



Dover Local Board Annual Report

➔ Introduction

The Dover Local Board is pleased to present its second annual report covering the period from 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007.

The Seven Members (Councillors) and the respective areas they represented were: -

Deal	Terence Birkett (Vice Chair of Local Board)
Deal	Dr Mike Eddy
Dover North	Eileen Rowbotham
Dover Town	Bill Newman
Dover Town	Keith Sansum
Dover West	Bryan Cope (Chair of Local Board)
Sandwich	Leyland Ridings

The list of Members and their contact details are shown in Appendix 1.

➔ Meetings

All of the Local Board meetings are open to the public. Dates and times of the meetings are advertised through Parish Councils, displayed at the Library and on local notice boards. In addition there has been press publicity. The Local Board welcomed residents who wished to address the meetings. There is a time allocated at the end of each meeting to enable residents to address Members and ask questions on any community issue or on Kent County Council services.

➔ Dover Local Board Meetings 2006/07

Date of Meeting	Venue	Main Topic/s	Attendees	Members
10 th May	Walmer Science College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public TransportDeal Seafront RegenerationSupporting Independence	44	7
24 th July	Dover Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Towards 2010 ConsultationEast Kent Coastal – Dover Project Consultation	22	4
20 th September	Dover Discovery Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">KCC BudgetAnnouncement of 3 tier LA partnership pilot of Neighbourhood Forums*	18	6

➤ Dover Neighbourhood Forum Meetings 2006/7

Further information on the Neighbourhood Forum pilot can be found in Appendix 3.

Dover North

Date of Meeting	Venue	Main Topic/s	Attendees	KCC Members
29 th November	Aylesham Conference and Training Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highways – car parking & congestion 	31	3

Dover Town

Date of Meeting	Venue	Main Topic/s	Attendees	KCC Members
14 th December	Dover Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Pollution 	40	3
15 th March	Dover Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regeneration 		

Dover West

Date of Meeting	Venue	Main Topic/s	Attendees	KCC Members
22 nd January	Alkham Village Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing waste, increasing recycling 	25	2

Deal

Date of Meeting	Venue	Main Topic/s	Attendees	KCC Members
29 th January	The Landmark, Deal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car parking, cycle and footpaths & bus services 	60	3

Sandwich

Date of Meeting	Venue	Main Topic/s	Attendees	KCC Members
13 th February	The Guildhall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policing 	40	2

➤ Small Community Capital Grants

KCC allocated £500,000 in its Capital Budget for 2006/07 to the Small Community Capital Projects Fund. This was to be spent on small capital projects originating in local communities. The Dover Local Board was given £38,700 to allocate.

The job of the Local Board was to receive applications to the Fund, and to place these in a priority order. The list of projects then went forward to KCC's Cabinet, who received prioritised lists from each of the 12 Local Boards in Kent for approval.

Applicants for projects were given guidance about how to submit their bid, and the criteria by which the Fund operates. KCC had identified four areas as particular priorities for the fund. These were:

- Projects which enhance local community and voluntary organisations in the provision of services to the public.
- Projects which enhance KCC's Supporting Independence Programme
- Projects which improve the provision of public transport

- Projects which improve the provision of community safety

The Fund's main eligibility criteria included the following:

- Grants could only be given to organisations that are 'properly constituted'. This includes organisations such as district, parish and town councils, voluntary and community groups, churches, societies, charities, etc. The organisation must be able to demonstrate that it is properly constituted.
- Grants could only be provided to a maximum value of £20,000 to any one project.
- Grants could only be provided to projects that enhance local communities or the provision of services to the public of Kent.
- Grants could not be provided as replacement funding.
- The grant support was for the purchase or creation of capital assets. It is not to fund current or on-going running costs.

The Board Members were guided in deciding the priority order they wish projects to go forward. There were no issues of prejudicial interest but in the end the Local Board allocated the following grants for the financial year 2006 / 2007.

Round One

Project Title	Applicant	Grant requested	Grant given
Refurbishment of Kitchen (Phase 1)	Northbourne Parish Hall	£ 5,000	£ 1,000
Play Area (Phase 2)	Hougham Play & Amenity Assoc.	£10,000	£ 5,000
Blinding Times	Friends of St Mary's Primary Sch	£ 5,225	£ 1,000
Pipe Organ Renovation	St Andrew's Church, Deal	£10,000	£ 2,000
Repair & Restoration to Tower Roof	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Eythorne	£13,980	£ 5,000
Development of Roundhouse Theatre	Blackfish Academy of Performing Arts	£20,000	£ 7,400
Total		£64,205	£21,400

