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**Community
news
round-up**

'Little gem' beach given Seaside Award

SANDGATE beach has been recognised as a super seafront.

Keep Britain Tidy has awarded it a Seaside Award recognising good water quality, safety standards and facilities.

The parish council applied for the standard in a bid to attract more people to the area and heard news that it had gained the status last week.

Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone who led the bid said: "We're absolutely delighted. Sandgate really is a little gem on the coast here.

"All of us who live here, love it and people who visit love it.

"We felt that if we got recognition for the beach it might enable us to flourish and bring more people to the area."

Cllr Findlay-Stone and the team at Sandgate Parish Council worked with Shepway District Council to ensure that the seafront met the standards required for the award including information signs, accessibility, safety equipment and more.

Sandgate is the only place in Shepway to have received the award which is announced along with Blue Flag awards, given to beaches which meet stringent standards and have a lifeguard.



AWARD-WINNING: Sandgate beach has scored a Seaside Award

23/6/2013

WHO NEEDS BRIGHTON?

If it's an (admittedly rare) hot, sunny weekend, rather than following half the population of London travelling to Brighton, why not consider the beach at Sandgate, near Folkestone, instead? Nobody would think that there would be such a lovely, vast expanse of beach just two miles from the ~~less-than-desirable~~ Folkestone, which means that even on a glorious summer's day it's largely empty. Bring a picnic

and have a swim in the Channel. Yes, it's pebbles rather than sand, but so is Brighton. Afterwards, you can nip into Folkestone for fish and chips, or sit outside at the terrace of the excellent Rocksalt restaurant overlooking the harbour.

Chloe Shuttlewood, London

Under-Secretary of State
Home Office 'D' Division
Room 1030, 50 Queen Anne's Gate
London SW1H 9AT

14 January 1996

Dear Sir,

Shepway District Council Byelaws re JET SKI

I hope you will understand that due to postal delays this letter may arrive a day or two late -- compounded by the fact that Shepway have a habit of issuing Public Notices over a holiday period (i.e. Xmas and Boxing Day and New Year's Day included) giving one calendar month only.

Like many others in Sandgate, my residence immediately abuts the beach and one can be driven mad by the constant buzz of jet-skiers. I would like to see the Byelaw amended to make the Sandgate seafront (from Radnor Cliff to the east, to Sandgate Esplanade to the west) a jet-ski exclusion zone.

Sandgate is a narrow strip of land, fronting the Channel and backed by steep slopes rising 200 ft to Shorncliffe Camp above. It should be realised that the infernal buzz of jet-skis, carries over water and reverberates from the hillside behind, equally to the detriment of those inland as those at beach level.

Jet-ski-ing is an egocentric, anti social 'yobo' pastime requiring no skill such as other watersports. Last Summer I alerted the local police to a jet-skier ~~skimming~~ skimming amongst bathers and boaters, close to shore. Of course, by the time the police arrived on the scene the offenders were out of sight. There appears to be no way to control or apprehend them.

In view of the nuisance to myself and hundreds of other residents and beach users, I would therefore ask for an amendment to the zones permitted.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) L.Rene-Martin

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication

Reply 16 Jan 'The Secretary of State will take your views into account and we shall write to you again when he has reached his decision'

Andrew Sweetman -- please bring to attention of Sandgate Soc. Committee

Last weekend (Saturday or Sunday) four jetskiers were whizzing up and down the Sandgate shoreline. .

These macho, bully-boy louts were certainly not keeping to the prescribed distance offshore -- never mind the swimmers and the youngsters in their rubber dinghies. The louts were heading straight for them, veering away at the last minute, leaving the dinghies rocking in their wake and turbulence. DISGUSTING!

No good alerting police. They are only interested after an accident happens, not before.

In May (see pix) through her husband I alerted Councillor Joy MacMillan who has reason to be interested in the jet-ski menace. I requested that Shepway should display a clear notice on wall near John Moore Statue (or anywhere else for that matter) making clear that jet-skiers cannot launch from this unofficial site. No signs have been erected to date.

