

business people and experienced people to complete the committee. At all times there must be at least a 51% majority of residents from the area. Over the life span of the Big Local individual committee members will change and adapt to the ongoing needs of the area.

Partnerships between residents and businesses will be formed. Some for just a single project, others for multiple projects some for a short time and others for a long period.

At all times it must be kept in mind that the aim is to improve and enrich the Big Local area and the people who live there.

Carl has initially been assigned to our area for 18 months. It will then be up to the residents to decide if

he has done a good job; if so, then reappoint him. If not, they can appoint anyone of the other Big Local representatives.



*Map Big Local Area*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Sheila R. Cope Membership Secretary**

**J**ohn and Ann Owen have left Dover to live nearer their daughters. As committee member responsible for projects John organised many events which benefited the community, such as litter clearances, usually involving local youth groups, the cadets for example. Both John and Ann helped with "stuffing" Newsletters and with distributing them too. They deserve our grateful thanks.

It is disappointing that we have not reached our aim of attaining 500 members in this, the Society's 25th anniversary year. We run to stand still and each year recruit about the same number as we lose, having maintained an average of 450 for the last nine years.

We need as many members as possible to maintain our influence and to provide a pool of younger members to take over the reins in the future. Nevertheless over 95% have paid their subs and thanks to them, as always.

The good news is that we have recruited a considerable number of welcome new members since Christmas. They are:- Mrs V Le Vaillant, Mr K Simmons, Mr D & Mrs A Courtney, Mrs J Kennedy, Mr R Sales, Mr J & Mrs M Kemp, Mr P Sparshott, Mr K & Mrs S Verity, Mr T Friend, Mr C Meredith, Mrs J Turner, Mrs S & Mr K Farrell, Mrs M Nicholls, Mr C Burke, Ms J Edwards and Mr J Lockyer.