

Dover District Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

Action Plan for 2008/09

Action No.	Action	Date due	Lead Partner	Other Key Partners
1	Draw up a 3 year Action Plan	October 2008	DDC	KCC, Town & Parish Councils, Donors of grant aid
2	Once adopted as part of the LDF, use the Section 106 methodology to secure appropriate funding towards open space – new provision and maintenance	“Adopt” in summer 2008; “secure” - ongoing	DDC	KCC, Developers
3	Identify and adopt as part of the LDF Local Quantity Standards for Open Space	Summer 2008	DDC	Broadway Malyan
4	Complete detailed Site Management Plans for the Strategic sites (Connaught Park, Pencester Gardens, Crabble Athletic Ground, Danes Recreation Ground, Elms Vale Recreation Ground, Marke Wood, Kearsney Abbey, Russell Gardens/Bushy Ruff, Victoria Park)	March 2009	DDC	Grounds Maintenance Contractor, Town Councils

5	Use the quality database as the basis for effecting improvements at selected priority sites categorised as “poor”	Select sites by June 2008; “effect improvements” - ongoing	DDC	Grounds Maintenance Contractor,
6	Use and maintain the quality database as on on-going tool to review and record site improvements	Ongoing	DDC	Grounds Maintenance Contractor,
7	Explore the possibility of partnership working to effect improvements to Parks and Open Spaces	Ongoing	DDC	Town and Parish Councils, Dover Pride, English Landscapes, Friends Group
8	Support the establishment of a Friends Group at Kearsney Abbey and encourage it to apply for external funding	March 2009	DDC	Voluntary sector
9	Progress external funding applications for projects at Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens	March 2009	DDC	Parks for People (BLF) and Heritage Lottery Fund
10	Ascertain costs involved in improving signage and publicity at key parks and open spaces sites	March 2009	DDC	Grounds Maintenance Contractor, Town Councils
11	Formulate a plan to increase the number and variety of special events in Open Spaces	October 2008	DDC	Town and Parish Councils, CSN
12	Cost out the creation of priority links	March 2009	Kent Highways	DDC, Town Councils

	between existing open spaces to improve pedestrian and cycle movements in principal settlements of Dover, Deal and Sandwich			
13	Seek Green Flag status again at Samphire Hoe and progress same at Kearsney Abbey	Samphire Hoe – achieved; Kearsney – progress by May 2008	White Cliffs Countryside Project (WCCP) and DDC	Friends Group
14	Carry out biodiversity audits at selected sites prior to compilation of a Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Complete audits by March 2009	DDC	WCCP and Lydden Valley Research Group
15	Cost out the development of signage and publicity in order to promote greater use of the countryside at priority sites	December 2008	WCCP	DDC, Private landowners