

EXPLORE DOVER'S HIDDEN FORTRESS

Western Heights Open Weekend
Saturday 30th Sunday 31st May 2009
10am till 5pm



The Western Heights Preservation Society presents a weekend packed full of exciting events and activities and a rare opportunity to explore some of Dover's hidden history

Stands and stalls, guided tours, re-enactments, refreshments and much more all weekend. Suitable for all the family

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The Western Heights Preservation Society

Report from Chris Taft, Publicity Secretary

Open Weekend 2009

On Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May the Western Heights Preservation Society (WHPS) will once more be presenting the now annual Western Heights Open Weekend on the hilltop above Dover. Each year this event grows larger and this year promises to be no exception. With the expectation of re-enactors recreating 19th century battle skirmishes, stalls and attractions, the weekend promises to be an event for all the family.

As last year it is hoped a number of events, including guided walks, tours and other attractions, will take place across the site. Of greatest interest will be the opening once more of parts of the historic fortress. One of the principal forts on the site, the Drop Redoubt, will be open to visitors for a small charge and the Grand Shaft, linking the hill top with Snargate Street below, will again be open free of charge.

Planning is still underway and so it is not too late for anyone who wants to help to get involved. Those interested are encouraged to contact the Society through the details below.

Work Parties

Work parties continue to work hard across the site taking major steps towards the improvement. Regular visitors will have seen the work progressing and at weekends

throughout the year volunteers working on behalf of the Society undertake some fantastic work to make real improvements to the Heights. Anyone travelling along the main road through the site, Military Hill, may have noticed the original access to the site, the North Entrance. Once heavily overgrown and with weeds pulling the brickwork apart the Society volunteers have now made huge progress in clearing the rubbish and vegetation. This not only helps improve the appearance of one of the most public-facing parts of the site, but also most importantly helps to safeguard the fabric of the building, one of the principal aims of the Society. The WHPS is really grateful to all the volunteers who have helped at these work parties and are happy to welcome new volunteers.

Getting Involved

The WHPS is actively seeking to expand and develop, if you think you would like to get involved and help move the WHPS forward please contact us at the address below. The work need not be strenuous and is very rewarding. Please contact the Publicity Secretary for more details or to have an informal chat about what may be involved.

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