

Commissioning Group that our pressure on retaining the adjacent land for any future "Intermediate Care" facility has been partially successful. The latest statement by the Health Minister suggesting more local care bed facilities to ease the main hospitals, (a point we have continually made to the Health Authority), may see some movement in delivering the facility that Dover deserves.

The original site for the hospital was to be in central Dover; however, this was rejected

as the site is at risk of flooding. This is very sad for Dover as it would have been close to bus services from across the district as well as assisting with town centre regeneration. With Dover Harbour Board about to start on the Western Docks Cargo terminal Alan Sencicle presented a flood alleviation plan that could be incorporated within the Wellington Dock part of the scheme. I have, therefore, written to the Chief Executive at DHB with copies to appropriate Ministers, requesting giving serious thought to Alan's paper.

River Dour Partnership

Ray Newsam

Work has continued on our plans for the river, with much being read and written but not much practical improvement actually happening yet! This is the nature of what we are hoping to achieve in that any work on the river has to go through approved processes including environmental and flood impacts but we hope by the time of our next report there will be lots to report with our ongoing planning coming to fruition with some exciting projects. We have been keeping a watch on the river and where necessary contacting the Environment Agency about pollution reports, monitoring planning applications affecting the river, and watching developments such as the demolition of the cinema in Castle St where the river runs under the site.

Much of our time over the last few months has been spent meeting various bodies with an interest in the river, including parish councils and the town council where Jeremy Cope addressed a full meeting of the council in September. Our last partnership meeting in July was

preceded by a site visit to the Buckland Mill development, with our host being Alert Reipma from the Homes and Communities Agency who gave a talk to the society on the development earlier in the year. We were all interested to see in real life the developments that we had seen on screen.

Our meeting later in the day was hosted at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, and included a talk by Kevin Charles of DDC on the exciting new project at Kearsney parks – if not mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter you can find out more and sign up to receive news at <http://kearsneyparks.co.uk/Home.aspx>

Our volunteers have continued with their monthly river clean-ups over the summer, looking grand in their new safety gear supplied by our You Decide grant obtained last autumn. We now also have banners to display at our events and work parties, and volunteer leaflets giving more detail of what we are trying to achieve and how to get in touch – if anyone knows a place that

we would be suitable to place some of these then please get in touch.

A final mention as usual of volunteers! We need lots more help from people with all sorts of skills to achieve our plans, not just the physical help supplied by our clean-up

volunteers. Financial skills, writing skills, a knowledge of the natural environment, business planning, photography, fund raising experience etc. are all needed. If you would like to help or know someone who would then please get in touch via our secretary.

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Dover's Western Heights in the First World War

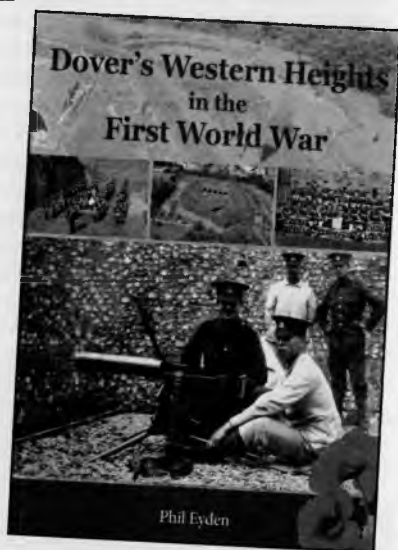
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Part I gives an in depth insight into the roles played by the infantry garrison, including The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), The East Surrey Regiment and The Royal Sussex Regiment. These are all forebear regiments of our own Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment which covers the whole of the South and South East of England.

Part 2 tells the history of the Dover Anti-Aircraft Corps and a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve unit, composed of Dover residents, formed to protect the town from raids by Zeppelins.



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