



# **Deal Town Council**

## **Annual Report**

### **2012/2013**



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## Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Report for 2012/2013 which reflects the activities and services delivered by this Council during the last year. The report will be available to download from our website [www.deal.gov.uk](http://www.deal.gov.uk) which is regularly updated with details of Council meetings, events and local information.

In addition to the website, Council information is displayed on our three notice boards sited in the Town Hall Undercroft, outside the Co-operative Supermarket in Queen Street, Deal and outside Deal Library. Copies of the minutes from our meetings are also placed inside the Library for public viewing and we update the community notice board in the precinct weekly.

There are 15 Deal Town Council Councillors currently in office. They are elected for four years and the next elections are due to be held in 2015. At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May the members of the Council elect a Mayor/Chairman of the Council and deputy to serve for the following 12 months.

There were 9 scheduled meetings of Council during the past 12 months and regular meetings of the Planning and the Finance and General Purposes Committees. In addition to the Committee members, Mr Robin Green and Mr Bill Elliott have continued with their assistance as co-opted members of the Planning Committee at the invitation of Council.

To assist the business of the Council and to enable progress on issues this Council also operates a number of Working Groups. Whilst these groups are unable to make decisions they undertake preparatory work and report back to Council or a relevant Committee for their consideration. The Working Groups during 2012/2013 included Fairtrade, Allotments, Deal in Bloom and Coronation Celebrations, European Links and Transport.

All Council and Committee meetings are held in the Town Hall starting at 7.15pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. 15 minutes is set aside at each of these meetings to allow members of the public to speak on matters relating to agenda items before they are debated by Councillors. The agenda for each meeting is posted in advance on our notice boards and website. Our enquiry desk at the Town Hall is open each morning Monday to Friday, or you can contact us by telephone: 01304 361999 or by e-mail: [deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk](mailto:deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk).

## Chairman of the Council's Report 2012/2013

As Chairman of the Council and Mayor of Deal I have had a most fulfilling and interesting year with good debates and decisions made at meetings. As Mayor of the Town and Chairman of the Council I had the honour of sending a card of congratulations on behalf of the people of Deal to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the celebration of her Diamond Jubilee. During the year the Town Hall was crowded for debates and meetings on a number of local issues including the future of Deal Hospital, Linwood Youth Centre, Richborough Waste Site, Coldblow Woods, the Police presence in Deal and licensing, road safety and suggested 20mph speed limits and the closure of Walmer Science College. Council has also had to take difficult decisions with the budget to increase the precept owing to less funds being available for the coming year. However we welcome the transfer of the Town Hall which will be a transition of immense importance to the town.

Combining all of this with Chairman/Mayoral duties one can only imagine the importance of a successfully operating Town Council with dedicated staff working "their socks off" enabling the council to run as smoothly as humanly possible. I give them my personal thanks for a most interesting and successful year as Council looks forward to an exciting and busy time.



Cllr. Mrs. Marlene Burnham, Chairman of Deal Town Council, Mayor of Deal.





## Town Hall

Many people visited the Town Hall for two of the National Heritage Open Days with local history exhibitions.

Until now, Deal Town Council has only used part of this wonderful building as a tenant of its owners, Dover District Council. The rest of Deal's historic Town Hall has laid empty since DDC moved its neighbourhood offices to the Library. After many hours of work by the Town Clerk, we have negotiated to transfer Deal Town Hall back to local ownership along with a small contribution towards essential repairs.

Opened in 1803 this iconic listed building on our High Street is part of the fabric of this community but has suffered years without investment in its preservation. It is hoped that the transfer of ownership will be completed by the summer of 2013 enabling works to start to base all our staff in one building - including the Visitor Information Centre. Care of this old building will be an ongoing expense but will ensure the Town Hall's continued use as a civic and community facility; a statement to our local heritage and history.

## New Arms saves £10,000

National attention focussed on Deal when this Council was instructed by the College of Arms to cease using the old Arms of the Borough of Deal which was abolished in 1974. Faced with a cost of over £10,000 to register a new Arms and Crest the Council decided to go back to using the Arms of the Confederation of Cinque Ports (see front cover) for civic and ceremonial purposes with the town motto which translates as "Befriend the stranger". The Deal Town Council logo is also used and was designed specially when the new body was formed in 1996.

The Cinque Ports are towns in Kent and Sussex given royal status in the 13th Century for defending the English coastline. The Arms used by the old Deal Borough until 1968 is carved in stone on the front of the Town Hall.

## Diamond Jubilee



The year 2012-2013 has been phenomenally full and active with events and celebrations involving the Town Council in preparations for what was to be a unique occasion. The summer was a time of national celebration commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The free Jubilee Tea Party at the Astor Theatre was a roaring success with many participants asking if we would do it again every year. Also as part of the "Deal In Bloom" event this Council gave away 60 free flowering hanging baskets in Jubilee colours to the residents of Deal.

