

PROJECTS : Update

JOHN OWEN, Chairman, Projects sub-Committee

MELBOURNE SCHOOL PROJECT FEBRUARY 1996

Asked by District Council officer Penny Graham to help with the re-design of the children's play area and some tree planting, the Dover Society was happy to respond.

A site meeting of Mr Nick Cox (District Council), Miss Tappenden (Melbourne School) and me (knowledgably aided by my wife Ann), was held on 12 February. The site has a westerly aspect and is on exposed ground falling to scrub at the school boundary. The soil is poor.

To produce as soon as possible some shade and shelter with educational interest in close proximity to the hard standing play area Mr Cox suggested suitable species planted in containers flanking the existing short wall. He was happy to supply an appropriate list. Containers require compost, the cost of which needs to be taken into account. Ongoing management would need to be thought through.

An alternative would be to plant directly into the ground to form a hedge-like feature concentrating resources on trees and shrubs.

A happy tree planting group at Melbourne School, Dover



Melbourne School children helped with their tree planting by the Dover Society and DDC officer Mr Nick Cox.

On 16 February there followed a tree planting session (trees by DDC) in which the children turned out in force to participate. Mr N. Coulson, Acting Headteacher, thanked all involved and said how good it was that the children should take an active rôle in looking after their environment. Miss Tappenden (class teacher) said "It's good to see the children doing something practical and useful".



Centre :
Mr Nick Cox, (DDC)
Above :
Miss Tappenden
(teacher)
Right :
Mr Coulson
(Acting Head)
Project Officer
(Dover Society)
Mr Barr
(Buckland Paper
Mill)