

Environment Committee Janet Dagsys, Chair

The Environment Committee continues to meet at the Dover smART premises next to the Yacht Club on the second Monday of January, March, May, July, September & November. Members also communicate and share information through a WhatsApp Group. We continue to focus on the appearance of the town, cleanliness, litter, rights of way and tourism, taking action when and where we can be effective and can make a positive difference. The Dover Society includes many rural areas around the town, and we would welcome new members from these areas to have their voice heard on these topics.

Ongoing areas of interest have been the Market Square development, the Dover Beacon Project in Bench Street, the campaign to save the Discovery Centre Theatre, the Painted House, the state of buildings in the town centre and along the seafront, litter and conservation of listed buildings and trees.

When we have seen a litter problem or a building in a serious state of disrepair, we usually contact Dover District Council and/or post a photograph to the DDC website.



Prince Regent Pub 1926

A member of the Environment Committee saw excessive litter and an old fridge dumped in the alley between a building and St. Edmund's Chapel. After quite a bit of follow-up with Dover District Council, the

eyesore was cleared. Another member has been following-up with Crown Estates which is responsible for five badly rusted light poles on the seafront close to the Eastern Docks and awaits dates for this issue to be resolved. A photo of the very poorly maintained building above the Post Office in Biggin Street has been posted by a member of the team to the DDC website and a Section 215 maintenance notice is now in place.

We encourage Dover Society members to post photos of excessive litter they see to the DDC website at <https://forms.dover.gov.uk/xfp/form/1184> also, buildings in a poor state of maintenance in the town centre at <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Report/Report.aspx>

Work continues on a project to post photos of listed buildings in our area to the British Listed Buildings website at <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/> where a photo for a building is missing. Photos of all listed buildings in Dover have been posted to the website with the exception of the Prince Regent Pub in Market Square, demolished in the 1990s and the Medieval Undercroft at 10 Bench Street. All photos of listed buildings in St Margaret's have been posted to the same website, with the exception of four which are on private land.

We continue to liaise with our colleague and Dover Town Council 'Walkers are Welcome' promoter Pam Brivio on walks in the town, Jayne Miles (Town Centres Manager, Dover District Council), Chris Townend (Growth & Development, Dover District Council) local Kent Police and other local town, district and Kent County Council councillors.