## Charter Day

The Charter Day service on October 13th proved to be a popular event held in St Andrew's Church. The church service was well attended by other Town Mayor's, church congregations and the clergy. The procession through the town from the Town Hall to the church was a display of civic pride and heritage. Following the service an English oak tree was planted in the Garden of Rest behind St George's Church with a commemorative plaque as a lasting reminder of the Jubilee year.





## Deal Braderie

The annual Braderie was a huge success with all 101 stall pitches booked well in advance and more than 8,000 visitors attending during the day.



## Christmas Event

The free Town Hall Christmas event with entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Father Christmas was again well attended and is now becoming a firm fixture in the events diary.

## Deal is a 'Fair Trade Town'



We are proud that Deal has been recognised as a "Fair Trade Town". Members of the Fair Trade Working Group have continued to work throughout the year promoting Fair Trade products and offering encouragement to other local organisations and community groups to commit their support for Deal as a Fair Trade town. They have participated in a wide variety of community events with information stalls, refreshments and raffle prizes.

## Dog Fouling



Cllr David Cronk has led a campaign with information leaflets and posters against the dog fouling of pavements, alleyways and recreation areas in Deal. Two public 'Dog Awareness Days' were held during the year and a questionnaire has been produced seeking public views on problem areas.

## Local Government

Deal Town Council is one of around 9,500 Town and Parish Councils across England. As the first tier of local government Council has continued to work closely with others for the good of the community served and represented. During the year Council has worked with Dover District Council and Kent County Council on a number of consultations and issues, and four of the current Deal Town Councillors are also serving District Councillors. As statutory consultees on planning applications, Deal Town Council has the opportunity to support or object to plans within the town boundary and the Planning Committee has considered 170 applications during 2012/2013.

## Kent Police

This year Council has also taken steps to forge a better working relationship with Kent Police. From April the local Police personnel will provide a regular update at Council meetings on activity and issues in Deal and Council will reciprocate by advertising the local Police and PCSO surgeries. Plans are also underway for a service allowing members of the public to report concerns for the attention of the Police via the Town Hall. However this will not replace the usual crime reporting services using the 101 or 999 telephone numbers.

Deal Town Council has worked with numerous individuals, agencies, local businesses and community organisations throughout the year and is grateful for their support.



## Deal Town Council Services

Deal Town Council is responsible for delivery of the following services:

Management of the Saturday and Wednesday Markets	Financing of Public Conveniences in Deal	Consultee for all planning applications received by DDC.
Management of 3 allotment sites	The Town Hall enquiry desk is open Monday - Friday	The Visitor Information Centre is open Monday - Saturday
The Mayor's Office	All Council meetings & notices	Events e.g. annual Braderie
Grants for local organisations	Management of the website	Production of the Annual Report
Production of The Deal Town Guide	Custodians of the Town Hall and the artefacts	Hire of rooms for events/meetings
Hire of the Undercroft	Venue for weddings	Responsibility for the planters

**Markets:** This Council operates vibrant weekly Markets on Wednesday in the Town Hall Undercroft and on Saturday in the Union Road car park. They are open all year round and play an important role in the local community.



**Toilets:** Deal Town Council also contributed £45,687 towards the running costs of keeping open the Public Conveniences at King Street, South Street and in Victoria Park. This Council takes responsibility for the cleaning and maintenance of the disabled facility in the Town Hall Undercroft.

**Visitor Information Centre:** The Visitor Information Centre is open throughout the year Monday to Saturday with a comprehensive range of leaflets, guides, information and timetables. Members of staff can also assist with booking National Express and theatre tickets.

## Meetings Schedule 2013-2014

Meetings are held in the Town Hall Chamber at 7.15pm.  
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Meeting	Time & Venue	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	May 2014
Full Council	Town Hall 7.15pm	26	31		24	30	25		27	24	25	23 *Annual Town Meeting 30	22*AMC & Mayor Making 28
Finance & General Purposes	Town Hall 7.15pm	12	22		9	14	18		15	12	19	7	12
Planning	Town Hall 7.15pm	5	3	7	4	2	6	4	8	5	12	2	7

## Finance

### Band D Council Tax still less in Deal

A Deal household living in a Band D property in 2013-2014 continues to pay considerably less Council tax (£59.92 a year) than those in Dover, Sandwich and other rural parishes despite having similar Council services.

