

licence from Netto to allow it to clear the banks of the river particularly around the B&Q lake. There were also reports from the Harbour Board and Folkestone and Dover Water Services. I was impressed by everyone's commitment to the Dour and their recognition of its qualities and potential. It bodes very well for the

future. However, the people of Dover must play their part. The rubbish which so spoils our river and its banks, is dropped or dumped by us and not by anyone else. In addition, if anyone wants to volunteer for the rubbish clearance parties you should contact the White Cliffs Countryside Project on 01304 241806.

COWGATE CEMETERY

With autumn comes the task of mowing the cemetery; of cutting back the growth of spring and summer. The vigour of the growth never fails to surprise me. It makes for a lovely, wild display but this is paid for in our mowing and clearance work. We are making good progress and if anyone is interested in joining our working parties please contact me on 01304 211348.

Over the past few months we have spent a substantial amount on upgrading and repairing our equipment. I am particularly pleased with the two trimmers we have acquired. They are powerful and effective and have rapidly shown their worth. We have also purchased safety helmets fitted with ear protectors and mesh visors. With this upgrading I feel much more comfortable about our volunteers' safety.

This upgrading has been made much easier with the help of Brandon Tool Hire of Holmestone Road. This is the first local supplier who has been consistently reliable, particularly in

repairing our equipment. Brandon's have also recognised the contribution we make without cost to Dover and have been generous in calculating its charges. Our thanks to Brandon's.

We are very grateful for the very generous anonymous donations, towards projects, we have received over the past few years. It means that the overall cost to the Society has been substantially minimised.

Dover Society - Cowgate Cemetery Provisional Working Party Dates 2008

Thursday	Saturday
3rd January	12th January
7th February	16th February
6th March	15th March
3rd April	12th April
1st May	10th May
5th June	14th June
3rd July	12th July
7th August	16th August
4th September	13th September
2nd October	11th October
6th November	15th November
4th December	13th December

