

PROJECTS : Update

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Cinque Ports Maritime Heritage



DOVER TOWN SIGNS PROJECT

The Cinque Ports Maritime Heritage Dover town signs looked well after their spring-clean.

This was carried out by the Society's project support group and local cadets in partnership with Dover District Council.

A good wash down and clearance of dominant growth and overhanging branches improved their appearance on the key approaches, at Whitfield Hill, Jubilee Way, Broadleas Castle Hill and Folkestone Road.

At a time when maritime history is receiving special attention the Society felt it appropriate that these special town signs should receive some tender loving care.

Originally they were erected, *circa* 1982, to mark the town's prominence in England's maritime heritage.

To add a splash of colour during the tourist season plants were put in after the frosts, with the Dover Sea Cadets completing the operation on 27 May during ENVIRONMENT WEEK. A framed BT/Civic Trust testimonial was presented by Dover Society's Vice-Chairman, Jeremy Cope.



The three photographs above were taken on the Deal road on the lower slope of Edinburgh Hill.

Could you point to Edinburgh Hill on an O.S. Map?



THE PRESENTATION

THE ST. MARTIN LEOPARD BOLLARDS

Reproductions of Dover's Victorian Bollards have been installed – with dazzling effect – by the IMPACT TEAM in the restyled Stembrook area, perpetuating a link with the past and the many other leopard bollards in the town that were restored by the Society in 1993.

At the time of the 1993 restoration there were two pairs of bollards we were unable to include as, in each case, a replacement was required. The two sites in question were at opposite ends of the town, one at East Cliff, at the end of Athol Terrace at the beginning of the Cliff Path, and the second was at Oswald 'passage' off London Road at the side of the now closed Buckland School.*

With the help of IMPACT, who supplied the two reproduction bollards, and the District Council who installed them, the Society's support group has now been able to complete the restoration of both

sets of bollards in the familiar black with gold relief. The two reproduction bollards were installed at the Buckland site and the two originals (one moved from Buckland) can be seen at the beginning of the Cliff path.

* "Passage" is shown in quotes because the opening to Oswald Road is unnamed and unadopted. It is referred to in several odd ways by those living nearby.

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