

Press Release

New Heritage Trail Guide For Hailsham Visitors

Visitors to Hailsham will be able to learn more about the town's heritage and historical significance thanks to a newly published leaflet produced by Hailsham Town Council.

The Town Council's Hailsham In Bloom committee, which works in partnership with local residents, schools, businesses and voluntary organisations to provide long-term improvements to the environmental quality of Hailsham, has created a glossy DL-folded Hailsham Heritage Map & Guide, copies of which are now available for members of the public to purchase (cost £2) at the Town Council offices in Market Street.

The guide gives a brief historical description of each of the 27 buildings and locations of interest included in the Hailsham Heritage Trail, and the map itself directs people around the town centre and its outskirts visiting such sites as St Mary's Parish Church, Hailsham Market, Cortlandt, the Common Pond and the Old Railway Station.

Hailsham In Bloom members originally proposed to create a designated heritage trail for the town in September of last year and, in partnership with local resident Paul Endersby, principal writer of the Hailsham Heritage Trail guide, identified a number of buildings and other locations of interest to residents and visitors which are considered to be of historical importance, the majority of which have been included in the Trail.

Paul Endersby, who also designed the trail's route, said the creation of the walk will offer an excellent insight into the town's rich and eventful history, and enrich the value of the town for visitors: "I am delighted to have been involved with the design and development of the Hailsham Heritage Trail from the very beginning. The guide will serve as a key resource for visitors to Hailsham, and will complement the numerous larger publications and attraction brochures that are already distributed through the Town Council offices and local visitor centres."

Adds Mr Endersby, "I would like to thank Hailsham Town Council and its Hailsham In Bloom Committee for their hard work and commitment to this project. Hailsham is a wonderful town, and I hope the new Heritage Trail is enjoyed and well-used by people of all ages."

An official launch of the Hailsham Heritage Trail will take place in June. For further information on the Hailsham Heritage Trail and other Hailsham In Bloom projects, visit www.hailshaminbloom.org.

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