

Town Council Offices Maison Dieu House Biggin Street Dover CT16 1DW

DATE OF ISSUE: 27th June 2024

# **DOVER TOWN COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE will be held at the Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent. CT16 1DW on MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024 at 6.00pm when the business shown on the agenda below will be transacted.

Any member of the public who requires further information, wishes to make representations to the Committee, or has any special requirements in respect of this meeting please contact Ms Allison Burton, Town Clerk, on 01304 242625.

Allison Burton TOWN CLERK

The Press and Public are welcome to attend.

## **AGENDA**

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence. Prior to a meeting Councillors' apologies, with a reason for absence from that meeting, should be submitted to the clerk of the Committee.

# 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and/or other interests as required by law. (Guidance for Councillors concerning disclosable pecuniary and/or other interests is attached for your information). (Pages 1 to 2)

#### 3. MINUTES

To consider the Minutes of the Civic & Special Projects Committee meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 (Copy attached). (Pages 3 to 6)

## 4. BUDGET

To note the latest out-turn of the Committee's 2024/25 budget (Copy attached). (Pages 7 to 8)

#### 5. WATER SPORTS

To consider Councillor Brivio's report concerning Accessible Water Sports provision (Copy attached). (Pages 9 to 10)

#### 6. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

- To note, the Chairpersons update on the committees' activities 2023/24 (Copy attached). (Pages 11 to 12)
- To note Playground Proms feedback concerning grant allocated from this Committee towards the Playground Proms that took place in April 2024 (Copy attached). (Pages 13 to 16)
- 6c) To note Dover Welcomes Walkers article (Copy attached). (Pages 17 to 18)
- 6d) To receive any further items of information regarding the Committee's responsibilities.

#### 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Civic & Special Projects Committee will be held on Monday 14th October 2024 @ 6pm.

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# **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

## Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest' explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting. Members should remember that a finding of a breach of the law with regard to DPI's carries a fine of up to £5,000 and a criminal record.

## Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

#### Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone they should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

#### Notes:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representatives on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3**



# **DOVER TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024 at 6.00pm in the Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover.

#### PRESENT

Councillor Bedi

Councillor Bird

Councillor Bradley (To Agenda Item 6C)

Councillor Calder

Councillor Collins (To Agenda Item 6C)

Councillor Collor

Councillor Jones (To Agenda Item 6C)

Councillor Kember

Councillor Lamoon

Councillor Sawbridge

Councillor Shread

Councillor Mrs Wanstall (To Agenda Item 6A)

Councillor Wanstall (To Agenda Item 6A)

Councillor Bedi (Deputy Town Mayor) took the chair for the start of Agenda item 1.

# 16. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Committee considered the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Councillor Wanstall proposed and Councillor Bradley seconded the motion that Councillor Sawbridge be appointed Chair of the Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Councillor Kember proposed and Councillor Bird seconded a motion that Councillor Brivio be appointed Chair of the Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Councillor Sawbridge then took the chair.

Councillor Bird proposed and Councillor Jones seconded the motion that Councillor Kember be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Councillor Wanstall proposed and Councillor Mrs Wanstall seconded a motion that Councillor Lamoon be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sawbridge be appointed Chair and Councillor Lamoon be

appointed Vice-Chair of the Civic & Special Projects Committee for the 2024/25

Municipal Year.

# 17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Verrill, Biggs (Town Mayor), Brivio, Defriend & Cowan (Personal Commitments).

# 18. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members present made no declarations of disclosable pecuniary and / or any other interests as required by law.

### 19. MINUTES

Councillors noted the approved Minutes of the meeting of the Civic & Special Projects Committee held on the 8th April 2024 as resolved at the extraordinary Full Town Council Meeting, 17th April 2024, Minute No 246.

#### 20. BUDGET

The Committee noted the latest out-turn of the Committee's 2024/25 budget.

# 21. <u>APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</u>

The Committee considered the following applications for financial assistance:

Moving Memory Dance Theatre Company Ltd; Home-Start Dover District; Cliffs of Sanctuary – affiliated with City of Sanctuary UK; Dover Pride 2024; Ceramic Arts Dover.