	Deal	Dover	Sandwich	Average Parish
2013/2014	£59.92	£93.43	£76.83	£59.80
Change since 2011/12	+25%	+34.5%	+20.1%	+19.3%

The main reason for the increase is not extra spending but the loss of £52,000 grant from DDC which explains 18% of the rise. This is due to welfare reforms that impact on Local Government funding and the payment of Council Tax and Housing Benefits. Dover was worse hit than Deal losing £140,000 whereas Walmer and Sandwich did not lose as much. Town Council spending in Deal works out at £18.50 per person (population 22,651) which is similar to the £18.09 in Walmer Parish (population 7,432).

This year Deal Town Council has also made budget provision for taking over ownership of the fine Town Hall, a magnificent and irreplaceable part of our heritage on the High Street. As a tenant of part of the building this Council had fixed and predictable outgoings with Dover District Council as our landlord being responsible for any major repairs and maintenance.

The transfer of the Town Hall is part of a plan to bring all the Deal Town Council staff under one roof, to save rents and to deliver efficiencies that will benefit local taxpayers in years to come. More importantly, it is the first step in creating a new future for our Town Hall at the heart of our community.

## Grants

Listed below are the organisations who have received financial assistance from Deal Town Council in 2012/2013 to the value of £14,889.26.

North Deal Community Park Association : £1,000	Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Regatta Association : £1,000
Trinity Methodist/URC Church : £1,000	Second Strike Combat Fitness Club : £1,170
Royal Marines Association : £250	Deal Maritime Folk Festival : £500
The Astor Community Theatre : £1,000	Deal Town Rangers Football Club : £1,200
Sgts. Mess Panto : £ 500	Deal Area Emergency Foodbank : £1,000
Association of Men of Kent & Kentish Men : £150	Deal Icebreakers 1981 : £500
Deal Breastfeeding Support Group : £ 521.64	Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade : £500
Alternative Christmas Entertainment : £300	2235 (Deal) Squadron RAF Cadets : £200
Dover Deal & District Citizens Advice Bureau : £1,000	Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Regatta Association : £200
Walmer Cricket Club : £250	Deal Museum Trust : £608.36
Deal/St Omer Twinning Society : £900	A Walk in Deal : £226.30
White Cliffs Duke of Edinburgh Award : £150	Linwood Youth Centre : £ 762.96



## Income, Expenditure and Expenses

### DEAL TOWN COUNCIL'S

### INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income	2011/12	2012/13
Precept	£ 298,500	£ 347,700
Visitor Information Centre	£ 26,210	£ 22,047
Markets	£ 22,449	£ 20,663
Braderie	£ 4,899	£ 4,484
Allotments	£ 5,037	£ 4,777
Town Hall Income	£ 6,986	£ 7,459
Fair Trade working group	£ 368	£ 1,046
Other	£ 10,312	£ 4,313
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 374,761</b>	<b>£ 412,489</b>

Expenditure	2011/12	2012/13
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£ 5,758	£ 4,965
Promoting Town	£ 17,787	£ 8,289
Visitor Information Centre	£ 25,752	£ 26,334
Markets	£ 4,002	£ 6,357
Braderie	£ 2,182	£ 2,146
Grants/Donations	£ 14,492	£ 14,889
Councillors allowances	£ 4,500	£ 4,200
Allotments	£ 7,689	£ 4,722
Salaries & Pensions	£ 158,692	£ 162,100
Town Hall & Other costs	£ 49,140	£ 67,723
Public Conveniences	£ 46,000	£ 45,687
Election Costs	£ 21,099	£-
To New Capital fund	£-	£ 15,000
To Town Hall Repairs Provision	£-	£ 35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 357,093</b>	<b>£ 397,412</b>
Net Surplus	£ 17,668	£ 15,077

### 2012/2013

### ALLOWANCES PAID

Cllr B Bano	£300
Cllr Mrs K Blackburn	£300
Cllr Mrs M Burnham	£300
Cllr Mrs M Cosin	£300
Cllr D Cronk	£300
Cllr J A Cronk	£300
Cllr W Elliott	NIL
Cllr B Frost	£300
Cllr B Gardner	£300
Cllr B Hawkins	£300
Cllr I Killbery	NIL
Cllr D Murray	£300
Cllr Mrs E Rowbotham	£300
Cllr Mrs C Stickler	£300
Cllr C Tough	£300

Special Allowance:

Cllr M Burnham
















Chairman's Allowance £300

*All the above figures are taxable.*

### Mary Portas Bid

The Town Council brought together our MP, the Chamber of Trade, the Deal Society, County and District Councillors and representatives from other local groups to bid for funds to help bring new life to the High Street and deal with the problem of empty shops. Though failing to win the big prize of £100,000 the bid represented welcome co-operation in the town's interests, produced a lively promotional video and resulted in an on-going Town Team being set up by local traders with a more modest government grant.

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