

really improved. I find that I can instinctively identify butterflies (the Blues are particularly tricky at first). I have learnt a lot about wild flowers and have become fascinated by the various aspects of the weather.

As a boy, I spent many days on Whinless Down and now I still spend many hours on the hill, and I find it quite a romantic notion that - after all these years - I hold some responsibility for its well being.

Officially, I am a Volunteer Warden for Whinless Down and I am very proud to be involved in a project and study that I hope I can continue for many more years.

FOOTNOTE: The WCCP are always keen to hear from other people who would like to be volunteers and/or voluntary wardens for the sites WCCP manage. The kind work of volunteers and voluntary wardens greatly increases the works of the WCCP. The WCCP would like to thank all the Voluntary Wardens who

keep a watchful, caring eye on the sites.

Please contact Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Project, 6 Cambridge Terrace, Dover, Kent CT1G 1JT or telephone/fax: 01304 241806.

Coastal Landscapes Festival and the Winter guided walks programme.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project provided a range of events to celebrate the Coastal Landscapes Festival. The Green Gang 'family activities for school holidays' created an impressive, temporary 'Hillside Sculpture' of the Coastal Landscapes Festival logo for the start of the Festival and the grand finale for the festival was the Pumpkin Parade and Fire Sculpture at Kearsney Abbey on Saturday 31st October.

The Winter Guided Walks Programme is available direct from the White Cliffs Countryside Project, or from libraries, museums or Tourist Information Centres. We look forward to seeing you out on a winter walk sometime.

Emmaus Update

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Companions at St. Martin's Emmaus at Archcliffe Fort have been busy helping local craftsmen convert an old Victorian barrack block in the complex into flats. So far a dozen have been provided. The aim is to provide comfortable homes for 25 Companions.

Fund raising continues and the latest update (October) shows that more than £432,000 has been collected since the trustees launched an appeal three years ago.

The shop at Archcliffe Fort - well worth a visit - continues to trade well with average takings around £100 a day. To boost income the trustees are looking at the possibility of opening another shop in a neighbouring town.

St Martin's Emmaus has received support from The Dover Society, which is greatly appreciated, and if any members have household or other items they can donate for sale, please give us a ring on Dover (01304) 204550 and Companions will collect.

Footnote:

Terry Waite, the new president of Emmaus UK, visited the centre at Archcliffe Fort in November.