#### RESOLVED:

- a) That the Committee make a grant of £1,000 to Moving Memory Dance Theatre Company Ltd. Funding to be allocated from the Sports / Health Development Fund provision in the Civic & Special Project Committee's 2024/25 budget, along with a further £810 towards the Dover Winter Light Up performances, to be allocated from the Events Facilitation Provision in the Civic & Special Project Committee's 2024/25 budget;
- b) That the Committee make a grant of £2,242 to Home-Start Dover District. Funding to be allocated from the Sports / Health Development Fund provision in the Civic & Special Project Committee's 2024/25 budget;
- c) That the Committee make a grant of £670 to Cliffs of Sanctuary. Funding to be allocated from the Events Facilitation Provision in the Civic & Special Project Committee's 2024/25 budget;
- d) That the Committee make a grant of £5,000 to Dover Pride. Funding to be allocated from the Events Facilitation Provision in the Civic & Special Project Committee's 2024/25 budget;
- e) That the Committee make a grant of £1,006 to Ceramic Arts Dover. Funding to be allocated from the Events Facilitation Provision in the Civic & Special Project Committee's 2024/25 budget;
- f) All negotiations and agreements to be delegated to the Proper Officer in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

# 22. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

- 22a) The Committee noted the Clerk to the Committee's report dated 13th May 2024 concerning Outdoor Leisure Activity.
- 22b) The Committee noted the Town Clerk's (Proper Officer) report dated 24th May 2024 concerning the Seafront Soldier.

# 23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Civic & Special Projects Committee will be held on Monday  $1^{\rm st}$  July 2024 @ 6pm.

Meeting Closed @ 8.12pm

CHAIRPERSON Councillor R Sawbridge

Chairperson

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 24/06/2024

AGENDA ITEM 4

Month No: 2

Committee Report

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>Civic a</u>	and Special Projects							•
110	Mayoral Costs							
410		761	6,150	5,389	•	5,389	12.4%	
4102		786	1,500	714		714	52.4%	
4103		. 0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4104		`0	1,600	1,600	565	1,035	35.3%	
4105	Badges of Office	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4113	3 Uniforms	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
	Mayoral Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	1,547	9,850	8,303	565	7,738	21.4%	. 0
	Net Expenditure	(1,547)	(9,850)	(8,303)				•
111	Mayoral Charity Fundraising		:					
***********	Mayor's Charitable events	348	0	(348)			0.0%	
	Mayoral Charity Fundraising :- Income	348	0	(348)				0
`	Net Income	348		(348)			,	
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301	Civic Functions							•
4301	Remembrance Sunday	0	2,500	2,500	1,889	611	75.6%	
4302	Zeebrugge Raid Commemorations	1,448	2,500	1,052		1,052	57.9%	
4304	Other Links/Functions	2,950	1,750	(1,200)		(1,200)	168.6%	1,950
4305	Civic Hospitality	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4307	Statutory Annual Town Meeting	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4308	Honorary Freemen	0	325	325		325	0.0%	
4309	Civic Twinning	. 0	500	500		500	0.0%	
	Civic Functions :- Indirect Expenditure	4,398	9,075	4,677	1,889	2,788	69.3%	1,950
	Net Expenditure	(4,398)	(9,075)	(4,677)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	1,950						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,448)						
	Quality died Cooks							
	Custodial Costs	1,198	4,500	3,302		3,302	26.6%	
4311	Insurance - Civic Regalia	0	1,250	1,250		1,250	0.0%	
4313	Repairs	U	1,200	1,200		.,200		
	Custodial Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	1,198	5,750	4,552	0	4,552	20.8%	0
			1.15					
	Net Expenditure	(1,198)	(5,750)	(4,552)	1			
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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 24/06/2024

Month No: 2

Committee Report

		Actual Yea To Date	r Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EM
<u>303</u>	Town Events							•
4063	Events/Activities Facilitation	62	52,000	51,938	17,322	34,617	33.4%	
4412	Festival Lights	17,103	35,000	•	17,022	17,897	48.9%	
	Town Events :- Indirect Expenditure	17,165	87,000	69,835	17,322	52,514	39.6%	-
	Net Expenditure	(17,165)	(87,000)	(69,835)				
601	Special Projects							
4421	Sports/Health Development Fund	1,493	42,000	40,508	12,658	27,850	33.7%	
	Special Projects :- Indirect Expenditure	1,493	42,000	40,508	12,658	27,850	33.7%	(
	Net Expenditure	(1,493)	(42,000)	(40,508)				
(	Civic and Special Projects :- Income	348	Ō	(348)			0.0%	
	Expenditure	25,801	153,675	127,874	32,434	95,441	37.9%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	(25,453)	(153,675)	(128,222)				
	plus Transfer from EMR	1,950						
· [	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(23,503)						
	Grand Totals:- Income	348	0	(348)	-		0.0%	
	Expenditure	25,801	153,675	127,874	32,434	95,441	37.9%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	(25,453)	(153,675)	(128,222)	-	•		
	plus Transfer from EMR	1,950					•	