Round Two

Project Title	Applicant	Grant requested	Grant given
New Roadway	Tilmanstone Community Welfare	£ 5,000	£ 3,000
Audio Visual Equipment	Crabble Corn Mill Trust	£ 4,910	£ 1,000
Creating Better Spaces	Buckland Community Centre	£ 5,000	£ 2,000
Aylesham Neighbourhood Project	Aylesham Neighbourhood Project	£ 4,000	£ 2,500
Driveway Project	Woodnesborough Parish Council	£ 3,100	£ 3,000
Memorial Statue	Dover & District Merchant Navy	£ 5,000	£ 3,800
Rural Skills Training Centre	Rippledawn Environmental Education Centre	£20,000	£ 2,000
Total		£47,010	£17,300

New application forms for Small Community Capital grants will be available from May 2007 for new grants. The 5 Neighbourhood Forums will consider these in November/December 2007.

➤ Local Schemes Grants

This year saw the implementation of a new funding stream for Local Boards to recommend, the Local Schemes Grant. Countywide the grant had £400,000 to allocate to revenue and minor capital projects. In Dover, the allocation amounted to £58,600 and a summary of successful projects are listed below.

The priorities and eligibility remained virtually the same as those for the small community capital projects grant, with the one notable exception of the maximum value of a grant awarded.

Individual Members put forward recommended projects and a list of collective projects was presented to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Mr Nick Chard to make the decision.

Name of Applicant	Title of Project & summary	Amount Awarded
NCH	Impact – services for young people affected by Domestic Violence. employment costs for counsellor for adolescents affected by DV.	£12,635
Dover Roman Painted House	Part-time Assistant Manager	£5,000 (r)
Aylesham Heritage Centre	Stacking Chairs – grant is to replace old (inherited) none stacking chairs	£1,000 (c)
Move the Miner Campaign	Move the Miner Campaign – to move the miner statue from the Dover Seafront to the Miner's trail.	£2,000 (r) £6,465 (c)
Church of St Peter & St Paul	Repairs to Stained Glass Windows and Stonework	£4,500 (c)
Northbourne Parish Hall	Car Park refurbishment to level and be resurfaced.	£12,000 (c)
Tilmanstone Colliery Welfare	Roadway to Sports Grounds refurbishment	£5,000 (c)
The Downs C.E. Primary School	Re-designate Area at Front of School – to increase the parking bay from 6 to 14, to reduce congestion outside school, to improve emergency access and to provide disabled parking	£5,000 (c)
Hougham Play and Amenity Association	Hougham Play and Amenity Phase 1 – to provide a safe facility to the local community, particularly the children	£5,000 (c)
Total		£58,600

➤ Member Community Grants

Each Member can recommend grants from their allowance of £10,000 to be spent on local community initiatives or projects. Expenditure for each Member has, as the year progressed, been reported to meetings of the Local Board. All the £70,000 available for grants has been spent. A summary for each Member is shown in Appendix two. Examples of projects supported are shown below:

Worth Parish Council applied for funding to restore the war memorial for the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. They received £1,000 towards the costs which enabled the project to go ahead.

Eastry Twinning Association approached their local Member for funding towards the 25th jubilee visit to Eastry. They received £500 towards the event that saw the two communities coming together and being involved in the educational, cultural and social aspects that twinned towns generate.

All seven local Members jointly supported a project (along with the majority of the Thanet local Members) managed by Victim Support Kent. They required 12 months of funding to train volunteers support victims and witnesses who are involved in a potential court case.

➔ Conclusion

The Local Board and the newly formed Neighbourhood Forums continue to work for the people of the Dover District to do all they can to make the area a great place to live, work and visit. In the coming year it will be continuing to work in partnership with Dover District Council, the Town and Parish Councils, the Primary Care Trust and local voluntary organisations to reach this aim.

Appendix 1 Kent County Council



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Dover Neighbourhood Forum



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➔ Terence Birkett

Projects	£
Middle Deal and Sholden Community Project – Centre Plans	£1,000
Victim Support Kent – Training	£ 500
Dover & Deal Citizen’s Advice Bureau – Refurbishment	£ 500
Vista Leisure – Lets Get Out Project	£ 750
Deal and Walmer Handelian Society – Mostly Mozart	£ 250
Early Years Forum – Forum Fund	£ 500
Deal Town Council – Bench Clean and BBQ	£ 250
Deal Town Council – Aalberg Commitment	£ 500
Dover Asylum Seekers Support Group – Renewal of Equipment	£ 400
Dover & District Merchant Navy Memorial Fund – Memorial	£ 500
Betteshanger Social Welfare Scheme – The History of the Colliery	£3,000
Betteshanger Welfare Youth Band- Instruments	£ 850
Rainbow Park Trust – Consultation on Youth Activities	£1,000
	£10,000

