

Press Release

Telscombe Celebrates the official opening of a coastal path after 40 years

Following a forty year long community campaign by Telscombe Town Council, The Ramblers Association, the South Downs Society, Open Space



Society and local residents associations footpath 12a which spans the Southern Water site on the south side of the A259 was officially opened by the Mayor of Telscombe, Cllr. J. Wilkins.

(The Mayor of Telscombe Cllr. J. Wilkins with members of the Residents Associations, Ramblers Association, Open Space Society and the Local Town Council).

Footpath 12a which is adjoins part of the Greenwich Meridian Trail and will form part of the National Coastal Path was closed in the early 1970's by Southern Water works at the Portobello site. The footpath remained closed and mainly unmentioned till the early part of the century when an eagled eyed member of the South Downs Society noticed that the footpath still legally existed. A campaign soon followed to open the footpath to the public and after a further fifteen years lobbying, Southern Water have finally provided access to the route. Special thanks go to Peter Seed of the Ramblers Association, Dave Brookshaw of the South Downs Society and Cllr. Dave Neave Chair of Telscombe Planning on Highways Committee for their continued efforts with the campaign which has helped achieve an open pathway from Brighton to Peacehaven.