

SOCIETY PROJECTS

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COWGATE CEMETERY

The cemetery looks well after the winter - it's a lovely spot even allowing for my bias. If you are nearby it's well worth a visit. Dare I say it but I feel we as up to date with our care of the area as we have ever been.

Thanks are due to all of those who have worked as volunteers over the years of the Society's involvement

and to the support given by White Cliffs Countryside Partnership.

I am delighted to report that member Deborah Gasking joined us last month. If you would like to try volunteering don't hesitate to contact me (phone 01304 211348) or you could just turn up to one of our work sessions.

THE RIVER DOUR

The White Cliffs Countryside Partnership working parties recommenced their work in April after the winter. The break allows for the spawning of fish. The Dour is such a lovely river but so in need of rubbish litter clearance. Anyone interested in joining the working party should contact the Partnership on 01304 241806

The Dour Steering Group met in April and learnt of the Environment Agency's work including its restoration of the river in Temple Ewell to a more natural state through creation of low water flow channels and planting of native species. Further work is being planned for Russell Gardens. The Agency is working with Dover Harbour Board to

ensure that any changes that may come with the T2 development will allow for migrating fish. It is also working with District Council to upgrade the river from A20 towards Castle Street. Dover Town Council hopes that the improvements at Charlton Green will be completed by this summer with seating and an information panel.

I e-mailed members with details of the proposals to create a cycle path that "shadows" the Dour. Any route can only run alongside the river for short distances but has to use nearby roads. The idea is a route from Buckland to the sea with the first section from Buckland to Charlton Green. We await the outcome with interest.