

# Land Settlement Association

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## Sidlesham Heritage Trail



## Weald and Downland

### LSA Exhibition

18<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September



We are currently preparing for the LSA exhibition. Many thanks to Mark Broadbridge, Mark Murray-Brown, Norman Dixon, Colin Field, John & Anne Hall, Clive Need and Jan Sander who have offered to steward the exhibition. It would be great to get some of the other dates covered, so **if you are able to spare a morning or afternoon between 18-30<sup>th</sup> September please let me know asap.**



The exhibition, which will take place in The Michael Burton Gallery (Longport Farmhouse), the former reception to the Weald and Downland Living Museum, has 7 sections:

a Timeline of the LSA (national and local),  
a Timeline of the Sidlesham LSA Project,  
an LSA Smallholding,  
LSA People & their stories,  
The Heritage Trail,  
the dismantling of the LSA house  
and our film, which will be played on a loop.

There will also be a “visitors’ book” for comments and, hopefully, attract additional information and/or contacts.

## Heritage Trail

I led a walk around part of the LSA Heritage Trail last weekend as part of the Chichester Walking Festival with 20 people, who were fascinated by a story they knew nothing about, but they do now!

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## Crosslands Nursery (Walberton)

Walter & Louise Cross arrived at No 66 (Street End Lane) from Abertillery in 1936. Son Bill took over No 64 in the 1950s. Fourth generation Ben now manages Crosslands Nursery in Walberton where he specialises in Asteromeria.

The nursery has been nominated for the BFA (British Florist Association) Grower of the Year and would welcome your vote – use the link below and find Crosslands Nursery under Category 4. On behalf of Ben – thank you.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BFA\\_IndustryAwards2019Voting](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BFA_IndustryAwards2019Voting)

## Chichester Walking Festival

As part of the Chichester Walking Festival over the weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September I led a walk around the Sidlesham Heritage Trail which includes not only the LSA, but also the Selsey Tramway and the history of Pagham Harbour. 28 people attended and yet again it will come as no surprise that most of them did not know about the LSA, but they do now!

## LSA Charitable Trust

I have been contacted by Geoffrey Richards, Chairman of the LSA Charitable Trust. This organisation uses its funds either to support former LSA tenants or their dependants facing financial hardship or to sponsor horticultural education . . . . not unfortunately the rebuilding of an LSA house at The Weald & Downland Museum!

In his Annual Report for 2018/9 the Chairman will mention my name and pay tribute to the work which has been done in respect of the Sidlesham Heritage Trail and invite people with genuine queries the LSA to contact me.

I have also suggested mention is made of the work done by Peter Clarke (Potten LSA) and Leigh Belcham (Newbourne LSA), both of whom have done far more research at a national level. Newbourne LSA (and Leigh) featured on an episode of Penelope Keith's 'Hidden Villages' on Channel 4 and may also feature on a future Michael Portillo railway journey.

## First names

Jon Freeman (No 41) has updated the website with the first names of his parents. So only 2 left names, both at **No 70** what was the first name of Joan Holley's husband (1950s-60s) Joan was Secretary of Fletchers Hut & what were the first names of the Boatman family were also at No 70 in the 1970s.

Thank you for all your continued support and assistance with this project.

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