

Environment Committee Janet Dagys, Chair

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The Environment Committee continues to meet at the Dover smART premises, now located on Bench Street at the top of the underpass, on the second Monday of January, March, May, July, September & November. Members also communicate and share information through a WhatsApp Group. We continue to focus on the appearance of the town, cleanliness, litter, rights of way and tourism, taking action when and where we can be effective and can make a positive difference. The Dover Society includes many rural areas around the town, and we would welcome new members from these areas to have their voice heard on these topics.

Ongoing areas of interest and monitoring have been the Dover Beacon Project on Bench Street, the Discovery Centre & the Roundhouse Theatre, the Painted House, the state of buildings in the town centre, the availability and condition of toilet facilities in the town and on the seafront, litter and the conservation of listed buildings and trees.

A member of the Environment Team has been following-up with National Highways, which is responsible for maintaining the six badly rusted light poles on the seafront close to the Eastern Docks, two of which are missing a light. Progress on the project initiated in its Capital Renewal Programme has been very slow. It has been in the design phase

in 2024 and work is understood to have been approved for execution in 2025.

We encourage Dover Society members and members of the public to post photos of excessive litter they see onto the Dover District Council (DDC) website at <https://forms.dover.gov.uk/xfp/form/1184>

We also encourage Dover Society members and members of the public to post photos of buildings in a poor state of maintenance in the town centre on the DDC website at <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Report/Report.aspx>

The website <https://www.passion4dover.co.uk> displays many of the projects that the Environment Team is working on and is maintained by a member of the team. If you are passionate about Dover and one of the projects on this website, please join the Environment Team and work with other team members to move things forward on that project.

We continue to liaise with our colleagues: Dover Town Council 'Walkers are Welcome' promoter Pam Brivio on walks in the town, Jayne Miles (Town Centres Manager, Dover District Council), Chris Townend (Growth & Development, Dover District Council), local Kent Police and other local town, district and KCC councillors.