
Refurbishment Committee

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The Refurbishment Committee has had a period of re-organisation with a change of Secretary and Chairman, followed by adjustment to the regular meeting date to the last Monday in the month. Our membership remains stable although we welcome anyone interested in joining us who has a passion to brighten and restore the appearance of our town.

Mike McFarnell continues to keep us informed of the Healthy High Streets initiative that is currently in flux as the regeneration of Dover's shopping centre becomes a reality. He also links with the Dover Town Team so keeps us briefed of any activity of our ever-increasing empty shops. We will of course, with everyone in the town, remain vigilant in any interest in the Marks & Spencer's empty building. Litter is a regular item with contributions from all the committee especially with respect to the William Muge site. Dover District Council (DDC) has confirmed that they will be clearing the site and we are regularly monitoring this. Fly tipping has been noted by Alan Sencicle on the Roman Road that crosses to the top of Melbourne Avenue. Also of concern is the collection of scrap at the Old Boat House, East Cliff where action is being taken by DDC following complaints by the local residents.

Right of Way access and signposting is being monitored on ER32 following our engagement with Dover Town Council and Kent County Council. Our regular walker Mike Weston reports on any progress with the signage that Refurbishment is pursuing with respect to ER32 and its links with the Bleriot Memorial. Our activity with this

has led to a partnership with DAD (Dover Arts Development) and an invitation to an event at the Pines Calyx to join in the launch of the CHALKUP21 website and the installation of the nine trail markers that mark significant architecture on a trail between Folkestone and Deal.

Two members of our Refurbishment Committee will be meeting in March with Chief Inspector Mark Weller of Kent Police for their regular bi-annual meeting. Do contact us should you have any thoughts or issues you may wish us to raise at these partnership meetings.

AGM

A reminder to all members

The Annual General Meeting this year will take place on Monday 16th April. This is also the last of the winter meetings until October. All members are urged to attend.

All nominations for elected posts within the committee and any resolutions must be received by the secretary no later than 14 days before the date of the AGM.

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