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# North Wessex Downs Heritage Forum

Discover more about the history of your countryside at our Heritage Forum...

Memorial Hall, Lambourn  
Wednesday 23rd March 10am – 4pm

- ▶ Find out more about historic landscape character and why it matters
- ▶ See a demonstration of our new interactive web site
- ▶ Hear how you can read the history of your countryside
- ▶ Meet others interested in the heritage of the North Wessex Downs
- ▶ Become a landscape historian: try your hand at reading the history of Lambourn's landscape with the help of an expert guide

The landscapes and townscapes we inhabit are the result of a partnership between people and the land in which they have lived and laboured for more than 5,000 years. Every part of today's countryside has been shaped by history, and it's the endless interaction of people and nature that makes the landscapes of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty so special.

Rather than focus on particular archaeological sites or historic places, Historic Landscape Characterisation encourages us to look at how they fit together as parts of an intricately connected whole. By revealing the broad pattern of the landscape it encourages us to explore the history and origins of our local woods, fields and settlements with new eyes, prompting us to ask how they have come to be as they are today, what stories they have to tell and why they matter for us and future generations.

The Sharing Historic Landscape Character project aims to bring together complex data about the history of our countryside and makes it accessible using the latest web mapping techniques. Following public feedback from workshops held in October 2015, we are developing an exciting new interactive web site that will be launched at the Heritage Forum.

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The Heritage Forum is open to everyone interested in the heritage of our landscape. To book your place please email [juliebaldwin@northwessexdowns.org.uk](mailto:juliebaldwin@northwessexdowns.org.uk) £5 per person to help cover costs of refreshments.



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