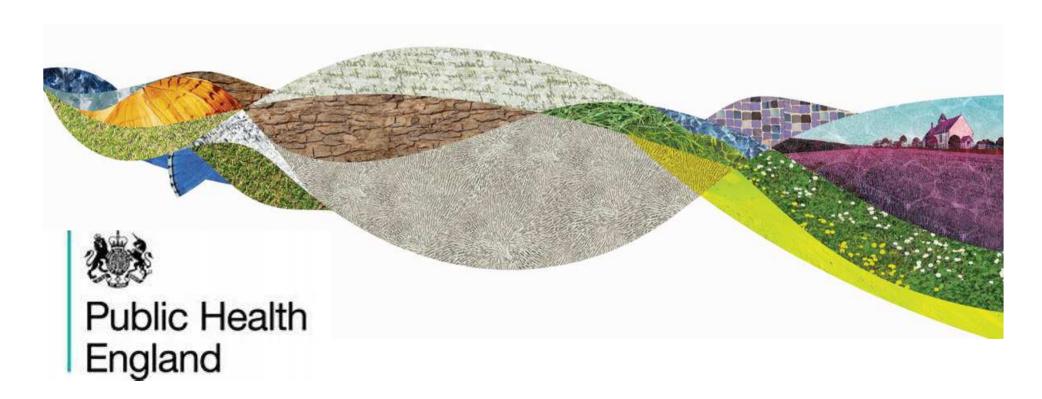
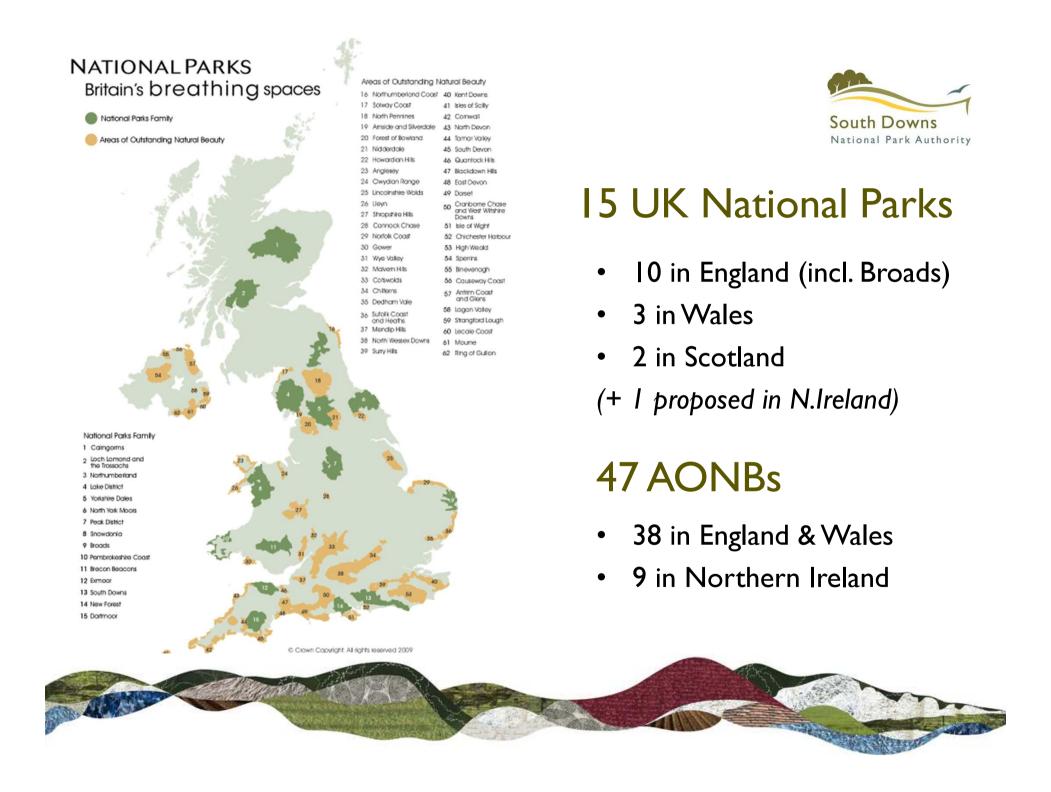




Health and Wellbeing in the National Park

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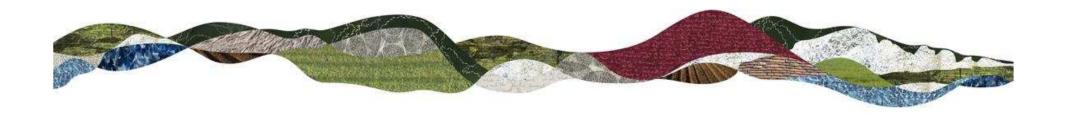
The South Downs National Park in a Nutshell



National Parks 8 point plan 5. Promote the best of British Food from 1. Connect young **National Parks** people with nature 2. Thriving natural 6. Everyone's National Parks environments 3. National Parks 7. Landscape and heritage in National Parks driving up international tourism 4. Deliver new 8. Health and wellbeing apprenticeships in National Parks in National Parks Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Health benefits of nature, social contact & exercise

- Psychological restoration and increased general mental wellbeing
- Reduction in depression, anxiety and stress related symptoms
- Improved self-esteem, confidence, mood and sleep patterns
- Increased social contact, inclusion and sense of belonging
- Increase in physical activity



Physical activity: Our greatest defence

Disease	Risk reduction	Strength of evidence
Death	20-35%	Strong
CHD and Stroke	20-35%	Strong
Type 2 Diabetes	35-40%	Strong
Colon Cancer	30-50%	Strong
Breast Cancer	20%	Strong
Hip Fracture	36-68%	Moderate
Depression	20-30%	Moderate
Hypertension	33%	Strong
Alzheimer's Disease	20-30%	Moderate
Functional limitation, elderly	30%	Strong
Prevention of falls	30%	Strong
Osteoarthritis disability	22-80%	Moderate





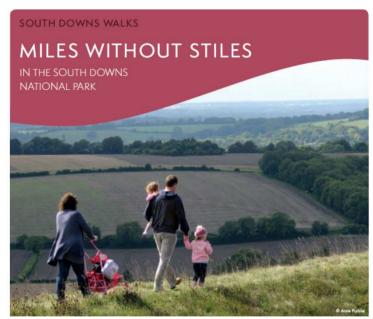
2. Providing opportunities for positive social contact





3. Providing opportunities for physical activity











Health
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