditchling Village Hall (main entrance), Lewes Road
- St Margaret's Church (porch), West Street
- Sports Pavilion (side of building), Lewes Road Recreation Ground
- St George's Park

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Lewes Rd, Haywards Heath 01444 441881 www.bsuh.nhs.uk/hospitals

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Brighton 01273 772277 National 116 123 (free)

Post Office

1 Lewes Road 01273 842736

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