# **DOVER TOWN COUNCIL**

Report to:

Civic & Special Projects Committee

Meeting date: 1 July 2024

From:

Cllr Pam Brivio

Date written:

26th June 2024

Subject:

Accessible Water sports Provision

# 1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, owing to the commercialisation of the Dover Water sports Centre, there has been no access to coaching or equipment for local young people for dinghy sailing or paddle sports. Many of our children are growing up with no opportunity to learn water safety or water navigation skills while statistics show a concerning lack of outdoor activity and growth in childhood obesity and poor health.

# 2. INFORMATION

Dover Harbour is one of the safest sea-based environments for learning to sail and paddle yet there has been a complete lack of opportunity for our young people to enjoy this. The Port of Dover, aware of concerns around this and loss of provision during the pandemic, have worked to facilitate a local provider (Royal Yachting Association affiliated) to provide access to equipment and coaches in the Harbour. The Dover Sailing School, part of Cinque Ports Sailing – a not-for-profit providing RYA accredited training in Ashford and Hythe – has recently started a programme for young people to learn to sail in the Harbour. Three local schools are currently taking part in a schools' programme and there are also after school sessions for other youngsters. Costs for these are kept low but there is nonetheless a cost for both the schools and the individual youngsters to take part. This may be a barrier for some of our Dover families.

Similarly, the nearest local provision for paddle sports training – canoeing, kayaking and paddleboard – is in Hythe. We can see from the small number of adult paddlers in the summer evenings that there is an appetite for these activities with paddleboarding being particularly attractive to young women. Paddle UK, the national sports body has seen a 200% increase in membership

since the pandemic and has changed its name from British Canoeing to reflect the growth of paddleboarding.

Sailing and other water sports have been shown through research to provide a clear benefit to social well-being, confidence, safety on the water and improvements in levels of physical fitness.

Historically there have been summer programmes in the Harbour for learning and improving water sports and this proposal is to fund a three-week activity programme for Dover young people to take part in sailing and paddle sports at almost no cost to participants and at no cost to participants.

Sessions will be for 2.5-3 hours with six participants in either sailing or paddle sports three days a week. For sailing, as the equipment is housed in Dover Water sports Centre, costs will provide for only instructor time and equipment but for paddle sports this year, the young people will need to be taken to Hythe Canal and so transport costs will be needed in addition to instructor/equipment costs. This allows for up to 108 participant sessions at a cost of £36 per young person giving a cost of £3,888 for instructors/equipment provision. Transport costs will depend on how many young people need transport to Hythe/Sandgate and are estimated at no more than £450.

It is hoped that this summer programme will result in a lasting partnership with not-for-profit organisations to develop a continuous programme of seaports coaching in the Harbour, which are accessible for people on low incomes in Dover.

# 3. <u>DECISION</u>

Committee resolves to fund a summer programme of Access to Water Sports for young people in Dover with a budget of up to £4,400 (including contingency of £62 and funded from the Sports/Health provision in the Committee's budget for 2024/5). Contracts, arrangements and negotiations delegated to the Proper Officer in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

Statutory Powers/Standing Orders / Policy Power of General Competence Localism Act 2011

Update on Civic & Special Projects Committee Activities 2023/24

Grant Award to Dover Pride

The Civic & Special Projects Committee awarded a grant of £5,000 to Dover Pride towards the costs of entertainment at the 2023, Dover Pride event held August 2023;

Grant Award to Moving Memories Dance Theatre Company Ltd

The Civic & Special Projects Committee awarded a grant of £3,250 to Moving Memories Dance Theatre Company Ltd towards preliminary workshops for the more mature persons, culminating in a performance that was held at the Dover Winter Light Up event held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023;

Grant Award to Dover Vineyard Church (The Beehive)

The Civic & Special Projects Committee awarded a grant of £5,000 to The Beehive, towards refurbishment costs of setting The Beehive up in the former Roman Quay Public House;

Grant Award to Emmaus Dover

The Civic & Special Projects Committee awarded a grant of £2,545 to Emmaus Dover, towards the cost of additional hours for a Community Support Officer;

Grant Award to Deal Music & Arts Limited

The Civic & Special Projects Committee awarded a grant of £2,500 to Deal Music & Arts Limited, towards musical educational projects being delivered in Dover Town as part of the festival in 2023;