At one time, a copy of the Byelaws was posted in this area. Obviously has been removed. Not that they are enforceable anyway.

Society Newsletter

This is a plea to reinstate the Fire Station logo at the head, People should be aware of our official headquarters, I feel, and we should be proud to display it, anyway.

Linda Rene-Martin

Coast Cottage
149 Sandgate High St.
Nr. Folkestone, Kent CT20 3DA

5 August 1996

Dear Mr Goulette,

Motorized Pleasure Craft -- re Byelaws

I believe you and Mr James expressed an interest in the outcome of my visit to Michael Howard's 'surgery' and subsequent correspondence.

A copy of his letter, 22 July, is enclosed. The last paragraph is the one that concerns us most. The rest, including a large pack of leaflets and booklets on Neighbourhood Watch are somewhat peripheral to the central issue. It is almost impossible to keep a watch on public toilets, isolated sports pavilions or signs on dark, deserted beach fronts in order to prevent vandalism, as we know to our cost.

Quite apart from the risk of bodily harm, jet-skiers and others who ignore the byelaws are creating a nuisance, for residents and tourists alike. This is the matter, I'm sure you will agree, that has to be addressed.

I am happy to see that a copy of the Byelaws has now been posted near the John Moore Statue on Sandgate Esplanade.

No doubt, you have had similar response from the Home Office.

Thanking you for keeping a watch on this matter

Yours sincerely

Linda E. René-Martin
Linda E. René-Martin



QUEEN ANNE'S GATE LONDON SW1H 9AT

22 JUL 1996

Our Ref: BLW/96 25/11/1
PO 11104/96

Mrs René-Martin

I am writing further to my letter of 31 May about the matters you raised recently at my Advice Centre in Hythe regarding the byelaws relating to jet skis. I am very sorry that you have not received an earlier reply.

As you know from Shepway District Council's letter to you of 16 May, many of the signs in connection with these byelaws have been vandalised. Such acts of vandalism are not acceptable.

Vandalism is covered by the Criminal Damage Act 1971 which gives the police the power to deal with offenders. Substantial penalties are available for serious cases of vandalism. Where the value of criminal damage exceeds £2,000 the maximum penalty is ten years' imprisonment.

The police devote considerable resources and effort to catching the individuals who commit crime. However, the nature of vandalism is such that it can be difficult for the police to identify individual offenders. It is often necessary for them to catch the offender when they are in the process of committing the offence and they have to rely on assistance from members of the public in reporting offences.

That is why the partnership approach to crime prevention is one which we have been advocating for many years. Crime prevention cannot be left to the police alone. The safety of the community can only be guaranteed by people getting together to use their local knowledge and expertise to solve local crime problems. We are, therefore, continuing to encourage all sections of the community to become more involved. A great deal can be achieved when this strategy is adopted. I am enclosing the booklet "Partners Against Crime" and the "Guidelines for Street Watch schemes" which give further details of this approach.

You asked about powers to demand a person's name and address. A constable has no power to stop a person to demand his name and address unless he is arresting or reporting him for summons.

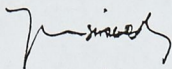
/You also

Mrs René-Martin

You also asked about the police response to jet ski incidents. The police have a duty to investigate any allegation of a criminal offence or suspicion that such an offence has been committed. However the investigation is an operational matter for the chief officer of the police force concerned. A chief officer will not bring charges unless he believes that there is sufficient evidence to establish guilt beyond all reasonable doubt.

* The Department of the Environment is currently leading a review of coastal byelaw making powers. The review will address the problem of identifying jet skiers who breach byelaws by considering the issues surrounding the registration and identification of jet skis and other such personal water craft.

I visited a committee was Minded - Alternative
last year.


Michael Howard

MICHAEL HOWARD

From: THE RT. HON. MICHAEL HOWARD, Q.C., M.P.



