

## **WINDOW DISPLAY IN TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, DOVER**

The Society acknowledges the valuable publicity opportunity provided by the new Dover Town Council by making space available in the window of its office Castle Street.

As the local amenity society the Dover Society has been able to publicise its activities and membership details, together with a selection of photographs depicting successful projects involving member volunteers, local cadets and schools. The display ran for some weeks before Christmas and again for a month in the new year.

We have been able to achieve shop-window publicity outlets on two previous occasions by using an empty shop, as members may recall, but at no time is this an easy project to put together, relying, as it does, on the tact and goodwill of the many parties involved. In both cases, (Dickens's Corner, Market Square, and Walter's, King Street) all the concerned landlords, estate agents and the Dover District Council showed excellent understanding of what the Society was trying to achieve.

We are therefore especially grateful for the present arrangement with the Town Council and hope to repeat the project at regular intervals in the future.

## **PROJECT SUPPORT GROUP**

Members are invited to join our small but select group. Many of you have done so by filling in the appropriate section on the new application forms. Our aim is to ensure that our projects are successful. It gets us together for a few hours now and again to share experiences in the local environment which other members do not enjoy. Please contact John Owen 01304 202 207

## ***Emmaus - Steady Progress***

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Steady progress continues to be made on the conversion of derelict buildings at Archcliffe Fort for St. Martin's Emmaus. Already up to nine Companions, at any one time, are living and working there. The final major task is being undertaken and when that is completed, probably later this year, there will be accommodation for more than 20 Companions. This latest task is the conversion into flats of the first floor of the old Victorian barrack block. Much of the work is being carried out by the Companions themselves.

They have already played a major part in the conversion of the ground floor of the Victorian block into residential accommodation, kitchens, a communal dining room, a lounge and a quiet room. We are really proud of what has been achieved here.

By mid-January more than £376,000 (towards the original target of £400,000) had been collected or promised, but the management committee now accepts that the final completion figure could be in the region of £450,000. An application to the European Social Fund has been made.

Income from the shop at Archcliffe Fort continues to help towards the running expenses of the community. This income averages just under £600 a week. More shoppers- and Items sold in the shop recently range from a ship's wheel to paintings, furniture and china.

Dover Society members, mainly John Owen and Joe Harman, have planted more trees to create a screen inside the ancient fort walls.

Offers please to 01304-204550. Emmaus will collect.