



# Fort Burgoyne Newsletter

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## About the Fort...

Fort Burgoyne was built in the 1860s, to protect Dover Castle, and was used to defend the South coast in numerous wars. The Fort was in military use as recently as 2006, and has since had many question marks over its future.

The fort was acquired by the Land Trust early in 2014, with plans to restore this unique site and open it to the public for the first time in its history. Fort Burgoyne will be a welcome addition to the community and visitor attractions in Dover and beyond.

## Dover Calling

The Albion Inc team have developed and broadcast the first in what will become a regular podcast relating to the Fort project and wider Dover area. To listen: search for Dover Calling via your normal podcast provider or click [here](#).



## Future Views

At the end of March, 66 people with a wide range of interests came together in the Officers Mess of the Fort for a workshop titled Future Views. Facilitated by Flow Associates, participants went on a journey through the challenges facing the town and Fort to what the town and Fort could look like in 15 years' time. We are currently reviewing the feedback from participants alongside following up on some exciting new contacts.

## Walks in the West Wing

Dover Arts Development and Charles Holland Architects have completed their programme of walks in the West Wing Battery. The feedback gathered is now being reviewed to produce a big drawing for the future of the space. Images and reports from the walks are available from: [www.dadonline.eu/projects](http://www.dadonline.eu/projects).



## Excavation and Stabilisation

Canterbury Archaeological Trust and Lee Evans Partnership have secured Scheduled Monument Consent for a community archaeological excavation in the West Wing running for 2 weeks from 12 May. If you would like to support the dig please contact: [Annie.Partridge@canterburytrust.co.uk](mailto:Annie.Partridge@canterburytrust.co.uk). Please note that the dig will not be open for drop-in visitors but we are hoping to organise a date for guided visits.

Following the archaeological works, contractors will be on site in the Wing undertaking initial stabilisation work to pave the way for further activity, with the goal being to have managed public access to the space for the first time from summer 2020. We will be seeking to facilitate public access to view works while they are taking place.

### Education at Fort Burgoyne

The Land Trust and Animate Arts Company are delighted that three schools are now signed up to work on our education and activity pack for the Fort. Guston and Charlton schools in Dover have been joined by Warden House in Deal in registering for Artsmark and committing to 30 children achieving Arts Award Explore level. All will be starting their journey in late April/early May.

### Green Angels

In partnership with the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, the Land Trust is delighted to announce the expansion of its successful Green Angels training programme to Fort Burgoyne.



The programme seeks to provide individuals with a chance to learn new skills, change future prospects and make a difference in the community. We are starting with an environmental education course but will also be offering a countryside management course in the autumn of 2019 and exploring opportunities for a hard landscaping and building conservation works.

For more information or to register for the Environmental Education course please contact [greenangels@thelandtrust.org.uk](mailto:greenangels@thelandtrust.org.uk).

### Events

Paul, the Fort Burgoyne Ranger, has been busy leading volunteer tasks, developing a management plan for the habitats of the Fort and working up an event list. The full partnership programme including events in the Fort is available for download from:

[WCCP-Events April-September 2019](#)

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