

Refurbishment Committee

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Refurbishment continues to be focussed on tourism in the town and this culminated in November with a meeting between some members of the society and Chris Townend, the newly appointed Strategic Tourism Manager for the Dover District. Although actively engaged with current initiatives he is charged with the development of a new tourism strategy which we were anxious to influence and inform. The meeting was very energetic with many questions, ideas and fears being expressed. It is hoped that the society can maintain this partnership by engaging in regular meetings with Chris in the future, especially as the strategy begins to be operational. Our challenge is, of course, to remain motivated and positive about our town centre. As members please do use our monthly meetings to speak to us if any thoughts and ideas you may wish to share on this subject.

The Refurbishment Committee have also been interested in the Co-Innovation initiative in the old Co-op building. Quality and the impact of the project will be monitored. At first viewing it hoped that more small businesses will be attracted that result in a more diverse development. In more detail we are engaging with the owners of old Elephant and Hind building regarding the 'scruffy' planter.

Refurbishment member Mike McFarnell is very pro-active regarding recycling projects in particularly plastics and crisp packets. Walkers Crisps provide 'free' collection boxes for discarded packets and he is hopefully influencing the possible positioning of these in the town centre. He has also successfully negotiated with McDonalds at Whitfield for volunteer staff to collect the rubbish on Whitfield Hill. Refurbishment continues to have further concerns about the return of

unacceptable litter accumulations on the A2 and A20 verges and emails are being exchanged with Kent Highways and Highways England whilst keeping Dover District Council informed.

Action continues with Walkers are Welcome and English Heritage regarding White Cliffs, Bleriot and Dover Castle signage for Public Right of Way ER32. This is work in progress and it hoped will be in situ by the summer.

Meetings continue to be held with Kent Police and Refurbishment are imminently meeting with the Dover Police Community Inspector and we will update members in the next edition.

The Refurbishment Committee is looking forward to discussing the British Spring Clean March - April 2019 initiative at their next meeting.

Letter to the Editor 2018 Castle Ward Christmas Tree Competition Prize Winners



Please inform the society members the prize winners of a very successful 5th competition were:

1st Prize [£100] A tie, Castle Hill House [£50] and 2 Laureston Place, [The Guest House] [£50]

2nd Prize [£50] A tie, 53 Leyburne Road [£25] and 33 Castle Avenue [£25]

3rd Prize [£25] Ground Floor Flat 7 Castle Avenue

Approx. 30 other prizes were awarded throughout the ward

Many thanks to all who entered Graham Wanstall, organizer and sponsor of the competition