

## **South Downs National Park (SDNP) Link Councillor Report June 2021**

South Downs National Park (SDNP) held their Parish Workshop for West Sussex on 15th June with an update on key projects, as well as a session on planning. Cllrs Tu and Bradley attended.

The session began by looking at the SDNP's visitor management strategy - a key consideration with most people relaxing and holidaying more locally. Amongst other things, SDNP has been holding 'pop up' engagement sessions at key sites with high footfall, where there have been specific issues or concerns. We will suggest that this would be useful on an Arundel Farmers Market Saturday.

The next session looked at the SDNP's strategy for nature recovery. This is vital for preserving, protecting and enhancing the area as a haven for plant and animals, enabling the natural world to adapt to change by joining up places that are vital for nature to thrive.

Following a brief planning overview session, there was a deep-dive on the community infrastructure levy, including examples of successful projects and partnerships, which will be helpful when the next window opens for bids (this is annually in January).

There were two Q&A sessions. Cllr Tu asked questions on the SDNP's approach to Passivhaus (a voluntary standard for energy efficiency); their view on the proposed waste incinerator at Ford; the potential for the wider area of the Wey & Arun Canal, and when Arundel would receive the new SDNP signage (this is likely to be in the next few months).

The Workshop will be available to be viewed online in due course.