• Grant Award to Playground Proms

The Civic & Special Projects Committee awarded a grant of £1,500 to Playground Proms, towards a Pilot Scheme of Playground Proms at 2 schools in Dover for delivery in April 2024;

- Coronation of King Charles was held in May 2023. Following an open invitation via a variety of channels / social media platforms, The Town Council arranged for a number of boxed party packs to be made up and donated to Dover Town residents / groups / associations, in support towards their celebrations of the coronation weekend, that was held from 6th May 8th May 2023. 25 Packs were donated;
- Each year the Dover Town Council organise entertainment to take place within the School Summer break, a "Summer Programme of Events". All held in close proximity to the Pencester Pavilion in the gardens. Within 2023 four small interactive theatre performances took place for the local community to attend free of charge, between latter July & August 2023;
- Every seven years, (in May), the title of Speaker of the Cinque Ports is conveyed on one of the five Cinque Ports and two Antient Towns. 2023, was Dover's year. In October 2023, the Speaker held a day to celebrate and showcase Dover, by inviting the Confederation of the Cinque Ports, other Cinque Port Towns and Community Leaders to join her in a thank you and recognition to the sea;
- The Town Council also delivered their annual commemorations of the Zeebrugge Raid (St. George's Day) & Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade within 2023, along with the Annual Festive event of Dover's Winter Light, with the Town's festive lights being illuminated.

# DOVER TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FEEDBACK

Send to: The Town Clerk
Dover Town Council
Maison Dieu House
Biggin Street
DOVER
Kent CT16 1DW

TO BE RETURNED WITHIN 2
MONTHS OF THE PROJECT OR
EVENT BEING COMPLETED

THANK YOU

Each Dover Town Council grant is paid with local government funds and, by law, the Town Council is required to account for how its money is spent and what value any grant has provided to the town. As the recipient of public sector funding, you are required to provide the information listed below. We may ask you for more details and if you are not able to demonstrate that the grant has been spent as agreed when the funding was authorised, then you may be asked to repay it. Please be aware that in line with legislation, the details of all grants and expenditure are published online – this includes the details of the organisation and the agreed purposes of the spend.

If there is insufficient space, please continue on blank sheets of paper.

Name of Organisation:	Playground Proms
Grant amount awarded:	£1500
How have the funds been used? This must agree with the budget you provided in your application – please use it for reference here, providing dates for spend, costs, payees and other details as appropriate.	The funds were used to pay towards the musicians' fees (which were originally costed at £1300 per day) as well as covering some prep time in the form of rehearsals and CPD sessions for teachers of the participating schools.
Please attach evidence for all items of expenditure – this can include receipts, paid invoices, copies of issued cheques etc.	

As part of the funding agreement, you are required to acknowledge publicly the contribution from DTC. The details of how this would be done should be in your funding agreement. Please list here the forms in which acknowledgement took place and confirm this happened. Examples might be placing of a plaque or sticker at the location of the grant expenditure, the authorised use of the DTC crest on any marketing material and the inclusion of the contribution in any publicity or press material in any form including electronic.

BBC Radio Kent was able to see a Playground Prom at Barton Junior and interview a couple of the children/teachers afterwards and Dover Town Council was acknowledged and thanked in the publicity for both press and via social media platforms.

How did the grant benefit the people of Dover? Again – you should refer to your application and provide details of participants or beneficiaries exactly as you included in your application. Please indicate where there are any differences from your forecast and tell us why you think the real effects were different to those intended.

Please include photographs or videos or any other material which show the grant delivering value to Dover.

The grant helped pay for 2 schools in Dover (Shatterlocks and Barton Junior School) to receive Playground Proms workshops with accompanying legacy support via accessing online resource packs with info, games and fun musical exercises on the website as well as CPD sessions for teachers. The prom was suitable for the whole school, so approx. 500 pupils in Dover schools benefited from that first day of the pilot. As part of the workshops, children were encouraged to learn an Anthem for Schools and participate in a Lyric Challenge which allows them to work collaboratively and explore their own creative music-making.

Due to the pilot happening just after the Easter holidays, Playground Proms were unable to include the specialist Dalcroze sessions (which usually takes place in schools a week before the Prom occurs) which allows more in-depth exploration of responding to music through movement with a specialist who visits the schools in person. But Playground Proms have video links to Dalcroze sessions on the Resource page of the website with accompanying exercises which participating schools can access even after their Prom has finished. This allows schools to work within their own timeframe so this wouldn't have had a bearing on the positive impact to the beneficiaries.

