



# Dover Town Council

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## Your Most Local Council – Filling the Gaps!

“Regeneration is not just about buildings. In order to lift the heart of a place it must involve its people and provide opportunities, aspiration and a sense of community” – says Town Mayor of Dover, Councillor Gordon Cowan.

Councillors are backing three big projects focusing on improving everyday quality of life for all Dovorians with essential infrastructure and facilities.

- A £60,000 grant will go to not-for-profit organisation Go Dubris to provide start-up spaces for small businesses. There are already 10 new businesses trading in Dover Town Centre in shops that would otherwise be empty. The Town Council’s grant will secure the future for 5 years and play a vital part in the regeneration of our High Street.
- The Council backed efforts to save and improve the Roundhouse theatre as a community performing arts space in the Town. Plans by Kent County Council to convert the building to offices would leave Dover as the only local town without a dedicated community performance space. Dover has enough empty office space to meet any need – but it has only got one theatre!
- Options for a new Youth Café with toilets open to the public in the Town Centre are being explored. Young people need somewhere warm and safe to go where they can socialise – and everyone needs the loo now and again!



## News and Events – The Highlights

The Zeebrugge Raid Commemorations on 23<sup>rd</sup> April will take place in person this year and everyone is welcome to take part in the Town Centre when the Zeebrugge Bell will be rung at midday.

Celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee including a grand picnic are planned in Pencester Gardens during the holiday weekend.

The popular band concerts will return to Pencester Gardens and the Market Square this year during July and August.

The children's sandy play area on the sea front at Granville Gardens will open for the season in April. And don't forget that the outdoor gym with some of the most up to date equipment is available free to use 24/7 throughout the year.

Water saving is a top priority in the dry South East. The Council is installing a water borehole in the large Maxton allotment site to make use of water that would otherwise be wasted.

There are grants available to community associations for events and projects in Dover with the new year budgets opening from April onwards.

Your Councillors listen to what you think. Our Ambition Plan 2019-23 is on our website – and if you want to contribute with your ideas for a better Dover contact your Ward Councillor either directly or via the office.

For more information about all our events and projects and grant applications please look on our website or contact the office.

### 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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