

Refurbishment Committee Jeremy Cope

Here are some of the matters with which we are involved and work to take forward:-

The Upper Road path from Bleriot Memorial to Langdon Cliffs. Kent Public Rights of Way have done their stuff and the pathway is being kept maintained. Our only task now is to raise funds to have the pathway properly signposted. I am on the lookout for a volunteer.

You will be aware of the new street lights that KCC Highways have installed. We are concerned that the lampposts used in the town centre (a conservation area) are not appropriate. Following enquiries to Dover Town Council and Dover District Council we have been directed to Kent Highways as the body that makes the decision on the lampposts to use. I await details of the criteria that are used for conservation areas and shall be sending off a reminder shortly.

We have received a positive response from East Kent Hospitals to our idea of information panels in the reception area of the new hospital. Our idea is to set out the history of the site in providing welfare to Dover starting with the workhouse (a very old fashioned idea of welfare) to the old Buckland Hospital to the new building. Should be interesting.

We have also expressed a concern on the Lindemann Plaque on the seafront. The cover has been renovated but it is not clear if the brown discolouration arises from the acrylic cover or the monument itself. We await details.

Jenny Olpin and John Cotton continue to have regular meetings with DCI Barlow to raise the Society's concerns. Do please let us know of any problems concerning police matters that you wish to be raised.

The noise from Dover Music Festival caused some members considerable discomfort. In dealing with such a matter one has to recognise that there is a very different reaction across the generations. One of our committee described the opposite reaction of his grandson who did not object to the sound. If we complain we need to offer sensible alternatives or there is a strong possibility we will not be taken seriously. Jim Pople is taking this forward for the Society.

I am very pleased to say that Alan Sencicle is now taking part in our committee, an invaluable person to pester the authorities on litter, drainage of our roads and improvements to our railway's fares system and its service.

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On 21 May 2016 an event bestowing a significant honour upon Dover will take place when the Right Worshipful the Town Mayor of Dover will assume the rôle

of Speaker of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports. This honour comes round every seven years and Dover's Mayor will be the leading civic dignitary of the ancient