

Dover Heritage Open Days

Paul Wells

What a week! After a glorious lead up to the event, the weather was sadly atrocious on the main Saturday of Heritage Open Days, and quiet blustery and shower for the rest of the week, but despite this only one event was cancelled and people battled the elements to visit places like Fort Burgoyne and the Wanstone Battery!

Currently we have broken the 3,000 mark of attendees across 35 events, from walks, talks, buildings, and tours. The Teatime Talks held in Dover Museum Community Cinema had over 220 attendees on some fascinating subjects on lost architecture of Dover including the Promenade Pier, Shakespeare Beach and a very busy session from Keith Parfitt on medieval archaeology. It has been the biggest Dover Heritage Open Days programme ever.

Thanks to the various organisations which participated - Dover District Council, Maison Dieu, National Trust, White Cliffs



Bottom Grand-Shaft Entrance

Countryside Partnership, English Heritage, Dover Transport Museum, Land Trust, Dover College, Western Heights Preservation Society and the Port of Dover. Thanks also to Keith, Andy, Martin, Barry and Colin for their illustrated talks and walks, and the various churches around



Wanstone Battery 15 inch gun Clem

the area for opening up.

Preparations have started for next year's events which will be held from Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September 2026.



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Newsletter New Delivery Procedures

Sheila Cope

Members who receive their newsletters by local area distribution, rather than by post or by email, cannot fail to have noticed that in July their newsletters arrived without envelopes. This was all part of the Society's new plan to streamline deliveries, and the initial trial appeared to have worked well.

In future, A. R. Adams & Sons (Printers) Ltd will not only print our newsletters, as they have done so efficiently since 1990, but will also label and stuff envelopes for postal deliveries. Area distributors will each collect their own batch of newsletters from Adams premises in Dour Street, together with a list of their "clients".

These new procedures will enable Jeremy and I to withdraw from our former task of assembling and distributing the paper newsletters. We would like to express our grateful thanks to all the area distributors, past and present, who have cheerfully and efficiently collected or received their batches from us for more than three decades. It has been a pleasure to know and to maintain contact with you and we have valued your friendship.

The continuing success of the Society depends on such members who beaver away in the background, often unnoticed. We are thanking and recognising you now. Best wishes to you all.

Sheila and Jeremy Cope.