Tel: 0171 219 5493

Fax: 0171 219 5322

HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mrs. L. René-Martin,
Coast Cottage,
149 Sandgate High Street,
Nr. Folkestone,
Kent.
CT20 3DA

18th September 1997

*Dear Reggie —
Hope you had a restful 'break'
To my mind, nothing is ^{my emphasis is}
'intractable' — meanwhile ~~it is~~
on a National, not just parochial, issue
I'm sure you'll agree.
All the best to you both*

Linda

Dear Mrs. René-Martin,

I am writing to let you know that, in an effort to expedite a response to your query about legislation affecting the use of jet skis I have written to the office of the appropriate minister at the Department of the Environment.

I have asked that the Minister reply directly to Mr. Howard who will then write to you on his return from the Far East where he is on a visit in connection with his responsibilities as Shadow Foreign Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Clair Bell
Private Secretary

*Wrote to Michael Howard
26 July 1996 and visited
his surgery. Follow-up
letter 25 August 1997.*

Constituency Advice Centres:

Second Saturday in every month
Village Hall, Brookland 8-45a.m.
Guild Hall, Lydd 9-30a.m.
Town Hall, New Romney 10-30a.m..
Jubilee Hall, St. Mary's Bay 11-30a.m.
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4 West Cliff Gardens, Folkestone 10-15a.m.



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COMPLAINTS We strive always to ensure our facts are accurate and our reporting fair and unbiased. If you think we've got it wrong or missed the point, tell us.

The Editor pledges an investigation and a written response within 48 hours to all complaints received in writing.

LETTERS Letters on any subject are always welcome although those dealing with local issues will be preferred. Please keep them brief and to the point.

The Editor reserves the right to shorten or amend letters for reasons of legality and space. Please mark your envelope *Readers' Letters* and send to our office at Westcliffe House, West Cliff Gardens, Folkestone CT20 1SZ.

WHAT'S ON Readers are invited to submit details of community and fund-raising events for free inclusion in our *What's On* guide. We may not accept commercial profit-making activities. Please ensure written details are with us at least two weeks before the desired date of publication. Mark your envelope *What's On* and send to our office at Westcliffe House, West Cliff Gardens, Folkestone CT20 1SZ.

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maintenance of essential equipment has been neglected.

If the inlet shafts are now so damaged as to allow seals into them, then one must wonder why the course screens are not doing the job they were designed for.

D.E. Franklin, The Crescent, Sandgate.

Thanks from Canada to kids

THIS is to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the *Folkestone Herald* sent by the National President of the Canadian Veterans Association in the UK, Mr C.F. Heywood.

I was particularly touched by the photo of local schoolchildren placing flowers on the graves of our World War One soldiers in the Shorncliffe Military Cemetery. It is important that none of us ever forgets the heroism and the sacrifices of the young men and women who served in that terrible conflict.

Mr Heywood, you and your associates are to be commended for your efforts to acknowledge the schools and the children of Folkestone who, since 1919, have honoured and helped to keep alive the memory of our Canadian soldiers.

It is my understanding the Saskatchewan flag we donated went to Sandgate Primary School. If the school has access to the Internet, I would like to invite the students to learn more about our Province by taking a 'virtual tour' of Saskatchewan. The Government of Saskatchewan web site can be found at <http://www.gov.sk.ca>, and our beautiful tourism web site can be accessed at <http://www.sasktourism.sk.ca>.

I know, then, I speak for all Saskatchewan people when I offer sincere thanks to the Council and people of the Folkestone area, and to the Shorncliffe Garrison for observing Canada Day in this unique and thoughtful manner.

Roy Romanow, Premier of Saskatchewan, e-mail: premier@gov.sk.ca

'Jet ski louts spoil beaches'

IT HAS been a joy, this brilliant summer weather, to see so many families enjoying the Shepway beaches, sunbathing, swimming, fishing, wind-surfing or floating around in rubber dinghies.

I do not remember the seawater off Sandgate being so clean and clear and so inviting for a very long time.

However, the peaceful enjoyment of the many has been shattered by the noise and menace of a few jet-ski louts who launch from anywhere they please, skim in and out most dangerously among bathers and rocking children in rubber rafts or dinghies in their wake, and well within the 200 metre limit as laid down in the Shepway bye-laws.

