

Dover Castle Chronicles



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We have decided to change the name of our newsletter and from now on it will be known as "Dover Castle Chronicles" the Official Newsletter of the Friends of Dover Castle. We had over 100 names submitted to us as possible titles with some very creative ones. We decided on one of the first ones mentioned and this is all part of our marketing strategy to improve our communications and publicity. The logo you see here will be our emblem moving forward and we like it because it is simple and can be placed on any colour. We also have the brown base but however we use it, we feel this will give us an instant Identity



Exciting Times

We think 2023 will be a fantastic year for us. We will shortly be moving in to our new accommodation, our Kitchen Garden Project will be growing from strength to strength (deliberate mis-spell!), We are becoming an Affiliate of English Heritage which means we will reach beyond Dover Castle and be recognised and benefit from the affiliates programme. Our members will benefit by being able to become Dover Castle Community Fundraising Volunteers which could lead to a volunteers pass allowing free entry to all English Heritage Sites.

Not only will we be working more closely with Dover Castle but we are planning closer working partnerships with the PWRR&QR Museum, His Majesty's 1st Foot Guards 1815, and considering others.

The Newsletter of the Friends of Dover Castle

TIMECAPSULE

We finally managed to hold our Friends of Dover Castle Time Capsule Event in Maison Dieu Gardens with a reception in the Riverside Community Hub on Wednesday 9th November 2022. This had been a successful community collaboration where we were the project initiators and lead partners but we were well supported by Coralie Clover - Curator of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment & Queens Regiment Museum (based at the Castle), DDC - Jon Iveson, Head of Museums and Culture, Debbie Pettman, Community Development Officer, Mark and Pauline Danson, Committee members of the Friends of Dover Castle, and Martin Crowther the Engagement officer of the Maison Dieu project, and DTC.



Carefully lowering the Time Capsule in it's deep new home

Debbie, Coralie and Martin of the Project Team, aided by hole digger Graham, carefully lowered the capsule in to it's new home which we hope will be for 100 years. A large crowd watched - it really was a "Hole" community event.



Deputy Lieutenant, Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Brian O'Gorman was invited to make the first dig to cover the capsule followed by Vice Chairman of Dover District Council, David Hannent, who had given an inspirational speech about being born and living in Dover all his life.

Here we see the Event host, Chairman, Graham Hutchison joining in the fun.

Graham has written to the Chairman of Dover District Council a letter about the Time Capsule which will be passed to successive Chairmen of the Council until it can be opened in 2122.

What will future Dovorians make of us and our story?



The Reception was provided by the Riverside Centre - grateful thanks to Manager Louisa Woodward and her staff. Riverside has been transformed from being a place for the elderly when it was Age UK.

It is now very much a Community Hub and provides lots of services for the whole community.

Email admin@riversidedover.org.uk tel. 01304 207268

Graham Hutchison, Chairman of Friends of Dover Castle and Chair of Dover Community Time Capsule Project, said: "I wanted the Dover of 2022 to be remembered positively by people in 100 years' time. We are a great town, a great district and a great community. It is a great place to work, live and to visit – we have over 100 attractions and are genuinely a world class destination for tourists and visitors. "I knew that a Dover Community Time Capsule would bring the community together following the tough time we've all had as a direct result of the pandemic. I set about creating a small but wide-ranging team of partners who have helped so much in bringing this project to fruition. It has also seen our Friends membership grow and helped to promote our wonderful Castle – The Lock and Key to the Kingdom – to our local residents."

Deputy Leader of DDC, Cllr Oliver Richardson, said: "This is a superb initiative combining the 'Reawakening of the Maison Dieu' project with a community initiative where future generations will learn so much from this 'snapshot' of time. When our generation takes its own place in the history books, part of us will come alive once more as a result of our very own time capsule being discovered".

£2500

The Friends of Dover Castle raised £2500 for this project which included almost £500 from the DDC Community Grants fund. Many thanks to all those who made donations and those who support us through the Dover Lotto. Chairman Graham, says this was an important project and we wanted to do it right, such as purchasing a quality time capsule which would last and providing a memorable reception..

