



# Dover Town Council

Working just for Dover – Newsletter Winter 2019/20



**Dover Town Council wishes you Happy New Year 2020**

Dover people gathered at the Town's War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate all those who gave their lives for our Country. Thanks go to Dover White Cliffs RBL who set out the Garden of Remembrance and collected for the Poppy Appeal in all weathers over the 2 weeks before Remembrance Sunday raising over £8000.

It's been a long haul but The Dover Town Team –all determined local volunteers- finally achieved success with confirmation of a £2.44million grant from the Coastal Communities Fund to transform the Market Square with improved traffic management, more space for pedestrians, green planting and a splash water feature – paddling allowed! The Town Council have backed the Town Team from the beginning. In 2012 Mayor Cllr Sue Jones was behind the setting up of the Town Team itself and in 2016 a Town Council grant of £25,000 made all the difference in getting professional plans drawn up for the first funding bid. Work is scheduled to start in Spring 2020.

Christmas and Mid-Winter Holidays were switched on in style as new festive lights lit up the Dover Town Centre after an afternoon of free fun for all ages with local youngsters and Bollywood Dancers headlining the Roadshow, The Snowman Simulator Ride, Christmas Crazy Golf, the Xmas Escape Room plus Father Christmas and much more. Thanks to everyone who helped out and came together to make it a day to remember!

## News and Events - The Highlights!

Have you had your say about the future of Dover by completing the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire? Download from [www.dovertowncouncil.gov.org](http://www.dovertowncouncil.gov.org) or pick up a hard copy from the DTC offices or Dover Library. Your Town needs Your Ideas!

Even a little bit of money can go a very long way in the hands of committed volunteers. Dover organisations can apply for a grant for a project in their Ward under the Councillor Ward Grant Scheme or for a Committee Grant for a larger project. Contact the DTC office or your Ward Councillor to ask for help, or download information from our website. Grants this year have included £100 to Dover Big Local Stitching Group for materials for children's craft workshops and £2000 to Emmaus Dover for the refurbishment of accommodation for the homeless. Some deadlines for this financial year are fast approaching - so act now!

DTC supported International White Ribbon Day in the campaign to end violence against women with an information and well-being event on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Anyone can have a go - outdoor table tennis and table football have been installed in the Town Centre near to Maison Dieu Car Park and the Riverside Centre. Free to use 24/7 - the games have been an instant hit with young and old alike having fun! Just bring bats and balls!

And another first for a fitter Dover - on the way very soon - brand new outdoor gym equipment and sandy play area on the seafront!

## Want to find out more?

Town events and visitor information - see [www.destinationdover.org](http://www.destinationdover.org)

All Council meetings are open to the public. Meeting Agendas and much more about Council services are available on our website, on our notice boards, or to view in our offices.

**Your Council - Your Town**

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