



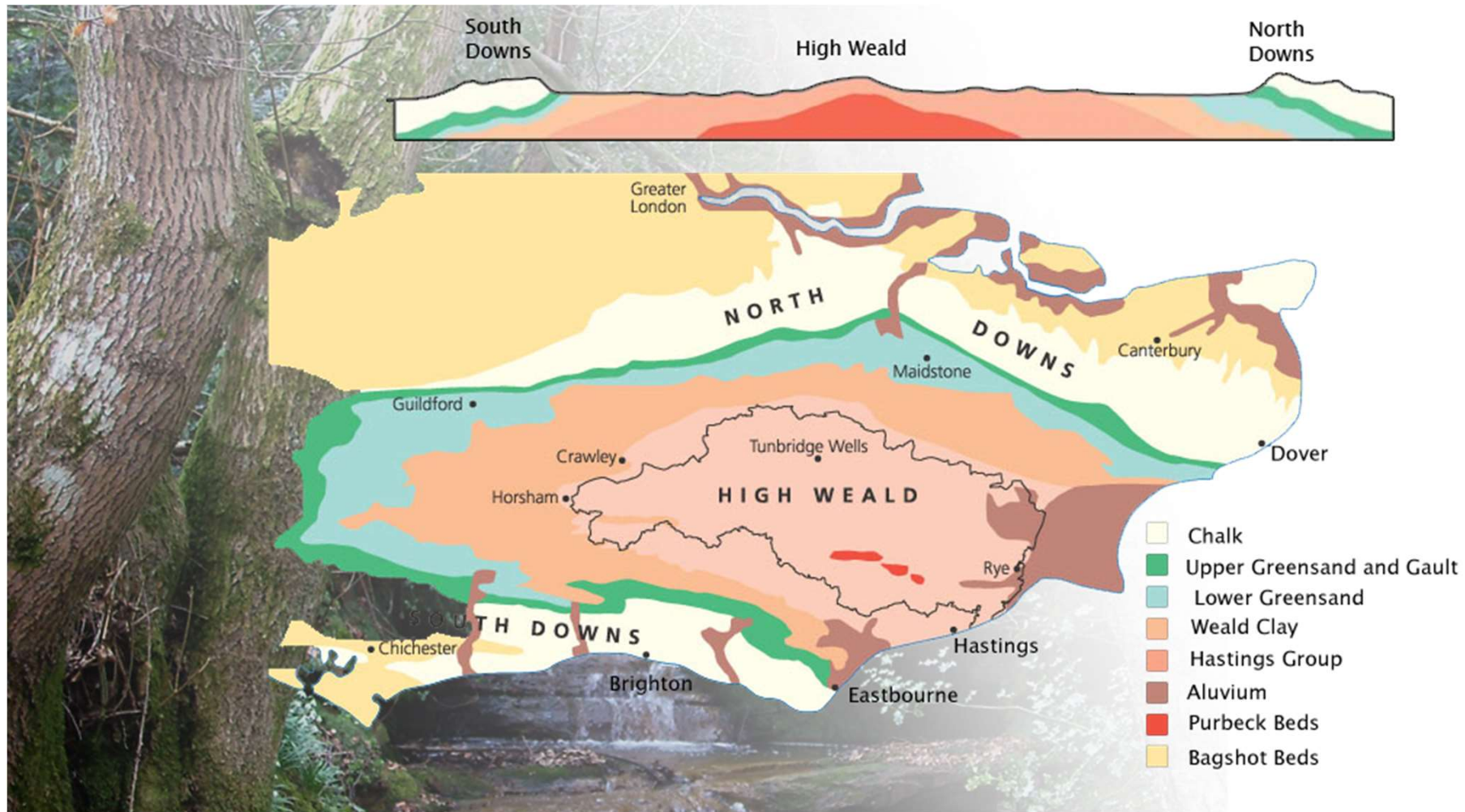
1066 line in the High Weald

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High Weald - a large protected landscape at the heart of the South East



Its boundary and character is linked to geology – the Hastings Group



Rail lines across the High Weald



Four mainline:

Brighton to London
Uckfield to London
Hastings to London
Hastings to Ashford

Three historic:

