

- 7 Unitarian Church - Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm
- 8 Grand Shaft Staircase - Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm
- 9 St. Radegund's Abbey - Guided tours on Sunday 10.30 to noon and 2.30pm to 4pm

Publicity leaflets are available from the Visitor Information Centre (now located in Dover Museum), Dover Town Council Offices (Maison Dieu House), Dover Town Hall and Dover Library. To find out about other buildings open in the region call 020 7539 7921 or visit www.heritageopendays.org. Local contact for more information: Derek Leach on 01304 823926 or email derekriverdale@btinternet.com

Refurbishment Committee

Jeremy Cope

The Upper Road pathway from Bleriot Memorial to Langdon Cliffs.

I am very pleased to report that Kent Public Rights of Way have installed new steps that will take out the dangerous blind corner along Upper Road. Mike Weston, Barbara Little and I cleared the pathway besides Upper Road of overhanging branches, brambles and other vegetation which now makes it so very much safer. Kent will now cut back twice a year the section from the foot of the steps to the cliff edge path. This means that we can have a safe and attractive walkway around the Castle with a branch off to Langdon Cliffs. The Society will need to fund raise to secure proper signs but this will need to be done with cooperation of and help from District and Town Councils, English Heritage and National Trust.

Litter and dog fouling.

Alan Sencicle was so very diligent in working for a cleaner Dover and that included voluntary litter collection. Alan has decided that he will no longer take part in our committee - we are very sorry to see him go and will miss him.

We continue our input into ideas for improvements to Dover's road system. We deal with the town whilst Pat Sherratt and the planners cover the A2/ A20. An email

shows Kent Highways looking at alternative ways of dealing with speeding along Barton Road/ Maison Dieu Road and in particular problems at Five Ways. Highways are also looking at Dover's bus network but the Society's view remains that these measures should be part of an overall traffic strategy to provide a proper balance between vehicles and pedestrians. This should include a re-assessment of the one way system. Thankfully Beverley Hall continues to provide us with a very welcome dose of traffic expertise.

Jenny Olpin and John Cotton continue to liaise with Chief Inspector Barlow with a variety of concerns including, traffic, anti-social behaviour and drug use. Do remember we can bring your concerns to the Chief Inspector's notice.

Sylvie Parsons has made great efforts with planting schemes in Dover in the Market Square, Priory Station and at the rear of St Mary's. As with all voluntary work our aims are often thwarted or only partially successful. Sylvie has decided to withdraw from these voluntary tasks and concentrate on the many other demands upon her time. We are sorry to report this but hope that Sylvie will find time in the future for some of her imaginative ideas.