

Dover and Deal Newsletter

Getting things done

2018 - New Year issue

NEW AMBITIONS – NEW COUNCIL LEADER – BETTER HEALTHCARE



New year, new ambitions

Our Action Team with MP Charlie Elphicke and the District Council leadership are ambitious to take Dover & Deal forward:

- **Dover on the up.**

A new cinema and shops are being built at the heart of the town. This will bring more jobs and money to Dover. With the exciting waterfront project underway, it would be great to see a proper link over the A20 to the new marina.

- **Deal on the rise.**

The fast train and Britain's best high street have boosted the town. Now the seafront is in focus with a great opportunity to rejuvenate Deal Pier and ensure this iconic landmark is brought into better use.

- **Stronger borders.**

Fighting for more investment in border security with more border officers and investment in modern systems. A single department for security and border taxes would bring more order to the border.

- **Better roads.**

Campaigning to get the A2 dualled. Everyone knows the Deal-Dover A258 is too dangerous and gridlocked. We need investment in a dualled link from the A256 to connect to Middle Deal and the North End.

- **More investment in schools.**

Our Action Team has secured £25 million for the new Goodwin Academy. Now we're fighting for more funding for all our schools – to give our youngsters the best start in life.



Ambitious to take our community forward

New council leader's plans



Last year, veteran Dover District Council leader Paul Watkins stood down. Paul left a legacy of change and improvement to be incredibly proud of. The new council leader is Keith Morris who has hit the ground running and set out his plans to take things forward:

- **Jobs and money.** Ensuring the St James development brings the maximum jobs and enjoyment to local people as possible, with a new family-focused night time economy never before seen in the town.

- **Boosting tourism.** We are investing in refurbishing Deal Pier and fighting for Heritage Funding for Sandwich Guildhall.

- **Tackling homelessness.** There are more people in work in the district than at any time since the 1970s – yet there are still people who need extra help and we are determined to make sure they get it.

A lot done – a lot more to do

We've come a long way together since 2010. A lot has been done by our Action Team. A new hospital has been built in Dover. Deal hospital was safeguarded after a long campaign. Labour's port sell-off plan was stopped. Over £400 million has been invested in our area. Unemployment has near halved. The Calais Jungle has been dismantled. Meanwhile the fast train sweeps into our stations, all day every day.

Yet there is a lot more to do. Dover's Citadel is ripe for development. We could use the Dover leisure centre site for more parking and shops. We are campaigning for more services at our hospitals, more funding for our schools and better broadband across the villages. And we will continue to do everything we can to support our job creating small businesses.

We've achieved so much over the past seven years. Now it's time to push on and build an even brighter future for Dover and Deal.



Opening the new Goodwin Academy in Deal

Dover & Deal Action Team – working hard for Dover and Deal

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Better healthcare



Fighting for the best possible healthcare

We've been fighting hard to secure a fairer share of healthcare in Dover and Deal. Buckland Hospital is now operating almost twice as many clinics as when it first opened. The new cataract surgery centre will make a massive difference to people who had to travel out of town for treatment.

Good progress is being made on getting extra GP services at Buckland and Deal hospital – where staff numbers are up 17% since last year. We are also fighting for a new medical school in Kent, so we can get the doctors and nurses we need in Dover and Deal as well as our local hospitals. Funding has also been secured for a dementia village in Dover – a UK first!

Dover and Deal residents deserve the best possible healthcare on their doorstep – our Action Team will keep up the fight for more services, beds and mental health support.

Keith Morris says . . .

Keith Morris is the new Leader of Dover District Council and he has come into the job with passion and a clear vision for the future of the District.



"2018 and beyond are going to be golden years for the district. Fantastic foundations were laid by my predecessor, Paul Watkins, and many great projects are going to come on stream this year and next. I've spoken a lot about the St James' development in Dover town centre, the refurbished pier at Deal and the new leisure centre at Whitfield so I'll focus instead on different ambitions, my ambition to boost the district's tourism by making our history a key part of our future. There's an old saying that goes 'if you've got it, flaunt it'. Well we've got it and I believe we don't flaunt it nearly enough. Where else would you find a boat that's over 3,000 years old, a Roman House that's 2,000 years old, a magnificent castle at almost 1,000 years old, the most complete medieval town in the country, a magnificent Georgian seafront (with pier!), and more houses built before 1900 than any other district in Kent other than Tunbridge Wells? Nowhere else: but we've got them, they're beautiful, and it's about time we told other people about them.

We're going to push this message hard and make people want to visit. We've got 20 miles of stunning coastline, wonderful countryside and fantastic shops, cafes and restaurants so let's shout about it. We'll tell everyone we can, everyone using a ferry, everyone on the cruise ships, everyone who comes to the British Open and everyone else who'll listen. And if we all shout together it'll be a voice they can't ignore. Soon we'll be unstoppable! Happy New Year."

Fighting for you

Charlie works tirelessly to deliver for our community as an independent minded and campaigning MP:

Helping people. Since 2010, Charlie has taken up more than 20,000 cases on behalf of local residents. He has seen nearly 2,000 people in his regular constituency surgeries. And he's received more than 120,000 emails.

Delivering for Dover & Deal. Charlie fought hard to stop Labour's unpopular port sell-off. He battled for the new Dover Hospital and to safeguard Deal Hospital. The fast train to Deal was secured after a long campaign – along with the dismantling of the Calais Jungle.

Campaigning in Parliament. Charlie has spoken in Parliament in well over 500 debates and voted well over 1,000 times on our behalf. No party stooge – Charlie successfully fought against the Government increasing fuel duty. He argued for investment in Brexit preparations and welcomed the Chancellor setting aside £3 billion in his recent Budget. Now Charlie is fighting for more money to be spent at the Dover frontline. Earlier this month he set out a plan to restore order at our border to tackle illegal immigration, increase border security, cut tax fraud and boost the economy.



Speaking up for us in Parliament