



# Dover Town Council

## Newsletter Winter 2021



### Lighting up Dover and looking to a bright 2022

Dover came together and sparkled for Christmas in style this year. Giant animal lanterns lead a procession of over 300 star lanterns - all hand crafted by local people - through the streets. A Christmas Market, entertainments throughout the day and the lighting of the Town's festive lights and Christmas trees made the day really special. Thanks to all our partners for making this such a special day for everyone to enjoy and remember.

DTC are helping to make the celebrations that much better for households nominated by local schools. Christmas hampers with a few extra goodies will again bring some festive cheer where is needed most in our community.

New Year - and a new fit you! You can get out and about for a walk in our countryside, on the cliffs or by the sea. Dover has it all! White Cliffs Countryside Partnership manage the Council's open access land and run a volunteer scheme and events programme. Download their information leaflets and find out more from their website

[www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk) And the DTC open air seafront gym is there for you 24/7.

Covid has shown us how important it is to be able to meet up and chat - over a meal or just a cup of tea - our mental and emotional health and well being can depend on something as simple as hot cuppa, a friendly word and someone to listen. But it's not easy for everyone. So the Council has given grants to Dover Outreach's Sunrise Café on Snargate Street which operates a "pay what you can" scheme for those on low incomes and to the Cohesion Café operated by local charity Samphire as a hub for those in need of help and support. There's a warm welcome for everyone so pop in next time you are passing.

## News and Events - The Highlights

On Remembrance Sunday we were able to meet in person again to commemorate those who died in the service of their country and for our freedoms. Our thanks go to the Royal British Legion (White Cliffs) Branch and all those who took part in the service.

The Walk with Amal lantern parade to Dover Castle to highlight the plight of child refugees attracted overwhelming support from Dovorians. As the Mayor said "We need much more of this"

Our young people are often inexperienced and vulnerable. Their lives were turned up-side-down during Covid. Damage could be serious and long term so DTC have put a £6000 grant towards a Town Youth Co-ordinator to reach out to teenagers, especially those in difficult and abusive home situations with support and help.

New applications—small and large for a DTC grant are always welcome - see below.

Do you have ideas about how to make Dover a better place to live, work and visit? We are working on our 2022-23 budget and our Ambition Plan 2019-23 is on our website. Contact your Ward Councillor either directly or via the office.

The DTC office is now closed to the public following most recent Government advice. Contact us by phone or e-mail - we are very much here! For the latest local Covid-19 help and information go to Dover District Council, at [www.dover.gov.uk](http://www.dover.gov.uk) or call 01304 821199.

### Want to find out more?

Town events and visitor information - see [www.destinationdover.org](http://www.destinationdover.org) and the Destination Dover Facebook page.

All Council meetings are open to the public. Meeting Agendas, information about Council services and the items in this newsletter are available on our website, our notice boards, or by contacting our offices.

**Your Council for Your Town**

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