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A RICH SEAM

Is a pack of nine self guided exploring the picturesque countryside of East Kent, linking together pretty villages, small farmsteads, grand country estates and remains of this areas industrial and mining heritage. Much of this arable landscape, profuse with hedges and woodlands, has not changed since Saxon times, boasting a long and rich history. Today the remains of the collieries, colliery villages and the East Kent Railway, built to service them, still stand as monuments to the vision of the late Victorian businessmen and to the thousands of miners who walked the length of the country to find employment in the fledgling coalfield.



THE MINER'S WAY TRAIL

The White Cliffs Countryside Project (WCCP) have produced this pack to compliment the Miner's Way Trail The Miner's Way is a new walking and cycling trail exploring the rich heritage and landscape of the former East Kent Coalfield. The route will use existing footpaths and bridleways to link together the former mining communities, colliery sites and stretches of the East Kent Light Railway.

The trail is approximately 30 miles in length and is an exciting new trail for this part of East Kent, benefiting local people by supporting businesses and services in the area and providing new recreation opportunities. Development of the trail has been carried out in partnership with Dover Museum as part of the wider Coalfield Heritage Initiative Kent (CHIK).



WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT

The WCCP was established in 1989 to help landowners protect and care for the special coast and countryside around Folkestone and Dover and to make it accessible to everyone. The project organises a programme of events including guided walks, cycle rides, family events and practical conservation days and is a unique collaboration between the local authorities, conservation groups, Eurotunnel and other local businesses. More information from 01304 241806 or www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk

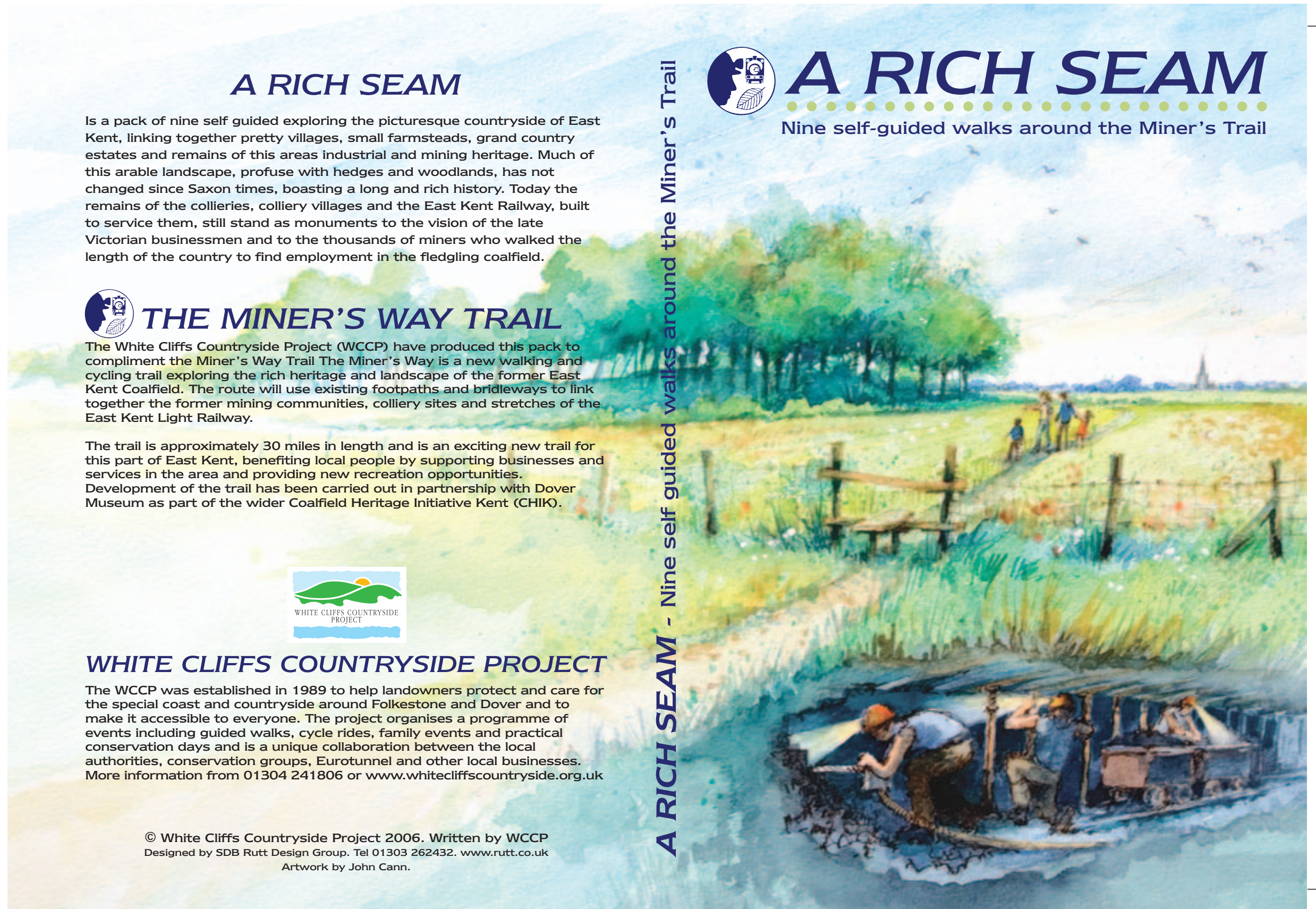
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A RICH SEAM

Nine self-guided walks around the Miner's Trail

A RICH SEAM - Nine self guided walks around the Miner's Trail



THE COALFIELDS HERITAGE INITIATIVE KENT PROJECT

In 2001 Dover District Council launched the Coalfields Heritage Initiative Kent (CHIK) project, led by Dover Museum and the White Cliffs Countryside Project. The project's aim is to record and preserve East Kent's mining heritage through the creation of a digital archive, comprising photographs, documents, stories, oral reminiscences and video clips. Put together by ex-miners and their families, schools, community groups and other societies, the aim is to create both a local resource available in regional centres and a 'virtual museum', available as a CD-ROM for home use and worldwide on the internet. The CHIK project will produce a unique resource on what life was like for people living and working in the Kent Coalfield Communities.

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