Kitchen Garden Project



The Constable's Kitchen Garden, will continue to be a major project we undertake again this year and our hardy Gardening volunteers have already started preparing and sowing seeds. The aim is to be self financing within 3 years with the only major purchase budgeted for currently, is a new Potting shed which we will be having installed soon.

Project Manager, Pauline Danson is featured above with volunteer Sarah and volunteer John is making short work of turning the soil over with the new spade from the Time Capsule Project. Vice-Chairman Mark is also a key part of the project and says that there is always a place for new volunteers should any member or guest wish to become involved please let us know.

We are aiming to hold several Open Days this year and produce will be available , including plants, salad and vegetables. .Some of our produce will be grown to order by the Castle catering staff to be used in the cafeterias at the Castle. We have plans to provide soup to members and volunteers during the year.

Watch out for announcements on Facebook and our website.

Accommodation Update



We have been given a Draft Licence to occupy which we have accepted but during a recent meeting our occupation of Constables Kitchen Garden was discussed and it was agreed the Garden would be included in a Licence to Occupy as it was important it was recorded both for our protection and English Heritage. The occupation of one site will not be dependent on the other but it is important our occupation will be recorded and agreed, albeit, retrospectively, in this case.

Our Accommodation is sited in the downstairs Office of the Education Suite in the far corner or The Keep Yard. Our nearest neighbours will be the PWRR&QR Museum who we aim to work more collaboratively this year. We are grateful to managers at Dover Castle and English Heritage.

BRANDING

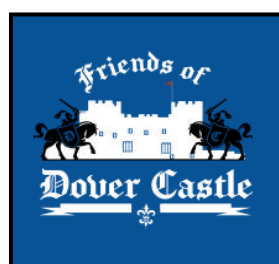
We held a meeting recently where we discussed having official Friends of Dover Castle branding. This is important so we are easily recognisable.

NO we are not thinking of branding all members like cowboys marked their cattle.

We decided on either Navy Blue or Royal Blue. Initially we will buy Polo Shirts and Lanyards which will be free to Committee members and Volunteers. We will also consider Hoodies/ Jackets and baseball caps. We all agreed that it was important to have recognised branding.



These logos were designed by professional graphics designer as reported in previous newsletters. They are only displayed on items above for effect. We will try to use these in all Friends related materials in future -again important for fundraising, publicity and marketing .



LOGO

Affiliation

Possibly one of the most important projects the Friends have become involved in since constituting in 1987, is the proposal by English Heritage to become an Affiliate Group of English Heritage. We held a meeting recently with Hannah Jackson, Regional Partnerships Manager; Karl Goodwin, Territory Volunteer Manager/Community Fundraising; Becky Smith, Operations Manager at Dover Castle, Myself and Mark & Pauline Danson of our Committee and discussed the draft proposal and next steps in this incredible journey. Please take note that English Heritage are very serious about this - Hannah travelled down from Yorkshire where she lives, (Karl resides in Canterbury where he studied a Ph.D. in Classical and Archaeological Studies) and they see this as an opportunity not only to work more collaboratively with us but also a chance to recognise the support we provide Dover Castle. This project is the first English Heritage are planning with any Friends or Associate groups at any of their 400 + properties, so we will be pilots and pioneers (or guinea pigs - I prefer pioneers!)

We are still at early stages but I quote some narrative below to see how this Affiliation is going to work:-

Friends of Dover affiliated benefits

Becoming an affiliated group with English Heritage provides a range of benefits including the creation of a formally recognised partnership rather than an informal one. This in turn provides a foundation for improved recognition of what an external group contributes to English Heritage's work, communication channels with relevant site teams and staff, and collaboration.

Below includes a list of proposed benefits and ways of working for the Friends of Dover Castle joining English Heritage as a fully recognised affiliated group.

