

# Refurbishment Committee Jenny Olpin

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The Covid-19 lock down has had a rather dramatic impact on our work. Matters have slowed down, come to a halt or taken a rather different turn.

We are holding our "meetings" via zoom, which allows for an online exchange of ideas and views. It's fine, within the limits of such technology, but not much use if you are not comfortable with the ins and outs of the computer world.

We have been contacted by DDC through Ashley Payne who deals with the "Community". His email asked for input into the following matters:-

1. Do you have any issues at present with supporting your community groups or know anyone that would benefit with support from DDC?
2. What problems or issues do you face in the next six months?
3. What is your most urgent need that DDC could help with?

With lock down your committee's process to gather information is much more limited so members, do please contact Jenny Olpin or Jeremy Cope (contact

details on inside front cover) about concerns and ideas that can be passed to DDC.

KCC has contracted Deal Retirement Centre (link is Connect Well tel. 03003 020178) to co-ordinate assistance for those over 70 during the Covid-19 crisis across the Dover district. I think we may have a few members over 70.

Other matters. Toilets – important issue both for tourism and local use is on hold. The homeless appear to have been housed during the lockdown – that would be a positive side of this rather negative event. There is concern about the effect on business and employment – the reports of P&O redundancies makes for rather grim reading and we hope this is not reflected across the district. Minor repairs to roads, patching up pot holes etc, have been noticed which is good, and I guess the result of much less traffic. If you notice litter why not take a photo and send it to DDC but do copy us in.

Finally, I do wonder what the next update will contain – viruses can be uncertain beasts.



*The Refurbished Lord Nelson*