

# Refurbishment Sub-Committee

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**Y**ou will no doubt have heard of the Lottery Fund's grant of £1m for central Dover. The idea is to make the area a better place in which to live. The area of benefit stretches from Buckland Bridge to the A20 and on the north the boundary to include Barton Road exclude Connaught Park include Victoria Park and on the south to include Albany Car park, Priory Station and along the path of the railway line. This area is well worthy of this attention to overcome much past neglect. A good example of our special potential is the old Post Office in King Street now being restored with the front already cleaned. This example shows just what treasures lie beneath the surface. It is understood that the residents will determine how the money is spent, not local government. This programme will cover 10 years, and the hope is that the project will act as a generator for other funding. For the local group running the scheme this will not be an easy task but I am sure The Society will make its views and ideas known them.

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*Any person or group can put forward suggestions for improvements. You do not have to be a resident in the specified area. The first stage is to spread the word then Big Local Partnership will be formed, mainly of residents plus local organisations. They will put a Big Local Plan in place, oversee projects and set up a small easy to access small grants programme. The partnership and plan will be reviewed annually to ensure that*

*the scheme remains relevant and continues to address the area's needs and priorities.*

The work of implementing Section 215 of the Planning Act by DDC and DTC assisted by the Society volunteers is starting to bear fruit, just look at Castle Street to see the start of upgrading. Our committee members continue to help Pat Sherratt who is leading The Society's input on this one.

The zero tolerance policy on litter and dog fouling is due to start in February. We fully support this approach and the implementation, if applied with good sense, should not be a problem for any but the anti-social.

In the previous issue I reported our efforts to upgrade the path between the Castle, Bleriot Memorial and Langdon Cliffs. We have support from KCC Country Access Service and are working towards a better pathway but we have yet to finalise an answer.

I have previously reported on Sylvie Parsons joining our committee. Sylvie leads Brighter Dover and has an aim to create an ambitious planting in the Market Square - this on top of the planting already carried out in the town. All of this work is worthy of support from all of Dover with the object of raising our morale and the tone of the town. Funding is required for the Market Square project and this appears an ideal subject for the Lottery Fund grant.