Bryan Cope

Dover Club For the Blind – Emotional Support	£1,500
Wootton Village Hall – Village Hall	£3,000
Early Years Forum – Forum Fund	£ 500
Dover, Deal & District CAB – Refurbishment	£ 500
Shepherdswell and Coldred Parish Council – Renewal of Heritage Panel	£ 435
Victim Support Kent - Training	£ 500
Shepherdswell and Coldred Parish Council – Survey for Woodland Project	£ 550
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Panel	£ 500
Lydden Village Hall – Village Hall Roofing	£2,515
	£10,000

➤ Dr Mike Eddy

Blades Fencing Group – Kent Children’s Fencing Project	£ 1,000
Middle Deal and Sholden Community Project - Centre Plans	£ 1,000
Walmer Parish Council - Community Picnic	£ 325
Victim Support Kent - Training	£ 500
Deal Town Council - Beach Clean and BBQ	£ 250
Deal & Walmer Handelian Society - Mostly Mozart	£ 250
Dover, Deal & District CAB Refurbishment	£ 500
Early Years Forum - Forum Fund	£ 500
Kent Highways - Walking Bus	£ 500
Deal & Walmer Handelian Society - Samson	£ 500
One World Living - Environmental Workshops	£ 1,000
Dover & District Merchant Navy Memorial Fund	£ 1,250
Betteshanger Social Welfare Scheme - The History of the Colliery	£ 1,000
North Deal Community Partnership - NDCCP 2007 Phase 1	£ 500
Deal Town Council - Aalborg Commitments	£ 277
Hi Kent - Hearing Aid Clinic Refurbishment	£ 148
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Panel - Expedition Advisor	£ 500
	£10,000

➤ Bill Newman

St Edmund's School – Piano Competition	£ 500
St Edmund's School – Mathematics Master Class	£ 850
Early Years Forum – Forum Fund	£1,000
Victim Support Kent – Training	£ 500
Dover, Deal and District Citizen's Advice Bureau - Refurbishment	£1,500
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Panel – Expedition Advisor	£1,000
Friends of St Mary's School – Raining Cats and Dogs	£1,000
Dover & District Merchant Navy - Memorial	£1,000
Dover Watersports Centre – Multi-use Power Boats	£1,000
St John's Ambulance, Dover Cadets – New First Aid Equipment	£ 500
Pathfinders – Pathfinders PFX	£ 500
Hi Kent – Hearing Aid Refurbishment Clinic	£ 650
	£10,000

➤ Leyland Ridings

Eastry Twinning Association – Jubilee Visit	£ 500
5 th Deal Scout Group – New Toilet Block	£ 500
EKEBP – The Business of Enterprise	£1,200
Worth Parish Council – Restoration of War Memorial	£1,000
Eastry Village News – News printing	£ 800
The Phoenix Centre – Renewable Future Project	£1,000
9 th Deal (Ash) Scouts – Replacement Ceiling	£ 531
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Panel – Expedition Advisor	£ 500
Dover & District Merchant Navy Memorial Fund – Memorial	£1,269
Wingham Parish Council – Speedwatch Sign	£2,700
Total	£10,000

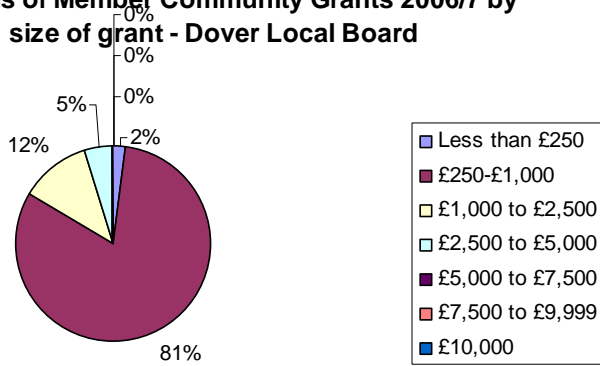
➤ Eileen Rowbotham

Village Design Statement Group – Design Statement	£1,500
Nonington Parish Council – Resurface of Footpath	£ 750
Great Mongeham Design Statement Group – Design Statement	£1,500
Barfrestone, Elvington & Eythorne Forum – Community Family Day	£ 600
St Margarets Bay Trust – Interventions in the Landscape	£1,000
Victim Support Kent - Training	£ 500
Tilmanstone Colliery Welfare – Sports Ground	£1,000
Nonington Parish Council – Village Day	£ 750
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Panel – Expedition Advisor	£ 200
Dover and District Merchant Navy - Memorial Fund	£1,250
Rippledawn Environment & Ed.Centre – Rural Skills Centre	£ 950
	£10,000

