

**LAND AT LANCING RING AND MILL HILL
(PART OF THE SOUTH DOWNS A.O.N.B.)
PREPARATION OF MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Adur District Council own land at Lancing Ring and Mill Hill and both areas are of environmental importance and are subject to heavy visitor pressure. Works have been carried out at both sites recently, for example, the depositing of soil at Lancing to prevent vehicular access to certain areas, and tree planting at Mill Hill. However, no overall plan exists to guide the development of the sites and it was considered that this should be rectified.

Lancing Ring and Mill Hill are important and conspicuous sites with major attributes for landscape and nature conservation and informal recreation, all of which may be integrated by a management plan.

A management plan should seek to form the basis of all action on a site should seek to protect and enhance the landscape and nature conservation values and to enable a site to be enjoyed for informal recreation, essentially walking, picnicking and viewing the scenery. Conservation and recreation are independent and both can be enhanced by appropriate management.

Against this background it was considered that management plans should be prepared for Mill Hill and Lancing Ring. The aims of the projects are -

- a) To enhance and conserve the natural beauty of the sites.
- b) To enhance proper consideration for the conservation of flora and fauna.
- c) To develop the potential for informal recreation.
- d) To safeguard and promote where appropriate agriculture interests.

Local people, farmer, conservation groups and national bodies were consulted during the preparation of the plans and their response was very positive and the Council's attitude towards an awareness of countryside conservation praised.

