

Steyning Downland Scheme

Drones

The Steyning Downland Scheme engages the local community and young people in particular, in enhancing the natural beauty of 165 acres of the South Downs National Park for the benefit of the community, the land and its wildlife. We work to ensure people who use the site support those objectives and are considerate of other users.

Drones can be a useful monitoring and recording tool but their indiscriminate use can also be detrimental to wildlife and to the enjoyment of the land by other visitors. **The use of drones is prohibited anywhere on the Steyning Downland Scheme, without the written permission of the Project Manager.** In addition, we have the following policy which applies to all drone use anywhere on the Steyning Downland Scheme:

1. You must have permission in writing from the Steyning Downland Scheme before your flight. To do this you'll need to contact us at least a month beforehand. Our contact details are listed below. When you contact us, we'll need to see details of:
 - a. Your name and contact details.
 - b. Your relevant qualifications and experience in flying drones.
 - c. The make and model of the drone you plan to use.
 - d. The date and time you plan to fly
 - e. How long you plan to fly for
 - f. Where you'll be flying
 - g. The reason for the flight.
2. In considering your application, we will take account of the following:
 - a. You must have relevant Public Liability Insurance of at least £5 million to fly a drone on the Steyning Downland Scheme. Please supply a copy of your Insurance Certificate when you contact us.
 - b. Birds and other wildlife must not be harassed or disturbed by drone flights.
 - c. You will not normally be allowed to fly a drone when our Dexter cattle are present.
 - d. You will not be permitted to fly a drone within 50m of a member of the public, whether you are filming or not.

For Information

1. The use of drones is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority and all drone flying must conform to relevant legislation, such as The Air Navigation Order 2016 and Regulations. Your attention is drawn particularly to Articles 94, 95 and 241 of that order.
2. Contact details for the Steyning Downland Scheme:
Tel: 01903 817996
e-mail: sds@wistonestate.co.uk
Post: Wiston Estate Office, Wiston Park, West Sussex, BN44 3DD