

SOCIETY PROJECTS

Report by Jeremy Cope

COWGATE CEMETERY

We continue our work in keeping the Cemetery both as a nature reserve and as an area open to the public to enjoy and for local historians and genealogists. The cemetery has been a delight during the summer months, not in the tidily mown style of most cemeteries but of a semi wild area. It is an asset for Dover with its proximity to the town centre and is well worth a visit.

We have started the autumn mowing of the long grass and hope to complete the task by November, thanks to Paul Willmott of White Cliffs Countryside Project. All members are welcome to join our working parties by initially contacting Jeremy Cope on 01304 211348.

Provisional dates for our 2010 working parties are as follows:-

Thursdays	Saturdays
9.00am to 12.30pm	9.00am to 12.30pm
7th January	16th January
4th February	13th February
4th March	13th March
1st April	10th April
6th May	15th May
3rd June	12th June
1st July	10th July
5th August	14th August
2nd September	11th September
7th October	16th October
4th November	13th November
2nd December	11th December

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

RIVER DOUR

The Dour is one of Dover's prime ecological assets being one of the best trout streams in Kent.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project runs working parties from April to October to clear the litter from the river. I have helped in the work, stumbled in the river and got wet trousers, which I put down to old age but am determined it will not put me off. I find working on the river can be quite peaceful and therapeutic and I was really taken by seeing an eel which looked nearly two feet in length.

The River Dour Steering Group held its October meeting which was open to the public. I emailed our members to inform them that they were welcome to attend and we had a very pleasing turnout. One of the most important elements was a presentation by the Environment Agency of their work. The questions and answer session that followed showed the keen interest local people have in our river. I will be sending round copies of the minutes to our members on email but anyone else may have a copy (phone 01304 211348)