# Bordon Petersfield

## DISCOVER

# SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK



### LISS 'THE HIDDEN VILLAGE'

Liss sits in the Rother Valley within the beautiful South Downs National Park. Wheatham Hill lies to the west and Hill Brow to the east, giving Liss its 'hidden' qualities as the village merges into its surrounding landscape. The parish includes West Liss, Liss, Liss Forest, Hill Brow and parts of Rake. The parish covers 3,567 acres and is one of the largest in East Hampshire. The development of Liss over the centuries is evident in the distinctive and varied architecture found within the parish.



### HISTORY

West Liss appears in the Domesday Book as Lyss (name of Celtic origin meaning Chieftain Court or Hall), and is the original settlement which is evident in its character and the prominent 13th Century church of St Peters. Other indications of its rich history include the "Plestor" (playing fields), a grass area in front of the Spread Eagle pub where the old village stocks were positioned close to the ancient oak tree.

The main settlement in Liss (originally East Liss), developed with the coming of the railway in 1859, while the settlement of Liss Forest developed in Edwardian times due to the establishment of the Longmoor Army Camp.



### LISS WALKS

The old Longmoor military railway, now dismantled, forms the peaceful woodland 'Riverside Railway Walks' and starts from Liss station on the other side of the crossing. There are 10 more walks starting at Liss Station (indicated on the map) which can be downloaded from Liss Parish Council's website (lissparishcouncil.gov.uk) or purchased locally. These take in the stunning South Downs countryside surrounding Liss which includes areas of rare heathland at Chapel Common and Durford Heath.

### DISCOVER THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

From rolling hills to bustling market towns, the South Downs National Park's landscape covers 1,600km² of breathtaking views, hidden gems and quintessentially English scenery. The National Park is also home to an incredible variety of flora and fauna, some rare and endangered. Wild orchids, Adonis blue butterflies, nightjars, dragonflies, water voles, otters and field crickets, to name just a few.

With 3,300km of rights of way, there is so much to explore from walking, cycling or riding, spotting wildlife or visiting one of the many heritage sites. There really is something for everyone.







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