These bye-laws, confirmed by the Home Office, in fact do little to protect the public till they are actually at risk (and probably too late). As stated 'No person, being a navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or permit such vessel to

How are seals finding their way into Dunge

be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons'.

Consideration, in many people's view, has been noticeably lacking. Indeed, one weekend, a small cabin cruiser came within 100 metres or less, offshore, just to wave to friends on their seafront property - 'just a one-off thing' it was said, but what if anybody happened to be snorkelling near the reef, on their outward or return journey?

The faster the new Government takes action, the better for tourism in general. It is not enough to set standards and tests for jet-ski operators - the driving test has never prevented road incidents or accidents. The responsible department, in this case the DoE, must re-frame the bye-laws on a national scale and include designated launching channels, marker buoys to define the limits beyond which motorised pleasure craft shall operate, and require means of identification and apprehension of offenders.

Every day, the jet-ski toll is mounting, deaths here, injuries there.

Linda Rene-Martin, a Sandgate frontager.

Russian boat sub-standard?

WHAT a pity N. Ballie did not look beyond the end of his or her nose, in their recent letter - 'Expensive to see Submarine'.

Yes, the owner is well aware Folkestone has low income and unemployed. He has, after all, given work to at least eight people from Shepway.

As one of those working on the Submarine I would like to advise anyone interested - yet quick to criticise without asking the relevant questions - yes there are discounts for most categories. Unemployed, senior citizens, students and party groups; children under four are allowed in free of charge and a family group, two adults and up to four children, pay £9 for entry. Once payment has been made the ticket holders can spend as long as they wish on board, take photos or videos. The trip is self guiding so the visitor may stay all-day if they wish.

No place N. Baillie, come in and talk to us. We are a happy crew, anyone who feels it might not be for them is always advised to give it a try, if they find it is not for them they are given a full refund. As yet the refunds have been to a very few who found mobility difficult or had problems with the enclosed area. It is, after all, a unique experience.

It has taken a great deal of money and considerable courage to get the Submarine up and running.

I for one, along with my new work colleagues wish Mark Sturton all the best and hope he does make a million.

He is after all helping to boost interest in the Harbour area. Increase revenue for other traders and, as I have already stated, provided much need jobs.

Barbara Johnson and the crew of the Russian submarine, South Quay, Folkestone Harbour.

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HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, LONDON S.W.1

Telephone: Whitehall 8100, ext.

Our reference: BYE/61 28/10/2

Your reference:

10 April 1967

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 27th March about byelaws made by the Folkestone Borough Council for the control of seaside pleasure boats. We have so far received no application from the Council for the confirmation of byelaws on this subject but if such an application is made your letter will be carefully considered before it is decided whether or not to confirm the byelaws.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Bruchley

D. G. Vorley Esq.
Honorary Secretary
The Sandgate Society
1 Castle Road, Sandgate
FOLKESTONE
Kent



HOME OFFICE
Whitehall, LONDON S.W.1
Telephone: 01-930 8100, ext.
Telex: 24986

Our reference: BYE/61 28/10/2
Your reference:

21 February, 1968

Dear Sir,

Byelaws: Seaside Pleasure Boats

I refer to your letter of 11th February 1968 about the above-mentioned byelaws relating to Folkestone.

We understand that the fresh byelaws which the Folkestone Borough Council have been considering have now been formally adopted and that the Council will shortly be applying to the Secretary of State for their confirmation. If and when such an application is made, your letter will be carefully considered, together with any other objections which may be made against the byelaws, before the Secretary of State decides whether or not to confirm the byelaws. You will, however, appreciate that the Folkestone Borough Council are responsible for deciding what provisions of the byelaws are appropriate and that the Secretary of State's function is limited to deciding whether or not to confirm byelaws which are submitted to him; he has no power to amend byelaws when confirming them.