Tours & Talks

English Heritage will thank Friends of Dover Castle via the provision of four dedicated free tours a year. Times and dates will be arranged between both parties and may take place at English Heritage sites beyond Dover Castle with agreement from all parties.

Tours may be delivered by English Heritage staff or a trained volunteer tour guide and are open to all members of the Friends of Dover Castle. Tours may include aspects of Dover Castle's history or areas of the site newly opened or developed and similarly at other sites.

Members of the Friends of Dover Castle will also be invited to virtual talks programmes delivered by and for volunteers at Dover Castle.

Invitations to feedback sessions

Dover Castle offers a range of talks and tours for visitors across the site that spans all of its history. The Friends of Dover Castle will have the opportunity to be part of this process via the committee being invited to attend feedback sessions for new and existing tours, as and when required. The number of invited individuals will be agreed upon by the English Heritage staff at Dover Castle and the Friends of Dover Castle committee can lead the selection process of who attends.

This offers an opportunity for the Friends of Dover Castle to be among the first to experience new talks and tours and provide constructive feedback on the site's interpretation and visitor experience normally reserved for English Heritage staff and volunteers.

Affiliation - What's not to like?

Specialist Support

Affiliated groups are offered the opportunity to reach out for support in key areas that align specialisms at English Heritage. Support from relevant internal stakeholders will be dependent on team capacity and ways of working will be discussed. Potential topics and areas include:

- Support with fundraising projects
- Support with communications
- Support with outreach and engagement
- Guidance on best practice for volunteering and volunteer management

Friends of Dover Castle Commitment

Our commitment initially will be to agree a formal Affiliation Agreement and then to start implementing it. For example, in order for closer working and improved collaboration we will agree to advise EH of any ideas we have for potential projects, improvements to the Castle and Fundraising Events so they have the opportunity to discuss with relevant stakeholders within the Castle or English Heritage, such as Events Teams, Volunteer Teams, Operational Teams so we do not miss an opportunity to work together and raise funds together. Full details will be recorded on the final affiliation agreement document but there will be flexibility.

We can also help EH by encouraging our members to become part of Community Fundraising Events which will allow our members to become English Heritage Volunteers and gain the benefits such volunteers get, such as free admission to all 400+ EH properties in England - subject to qualification—see below :-

Community Fundraising & Volunteering - Volunteer Pass

Individuals who give their time to support English Heritage as a volunteer alongside their affiliated group's activities will receive a Volunteer Pass as a thank you.

Conditions to meet for a Volunteer Pass:

Individuals who would like to act as an English Heritage volunteer during the Friends of Dover fundraising events can have their hours counted towards a Volunteer Pass (60+ hours)

To put themselves forward, individuals from the Friends of Dover Castle will be asked to become a Community Fundraising Volunteer at Dover Castle. This will provide the opportunity to accurately record hours and contribution to go towards a Volunteer Pass. Through the application of the Community Fundraising Volunteer role, other ways to contribute to Dover Castle that go towards a Volunteer Pass can be discussed with English Heritage staff..



A Volunteer Pass is a valuable thing to have. The benefits are many but the main ones are Free entry for you, another adult plus up to 6 children, at any English Heritage property, plus a discount in shops and cafeterias.

Whilst the Community Fundraising programme will be overseen by English Heritage, any funds raised locally will be allocated to Dover Castle..

What another great way to actively support Dover Castle!

Recognition and Inclusion in English Heritage Communications

The contribution of our affiliated groups is celebrated across a range of internal communications channels. We have a dedicated printed magazine, Volunteer Focus, that often features the successes of affiliated groups across the country. There is the chance to be included as a key article in the magazine as well as ample opportunity to have features in our online volunteering community on our communication platform, Fuse

potential Tours



These are photos from previous tours. Stone Hut; PWRR&QR Museum; Behind Locked Doors; Constables; Debtor's Prison; DUMPY; Curtain Walls ; Invisible Castle ; Officers New Barracks ; Hudson's Passage and East Demi - Bastion; Redan and Spur and Northern Casemates : We have also held talks with special guests.

