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Message from our Chairman

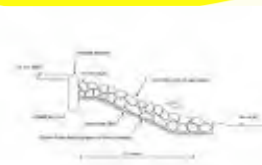
Following our successful AGM on 27 March 2009 at the Guild Hall in Lydd, previous serving DOC Officers were unanimously re-elected to their posts on the Executive Committee. We are also delighted to welcome further representatives from additional Marsh Councils who have been elected to serve on the Committee and we look forward working closely together with them all. There is no doubt that a busy time lies ahead for us all and with DOC now recognized as official stakeholder for the Folkestone to Cliff End Strategy, we are in an excellent position to make certain that our voice will be heard loud and clear by Government Agencies. If you, as our members, have any concerns which need to be addressed with regard to sea defences, we would like to hear from you. Your input plays a vital role in our success and decisions reached now will affect the future of the Marsh. Time is of the essence to secure adequate sea defences and we must continue to push ahead.

Terry Preston



Membership Renewal 2009

DOC would be grateful if **Membership subscriptions/renewals for 2009** could now be paid. We are a non-profit making organisation and are grateful for your continued support. Please send payment to: DOC Treasurer, Mrs. Pat Brazier, Poundfield Farm, Farm Lane, Camber, East Sussex, TN31 7QY



From Shingle Beaches to Rock Revetments.....Design work for the new sea defences at Broomhill is now under way and at Dymchurch the second phase of construction has commenced. How will the new sea walls impact on local communities and its infra-structure? DOC is keeping a watchful eye on developments and progress. Please check the website regularly for up-to-date information.

Sea Defence Update provided by the EA on 7.4.2009

Folkestone to Cliff End Strategy

The Strategy is with Defra's Wildlife, Habitat and Biodiversity division for them to determine the issues associated with the Habitat Regulations. They are seeking legal opinion on the compensation habitat package we proposed. We are awaiting their response and hope to get this at the end of April. We have gone out to tender for proposals to deliver the Lydd, Hythe, Greatstone and River Rother east schemes from appraisal to construction. We are keen to package up the work to maximise efficiencies within the programme. We are expecting the tenders back at the end of this month.

Broomhill Scheme

We have been planning our investigative work to confirm the dimensions of the buried concrete seawall and to confirm the condition of the buried groyne piles. This will involve exposing the buried seawall and a groyne and will help us to decide whether we can reuse the piles elsewhere in the scheme, for example, along the back face of the defence. We will let you know when this work will commence. We have also been planning service surveys to confirm the existence and location of any buried services (such as electricity or gas) and site investigation works which will confirm ground conditions and inform scheme design. These activities are planned for the summer and we will let you know when work will start.

DOC Open Evening – Summer 2009

Friday, 26.2009
Community Hall,
Manor Road, Lydd
7.00 pm

Following our most successful Open Evening back in October 2008, we have arranged another Open Evening for 26 June 2009 in Lydd and hope to see you all there on the night.

Staff from the Environment Agency will provide an up-to-date report on the latest sea defence scheme developments. Our Guest Speaker will be the Deputy Director of 'Protect Kent', (Kent Branch of the CPRE), who will give a short presentation.

This event is for the benefit of all DOC Members and their families, invited Guests. Supporters, Sponsors and all those wishing to join DOC are also cordially invited. Refreshments will be provided.