

Refurbishment Committee

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Since Christmas the Refurbishment Committee has continued to lobby for 'Cliff Path' and 'Dover Castle' direction signs at each end of the ER32 Right of Way. In partnership with Walkers are Welcome and English Heritage, we are pleased to report that funding for the signs was agreed by Neil McCollum of English Heritage and has included a finger plate safely directing walkers off Langdon Cliff and down the Cliff Path, thus avoiding the dangerous bends of Upper Road. However, Refurbishment has agreed to further lobby Kent Highways, Dover District Council (DDC) and other agencies to urgently consider the safety of the increasing number of visitors daily using Upper Road to access the Cliff and, vice versa, Dover Castle. We will keep you updated of any progress.

Deborah Gasking, Refurbishment member and very active with the Dour, has been reporting on the renovation of the Victorian railings on Barton Path, off Beaconsfield Road. This is work in progress, whilst the Bridge Street railings have been removed, renovated and returned, looking very smart.

Keeping our focus on litter issues is an endless task and we regularly contact DDC via their web site to report concerns. We urge you to use their site if you have any litter concerns. Currently Refurbishment are developing a focus on recycling and we are looking forward to welcoming Liz Hayes of 'Plastic Free Dover' to meet with us. Mike McFarnell keeps us

regularly updated on the Town Team activities, the Co-Innovation project and other Town Centre initiatives and ideas.

Having a remit to review, monitor, support and lobby for any issues regarding tourism we have been pleased to recruit to Refurbishment Denise Smith of the Dover Greeters. In our engagement with Kent Police, Denise has volunteered to join the PCSO's in their 'surgeries' in and around the Market Square. We look forward hearing of her experiences.

In March we were pleased to be invited to be part of the inaugural meeting of the Dover Community Network hosted by Dover Technical College. This initiative is aimed at bringing together a range of groups to work in partnership for our community.

Finally, Refurbishment has taken up the challenge of lobbying regarding the appalling sparsity of Public Conveniences in Dover. Watch this space, responses to date have been encouraging, so fingers crossed!



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