Bluebell Railway
Kent and Sussex
Railway
Spa valley railway

One of the best preserved medieval landscapes in Northern Europe

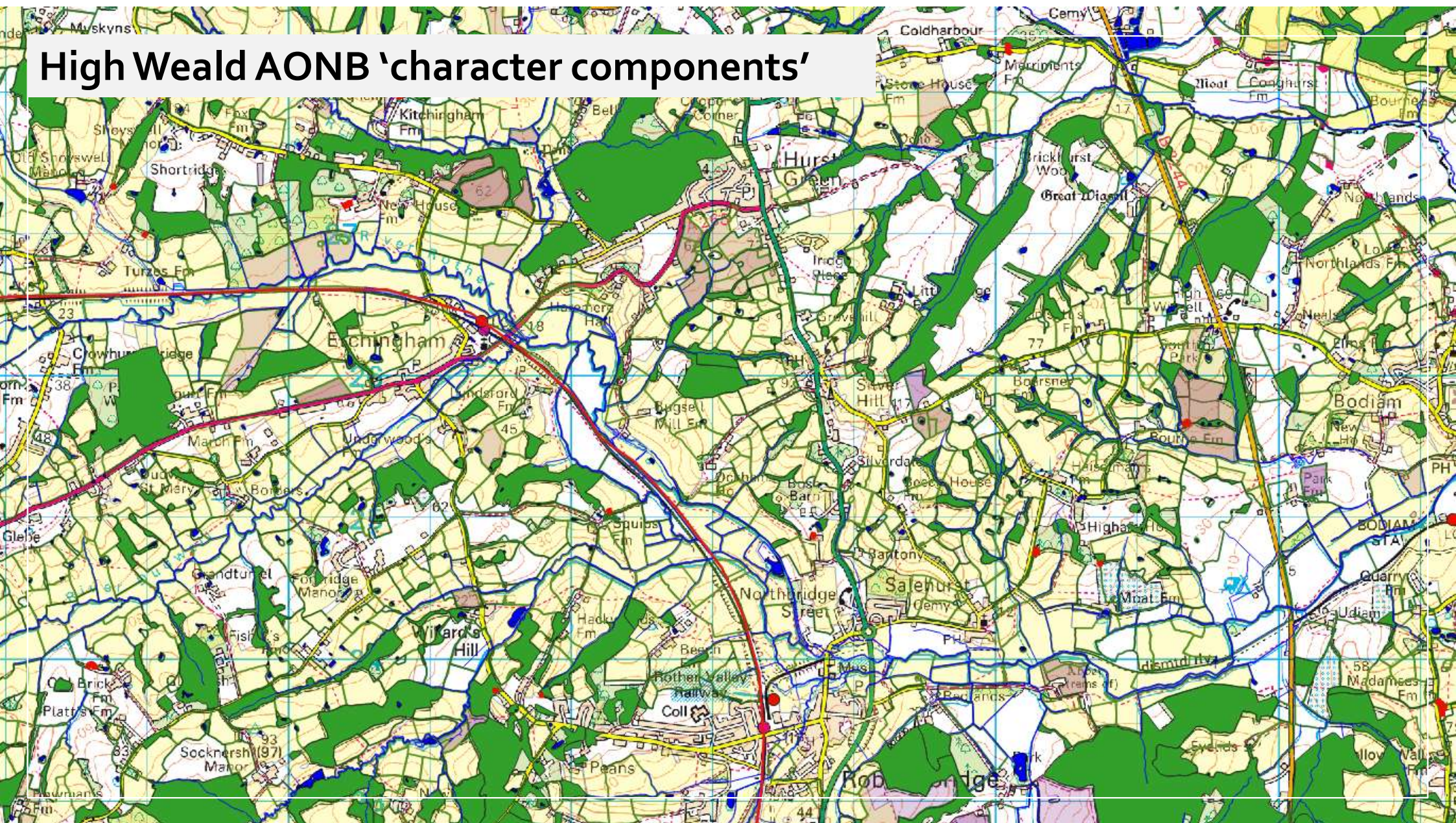


- The Anglo-Saxons created large agricultural estates centred on the Downs.
- Each 'manor' extended deep into the High Weald - livestock were taken via droveways to graze in areas called 'dens'
- By the medieval period dens had become individual family farms surrounded by their own fields
- Villages developed later, serving the farmsteads, and centred on trade and craft



Map showing routways from the Downs into the High Weald and the location of dens

High Weald AONB 'character components'



Features around the rail line – ancient woods, sandrock, gill streams



Features around the rail line – small fields, meadows, farmsteads





**HIGH
WEALD**



**WALKING
FESTIVAL
2021**



**Trails by Rail:
Wadhurst
Walk no. 45**



**Public understanding and
enjoyment**

Trails by Rail
I-Spy High Weald
Slow Bodiam guide

Community plays

High Weald Heroes
(primary school education
programme)
- Welly Walks

High Weald Walks Festival

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