We also gleaned from the pilot and the many hours spent trying to raise funding, that the initial cost per day (£2000 - of which £1300 were musician's fees) needed amending to reflect the more accurate cost of £2500 per day to cover the cost of all the admin and fundraising hours. Playground Proms also secured further funding from Roger De Haan charitable trust and Kent

Community Foundation so were able to extend the project to 4 days, delivering workshops to 6 schools in Folkestone and Hythe and 2 in Dover - a total of 8 schools, reaching a total of around 2000 pupils. We are currently collating the feedback forms from the participating schools and can supply the results of the questionnaires should the council want to read the feedback from the children, teaching staff and school communities. But as in previous tours, the feedback was excellent, and we are hoping to work with Kent Music hub again in the future to do a bigger tour to more schools in the Dover district. \*Please see invoice from musicians attached separately and refer to Playground Proms Instagram for photos and videos as well as a public thank you to Dover Town Council for your support with this pilot project. Registered as a Charity in England and Wales No. 1198476 (@playgroundproms) • Instagram photos and videos "It was great to see the interaction between the musicians and the pupils and I am looking forward to reporting back to trustees on what a successful and fun event it was". (Emma Long from the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust). Signature of at least one applicant named on the grant application form: Date: Print Name / Position in Cathal O Duill, Director - Playground Proms organisation



Walkers on the White Cliffs

#### **DOVER WELCOMES WALKERS**

There can be few coastal towns with a more solid walking history than <u>Dover</u> on the Kent coast. Pilgrims have passed through here for centuries walking from Canterbury to Rome along the Via Francigena (which today forms part of the North Downs Way). Long distance routes, the King Charles III England Coast Path passes through Dover and along the world-famous White Cliffs, as does the Saxon Shore Way which extends from Gravesend to Hastings. A 21st-century arts and architecture trail, CHALKUP21, beginning at the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne and ending at the end of Deal Pier includes several architectural or artistic gems in Dover.

As well as the routes passing through, there are well-trod trails in and just out of town: the Bluebird Heritage Trail is a self-guided trail taking in the town's historic buildings, sites and monuments, and three waymarked walks at the Western Heights overlooking the town and port can be joined together for a longer walk of around 4 miles encompassing fascinating historic sites.

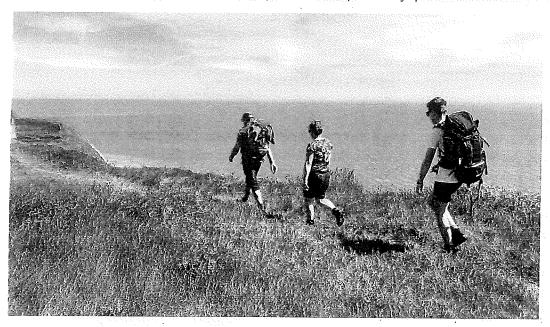
Slightly farther afield, the Frontline Britain Trail is a circular way-marked route around St Margaret's, known as Hellfire Corner during WWII, past the Dover Patrol Memorial and South Foreland Lighthouse. You can see the coast of France on a clear day and imagine how it must have felt to be so close to enemy fire during wartime particularly poignant as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

<u>Dover Walkers are Welcome</u> partners, The White Cliffs Ramblers have organised a Walking Week from 15 to 21 July with a varied programme of free-to-join walks showcasing the scenic coastline and beautiful Kent countryside. There are one or two walks on each

day ranging from early morning to late evening in a variety of locations and including a visit to a local hostelry, a place of interest, or with a particular theme. Locations include two stretches of the Via Francigena, a tour of the Royal Marine Barracks in Walmer and Deal and a memorial walk from the Bleriot Memorial, Dover. Everyone is welcome and there will be plenty of opportunities to socialise – find a full list of the walks on the White Cliffs Ramblers website.

After all that walking, you'll find a great variety of wonderful places to eat and drink and stay in and around the Dover area. A good place to start your accommodation search is on the <a href="White Cliffs Country website">White Cliffs Country website</a> where you can refine your search for places that particularly welcome walkers and find information about local cafes, pubs, bars and restaurants and much more.

Download <u>Walking & Cycling maps</u> or pick up a copy at the town's <u>Visitor Information</u> <u>Centre</u> in Dover Museum where you'll also find maps and leaflets about specific walks in the area. The friendly team there will be pleased to help with any queries about the area.



Walking from Capel-le-Ferne to Dover