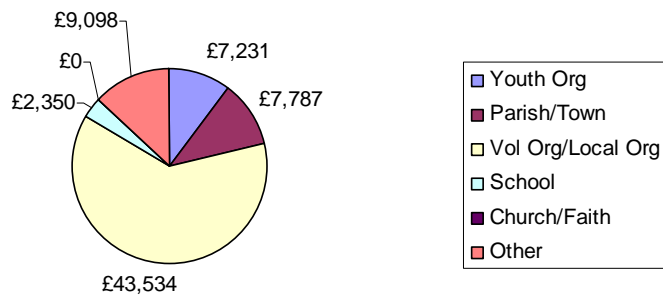
➤ Keith Sansum

River Parish Council – Extended Youth Club Evenings	£ 500
Victim Support Kent - Training	£ 500
Dover, Deal and District Citizen’s Advice Bureau - Refurbish	£ 500
Dover Athletic Football Club - Under 17 Football Team	£1,000
Vista Leisure – Lets Get Out Project	£ 500
Triangles Community Centre – Security Markers	£ 500
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Panel – Expedition Advisor	£ 500
Dover Forum – Expansion of Forum	£1,385
Dover Youth Theatre – “All the World’s a Stage” Performance	£1,500
Dover Watersports Centre – Multi-use Power Boats	£1,500
The British & International Sailors Society – 48 Hour Dart Marathon to raise funds	£ 500
Early Years Forum – Forum Fund	£ 500
	£10,000

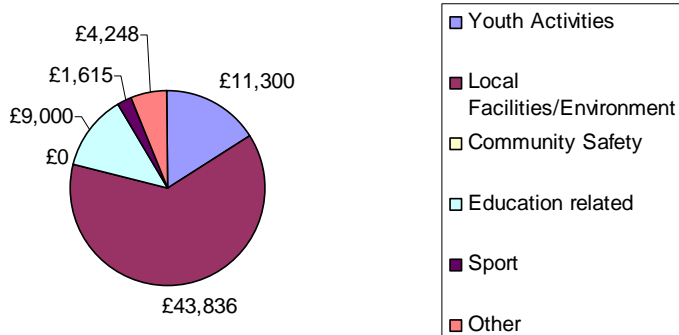
Analysis of Member Community Grants 2006/7 by size of grant - Dover Local Board



Value of MCG Funded Projects by Recipient 2006/7 year - Dover Local Board



Value of MCG Funded Projects by type of activity 2006/7 year - Dover Local Board





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Dover Neighbourhood Fora.

KCC has been operating Dover Local Board since early 2004. As part of the Localism agenda KCC & DDC agreed to work together with the Parish and Town Councils to improve contacts with, and response to, the public who use their services.

A 12-month programme was agreed which connects all 3 tiers of local government and gives local people greater power to influence their services through inputs to local groups of elected councillors in 5 Neighbourhood Forums;

- Dover Town;
- Dover North (consisting of Aylesham, Nonington, Eythorne, Sutton, Langdon, Great Mongeham, St Margarets at Cliffe, Ringwould and Kingsdown, Ripple, Northbourne and Tilmanstone);
- Dover West (consisting of Denton with Wootton, Lydden, Shepherdswell with Coldred, Whitfield, Temple Ewell, River, Hougham Without, Alkham and Capel-le-Ferne);
- Deal (including Walmer); and
- Sandwich (consisting of Stourmouth, Preston, Ash, Wingham, Goodnestone, Eastry, Sandwich, Staple, Worth and Sholden)

The pilot allows each council to make progress within a neighbourhood structure. It is inclusive and it takes responsibility for passing local needs and priorities to service providers and decision-makers in each council. The hope is for local residents to become better informed and in a position to influence all tiers of local government.

The forums were agreed in principle with Dover DC and Town/Parish Councils in the autumn of 2006. There have been six meetings so far, which were held between November 2006 and March 2007. Details are shown in appendix 1.

Key points arising from the meetings and action points included:-

- combined attendance 200+, average 40+, maximum in first round 80+ at Dover Town 2nd meeting in March;
- nearly all local PCs and Town Councils attended wherever possible
- Kent Association of Parish Councils (KAPC) have been fully supportive and have attended some meetings
- Chairs elected are all KCC Members; Vice Chairs are DC, TC or PC Members.
- Parish Councils clerked all the meetings to date;
- The discussions were interactive and very lively; informal chairmanship and style helped the process greatly;
- Action points and follow up letters to relevant agencies have been produced by all 5 fora.

- There has been evidence of excellent building of relationships and trust with the local community;
- The key challenge was to respond to the Community on outstanding issues and to sustain interest and activity in the longer term; it has been agreed that setting agenda topics for the full year will help the process.