

THE FUTURE

THE ALKHAM VALLEY SOCIETY

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Protecting the Valley since 1977

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The aims of the Alkham Valley Society, as set out in its Constitution, are as follows:-

- to stimulate public interest in the area of interest.
- to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
- to protect the surrounding countryside.

The Valley is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It contains ancient woodland, special landscape areas, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Conservation area. There are 17 Grade 2 listed buildings of historic or architectural interest, and the Church of St Anthony of Pamiers, a Grade 1 building, has in its churchyard 15 listed Grade 2 headstones.

The Society's formation, as a voluntary organisation in 1977, was in response to the destruction of hedgerows, ancient woodland and downland by a farmer/developer unfamiliar with the Kent countryside and deaf to the protests of the local residents.

ALKHAM COMMUNITY-LED PARISH PLAN

A grayscale photograph of a hand holding a map. The hand is positioned at the top left, with fingers gripping the edge of the map. The map is spread out, showing a network of lines representing roads or boundaries. The background is a light, hazy landscape with rolling hills.

IT'S YOUR PARISH
YOUR COMMUNITY
YOUR FUTURE
YOUR PLAN

THE DOVER DISTRICT HERITAGE STRATEGY (UPDATED SEPT 2020)

- PRESENTS THE DISTRICT'S HERITAGE ASSETS AS THEMES;
- THEME 13 DEALING WITH CONSERVATION AREAS. THE DISTRICT'S CONSERVATION AREAS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE HERITAGE ASSETS OF OUTSTANDING SIGNIFICANCE. AS WELL AS BEING ATTRACTIVE PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK WHICH ADD TO PEOPLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC WEALTH OF THE DISTRICT BY BEING A MAGNET FOR VISITORS.
- THE AIM OF CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATION IS TO PROTECT HISTORIC PLACES AND TO ASSIST IN POSITIVELY MANAGING CHANGE, SO THAT SPECIAL CHARACTER IS SAFEGUARDED AND SUSTAINED. DESIGNATION PROVIDES EXTRA PROTECTION.

THE PURPOSE OF A CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN IS:

- TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HERITAGE ASSET – I.E. THE VALUE THAT THE CONSERVATION AREA HAS TO THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS BECAUSE OF ITS HERITAGE INTEREST – WHICH MAY BE ARCHAEOLOGICAL, ARCHITECTURAL, ARTISTIC OR HISTORIC INTEREST.
- TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE AREA.
- **TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING DECISIONS, TO GUIDE POSITIVE CHANGE AND REGENERATION, AND TO ENSURE THAT CHANGE IS INFORMED BY AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA.**
- TO HIGHLIGHT PARTICULAR ISSUES AND FEATURES WHICH DETRACT FROM THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF THE CONSERVATION AREA, WHICH MAY OFFER POTENTIAL FOR ENHANCEMENT OR IMPROVEMENT THROUGH POSITIVE MANAGEMENT.

Local example launched in Nov 22



**St Margaret's Bay
Conservation Area
Character Appraisal
and Management Plan**



ALKHAM COMMUNITY-LED PARISH PLAN

- **1 TRAFFIC**
- **2 CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
- **3 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS**
- **4 LOCAL GOVERNANCE**
- **5 HEALTH AND SOCIAL**
- **6 YOUNG AND OLD**
- **7 SPORTS AND RECREATION**
- **8 ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT**
- **9 ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **10 PUBLIC TRANSPORT**
- **11 HERITAGE**

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- **THE DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL HERITAGE STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROTECTION OF THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT.**

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

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ALKHAM COMMUNITY-LED PARISH PLAN

**SpeedWatch Group
TAG report**

**THE DOVER DISTRICT
HERITAGE STRATEGY
(UPDATED SEPT 2020)**

Maintain the mission but
use the opportunity to
proactively :

- Reuse
- Refocus
- Relaunch
- Reinvigorate

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CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
Protecting the valley for the 21 century since 1977

NEXT STEPS

- WHO

- **EVERYONE** WHO CAN OFFER SOME TIME AND TALENT AND HAS AN INTEREST IN MOVING THE PLAN FORWARD

- HOW

- **BUILD** ON THE EXISTING STEERING GROUP AND LOCAL VOLUNTEERS BY SHARING AND PROMULGATING THE PLANS VISION AND AIMS
- **ENGAGE** WITH AND JOIN AVS TO HELP DELIVER AGAINST THE ACTION PLAN

- WHEN

- **NOW** WE MUST REBUILD INERTIA THAT WAS INEVITABLY LOST DURING THE COVID LOCKDOWN
- PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE NEXT YEAR WHAT BETTER VISION FOR THEM THAN HELPING TO FACILITATE THE PLAN

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