

# River Dour Partnership

## Jeremy Cope

Work on the Dour is progressing bit by bit. White Cliffs Countryside Partnership continue to both support the Dour Partnership and to run the volunteer working parties who clean the litter and rubbish from the river. Our thanks are due to them for all they do. We must also thank Dover Town Council for funding equipment for our volunteers. This is important in enabling volunteers to be both effective and safe.

The other part of work on the Dour is concerned with projects. South East Rivers Trust together with the Environment Agency support are due to or have installed fish passes at Minnis Lane and Morrisons Weir. In addition you will now be able to see bright metal tubes at Halfords Weir and Lorne Road Weir. These are eel passes. Our target is to see fish passes at Lorne Road and Halfords. Why the emphasis on fish and eel passes? Because of the obstruction to the free passage for fish up and down the river, bio diversity within the fish population is very much restricted. Apart from our natural desire to see this great improvement it is

an aim that will enable the river to reach a good standard under EU environmental rules, something we are committed to.

South East Rivers Trust are also involved with other projects to enhance the river environment and are now trying to get an improvement to the stretch between the Police Station and Age Concern but this will depend on the Environment Agency being convinced that the flooding risk is not increased.

Another matter - who remembers the rather nice railings along the river bank at the junction of Barton Path and Beaconsfield Road? Kent Pathways have the job of repairing the section that supports the railings but not the money to repair and use this rather nice Victorian/Edwardian ironwork. A fund raising job!

Some of what we are involved with. Thanks due to our committee and our volunteers. If you would like to be involved please contact me on 01304 211348 or Sue Bradford at White Cliffs Countryside Partnership 01304 241806.

## Presentation To Merril

During the March meeting the Chairman presented Merril Lilley with a card and a bunch of flowers. Merril is moving away from Dover to go to live near to her family, she is one of our longest serving members was for many years the editor of the Dover Society Newsletter. We wish Merril many long and happy years.



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