ENGLISH HERITAGE EVENTS at DOVER CASTLE

FEBRUARY

Half Term - 11th to 19th Make History at Dover Castle

APRIL

Easter	1st to 6th	Easter Adventure Quest
	7th to 10th	Easter Escapades
	11th to 16th	Easter Adventure Quest

MAY

B/H 27th to 29th WWII Weekend

30th May to 4th June Kids Rule

JULY 22nd to August 4th Medieval Season

AUGUST 7th to August 25th Medieval Season
29th to 4th September Medieval Season

AUGUST 5th to 6th August Pirates !

AUGUST 26th to 28th August Clash of Knights

OCTOBER 21st to 29th October Halloween Half Term

Please check English Heritage website before visiting as things can change and the Castle is susceptible to high winds and inclement weather.

[Events at Dover Castle | English Heritage \(english-heritage.org.uk\)](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

(Details courtesy of website www.english-heritage.org.uk)

Behind the scenes at The Friends of Dover Castle.

When the season finishes on 1st November, you may think that the Friends of Dover Castle simply goes into hibernation ! But that could not be further from the truth.

HISTORIC ENGLAND - offer to tender. HERITAGE PROTECTION COMMISSIONS PROGRAMME

We were invited to tender for a grant of £8000 to undertake a project on behalf of Historic England . This was quite short notice and required me, as chairman, to consider whether we were able to undertake such a task. I had to decide whether it fit our charitable aims and objectives and then research what the project actually entailed. I also had to ensure undertaking a project with Historic England did not conflict with our partnership of English Heritage.

I read a 200 page document, cover to cover - twice! I researched several similar recent projects and also contacted Historic England several times, by email and telephone. I was impressed that Historic England actually felt we were capable of such a project and they really wanted us on board so much so they extended the deadline so we could apply. I even registered with them as an approved provider , which means we can make applications in the future.

I decided, at this time, it was too much for us, but this will not rule us out in the future and this could be exciting for us.

One way members can help is by joining **ENRICH THE LIST.** [Look this up on www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk)

This is a programme where members of the public can help Historic England update their list of over 440,000 scheduled and listed buildings on England - there are 2248 just in Dover. The list includes :-

- Listed Buildings
- Scheduled monuments
- Protected Wreck Sites
- Parks and Gardens
- Battlefields
- World Heritage Sites



This is an image of the wall along Effingham Crescent surrounding Dover College. Historic England want their list updated and enhanced so get your camera out.

This image by Brian Mawdsley

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KITCHEN GARDEN

Naturally gardens come to life during the spring and summer but our intrepid gardening team will have done an awful lot of work before that happens. There is the planning, weeding, preparing, sowing, watering - lots of hard work before anything will grow.

This year will be our first full year at the Kitchen Garden and we will hopefully be able to offer plants and produce throughout the year at our open days events. Watch out for updates on these.

Membership Secretary and Treasurer Our annual memberships do not run for fixed terms so renewals occurs all year around and also new members are allowed to join at any time of the year. This means our membership secretary and Treasurer are busy all year around making sure everything goes smoothly and that we are collecting the right funds and also making sure we pay our bills on time and also make annual returns to the Charity Commission

Chairman As a busy Chairman, I am always looking to ensure we are represented at various meetings , conferences, workshops and events where it will be of benefit to the Friends of Dover Castle. These can be local, such as at the Town Hall in Dover or in London, where I recently attended a training event run by Visit Britain where the theme was "TAKING ENGLAND to the WORLD". I was up at 5.30 am to take the train to London and did not get home until 9.30 pm in the evening and was actually the only person from Dover attending this informative event. It also supports another of my roles as Chairman of the White Cliffs Country Tourism Association in which I make sure the Friends is suitably represented. I also continue as a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising which supports our fundraising role.

