

entrances to the reserve welcoming visitors and providing information about what they might expect to see whilst walking through the different landscapes. The colourful boards included artistic input by children from local schools with one pupil designing the project logo.

The project is funded until the end of this year. It is not as yet clear whether the initiative will be carried on. New funding is actively being sought as the local commitment and involvement has been very high.

There is a regular programme of free events open to the public to encourage visitors to discover this, until recently, little known

and under-appreciated hill in the heart of Dover.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Hill at the Heart Project Manager, James Traynor, in Dover on 01622 357883/ 07717 803059 or email [James.Traynor@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:James.Traynor@kentwildlife.org.uk) You can keep up to date with the project by visiting (and following) Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OldParkHill>

The reserve can be accessed on foot at the following points (nearest postcodes):

Car park off Monks Way (CT16 2DL), Bottom of Whitfield Hill (CT16 3BQ), Via Khartoum Square (CT16 2EU), Off Old Park Hill (CT16 2BW)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS **Sheila Cope**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE (if you do not pay by standing order)**

£10 joint for 2 members at the same address, £6 single membership.

Our Marketing Group has met twice since the publication of the last Newsletter and has discussed the need to modernise subscription paying and recording by means of greater use of the internet while at the same time retaining the existing options of using standing order, cheque or cash. The Group also intends to explore the means by which articles in former Newsletters may be made accessible on line since at present a great resource remains hidden and almost impossible to access. Further methods of advertising our existence are also being investigated. Considerations of security are essential of course and are due to become more complex with the imminent introduction of the Data Protection Act in May. Expert advice on these matters is being obtained.

Deborah Gasking has distributed membership packs containing information about the Society, former Newsletters and

invitations to join, to non-members in the Elms Vale area and we are grateful to her for instigating this experiment. It follows on from her presence at events in the town where she has publicised the Society and recruited additional members.

We have welcomed Mrs G. Haq and Ms A. Tomalak to the Society together with five returners.

We are pleased to add Mr Chris Blackburn to our list of Area Distributors and thank him for volunteering to cover North Whitfield which is fast becoming an expanding area.

We send our condolences to the families and friends of those members whose deaths have been notified this year. They are: Mrs Audrey Thorn, Mrs Sylvia Stewart, Mrs Veronica "Ronnie" Philpott, Mr Bill Newman, Mr Maurice Palmer, Mrs Daphne Stoker and Mr D W Moynan.