

Membership Fee Increase Proposal

The Dover Society Executive have, for some time, been discussing the need to increase the annual membership subscription. At its meeting on 9th January, it was agreed to propose at the 2025 AGM meeting in April, in accordance with the Society's constitution, that –

- **The Annual Membership fee of The Dover Society from 1 April 2026 be increased as follows,**
- Individual – from £6 to £10**
- Couple at same address – from £10 to £14**

This proposal will be put to those members present at the AGM.

To give some understanding as to this proposal we would like to give you some updates on what has guided us to reach this decision. The Membership subscription has been fixed for thirty years and during that time there has been significant increases in our outgoings, such as

- Room Hire
- Public Liability Insurance
- Blue Plaques
- Newsletter x3 p.a.
- Wreaths x3 p.a.
- Website design and maintenance
- Equipment (Cowgate Cemetery)
- Winter Monthly Meeting (speakers, raffle, teas and coffees)
- Society promotion i.e. Gazebo

In addition, it might be useful for you to know our activities during a year of the Society.

- October to April. 3rd Monday. St Mary's Hall. Speakers. February, Quiz. April – AGM
- Meetings with Dover District Council x4 annually with Chief Executive and Officers
- Meetings with Kent Police x2 annually
- Regular Meetings with Planning Director and Planning Officer
- Executive meet monthly except August and December
- Environment Team meet bi-monthly (have regular WhatsApp connection)
- Planning Team meet monthly and submit comments to DDC where necessary.
- Blue Plaques installation – usually annual (19 Blue Plaques to date)
- Cowgate Cemetery working party
- Xmas Feast
- Summer Trips (currently on hold)
- The Society have both a Facebook page and a website, <https://thedoversociety.co.uk>
- Coordinates Dover Heritage Open Days annually
- In partnership with DDC and DTC managing the Maison Dieu project
- Led the Dover Bluebird Heritage Trail community project
- Conservation Area Appraisals for DDC

Should you wish to know more about our activities and/or wish to join or make any suggestion, or indeed comment, then please come and speak to us at the monthly meeting or email us via contact in the Newsletter or Website. N.B. Our annual figures are audited, and our auditors have commented that our expenditure continues to exceed our income.