Committee FODC is a charity managed by a group of committee members, some of whom are Trustees. Besides our roles and responsibilities and duties as Trustees of a Charity, we look after the website, social media, correspondence and communications, we regularly liaise with the managers of Dover Castle and now this is even more important given our status as Affiliates of English Heritage. This year , we think, will be a most exciting year for us, and if you want to become more involved, please let us know. Whether you are a youngster or more mature, we value all contributions. - email chairman@dover-castle-friends.org

APOLOGIES !

We must apologise to members for our lack of consistent updating or communicating with you. Whether this be on the website or social media or newsletters. As most of you will know, the newsletters are down to me as I research, write, edit, proof read and publish every one - often I try to pack as much information and news in them it sometimes takes me between 80 and 100 hours to complete. We have been getting some queries from concerned members who say they have not received any recently which surprised me, among others, as I had published one in early October 2022. However, on checking, we did not actually post it to the website and it is still not there and it was not actually circulated to members.

This is a major maladministration on our part and we apologise most profusely. We will publish it again now along with this latest newsletter which we are now naming "Dover Castle Chronicles" and this will be the first time we are using this title.

We held a meeting recently where we discussed our publicity and marketing and we are taking the steps necessary to make changes and improve this aspect for our members.



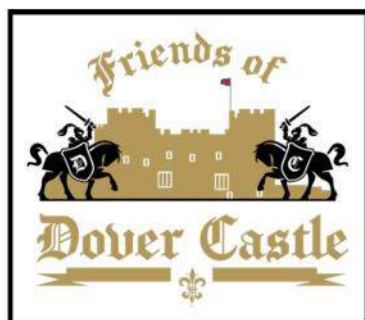
The first two images are of the Newsletter which should have come out to you in early October - the first page was to be the title page initially but I changed it out of respect to HM Queen Elizabeth II who sadly passed away as I was writing this edition. The one on the right is the first edition of our new Dover Castle Chronicles.

As part of our new Marketing and Fundraising Strategy once we are in our new accommodation we will set regular monthly meetings, we will have lots of Open Days and we will set up a timetable of publishing our Chronicles. We think if we can give more advance notice of tours and events our members will be better informed and more able to attend our activities.

Member Benefits

We currently have 168 registered members and we would like to see this hit 200 members during 2023, so please pass the message on and encourage more people to join up.

- Free entry for you and up to 6 children,
- 10 % Discount in shops and cafeterias
- Special Tours to places not open to public,
- Chance to become an English Heritage Volunteer
- Chance to volunteer in Kitchen Garden
- Become more involved in Your Castle
- Make a real difference
- Support your Castle - the Lock and Key to the Kingdom



APPLICATION FORM

www.dover-castle-friends.org
Registered Charity. No. 298203

APRIL 2023

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Joint applications :

Full name of additional member at the same address :

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Children (under the age of 19 years) of members do not require
separate membership cards . To gain free entry, children need to
accompany the Family/joint member

Corporate membership. Previously we treated members of
corporate groups , such as Post Office, CSSC, etc as paid up
members of English Heritage thus allowing such members the EH
discounted rate. As English Heritage are now an independent
charity we have had to review this aspect and as from now , only
fully paid up members of English Heritage will qualify for the
discounted rate. Sorry. I know this is an effective rise from £6 to
£30 (individual) but you are still getting great value.

GDPR & PRIVACY STATEMENT. The Friends of Dover Castle
fully complies with GDPR 2018. We only hold sufficient personal
data for us to be able to manage your membership. We do not
pass on your details to anyone else without your specific consent.
By applying for membership, you consent to us processing your
personal data to manage and administer membership until such a
time as you resign membership. You may amend your personal
data at any time by informing the membership secretary. We will
store your personal data securely and ensure no unauthorised
person gains access to it. We will notify you immediately if we
discover any suspected breach.

Categories of Membership

There are different subscription categories -

- Individual subscription £30
- Joint subscription £42
- Senior Individual £27
- Joint Senior £39
- English Heritage Member £8
- Joint EH Members £12
- Staff members £10
- EH Volunteers £10

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