Yours faithfully,

D. G. Vorley Esq.
Hon. Secretary
The Sandgate Society
1 Castle Road
SANDGATE
Kent

BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE

BYELAWS: SEASIDE PLEASURE BOATS

Byelaws for the prevention of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using the seashore, made by the Council of the Borough of Folkestone in pursuance of Section 76 of the Public Health Act, 1961.

1. Except as provided in byelaw 3 these byelaws shall apply to the seashore situated within the Borough of Folkestone between

(a) the borough boundary on the east and the Harbour Lighthouse, and therefrom for a distance seaward of 300 feet from low water mark of medium tides

(b) the Harbour Lighthouse and the Pier Head Lighthouse, and therefrom for a distance seaward of 600 feet from low water mark of medium tides

(c) the Pier Head Lighthouse and the borough boundary on the west, and therefrom for a distance seaward of 300 feet from low water mark of medium tides.

Provided that this area shall not include the Inner Harbour or the Outer Harbour.

2. In these byelaws, "navigator" means the person who, whether as owner or otherwise, has the charge or control of a pleasure boat and includes a person who, being present, is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control.

3. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or suffer such vessel to exceed a speed of 10 nautical miles per hour through the water.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to the area defined in byelaw 1 which extends seaward of the seashore between -

(1) a point 578 feet eastwards from the borough boundary on the west and a point 350 feet eastwards from that point

(ii) a point in line with the eastern boundary of the property known as No. 115 Sandgate High Street and a point 480 feet eastwards from that point

Provided also that this byelaw shall not apply to any person when taking part in an event organised -

(i) by the Corporation, or

(ii) by any other person with the approval of the Corporation in writing

in respect of which notices to mariners and others have been posted by the Corporation

4. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or suffer such vessel to be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.

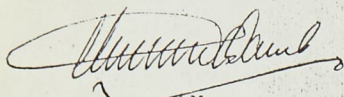
5. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat propelled by an internal combustion engine, shall use the pleasure boat unless the engine is fitted with a silencer suitable and sufficient for reducing as far as may be reasonable the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from the engine

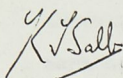
6. Any person offending against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Five Pounds.

7. Nothing contained in any of the foregoing byelaws shall be deemed to be or shall operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of the foreshore and sea bed below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over such foreshore and sea bed, or any part thereof, nor shall anything contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights and interests of the Crown in such foreshore and sea bed, or prevent the exercise thereon of any public rights or prejudice or injuriously affect any right, power or privilege

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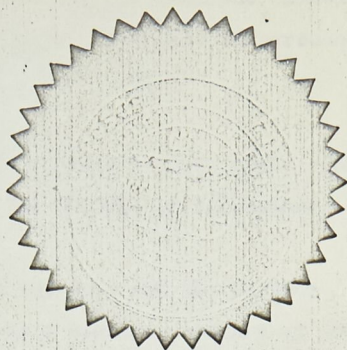
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BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE in the
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affixed on the Tenth
day of June
One thousand nine hundred and
sixty seven by order of the
Council of the said Borough in
the presence of:-


Mayor





Town Clerk



1st May, 1966

Mr. H.B. Chaplin

Mrs. E.B. Greenwall

Mr. D.G. Vorley,
1, Castle Road,
Sandgate.

Dear Mr. Scragg,

We have reason to believe that a proposal will shortly be put before the Council for legislation permitting the seafront from Granville Road East to Seabrook Road to be used for 200 yards' lanes for speed boats and water skiing, involving cruising inshore.

Should such a proposal be put forward, we, the Sandgate Society, wish to make the strongest possible protest against such legislation which would deprive the citizens and taxpayers of Sandgate, of their right to use the beach in safety.

This stretch, which comprises practically the whole of Sandgate frontage, is the bathing, fishing and boating beach for, not only the residents of Sandgate but of Folkestone and Cheriton, as well as the paying visitors in the season.

Any suggestion that this stretch should be taken over in order that a few waterskiers, almost all of whom are young people from other regions who neither pay rates nor rent or even spend any money in the town, is so much against the interests of the residents of Sandgate, that it is hard to believe that any councillor would vote for it.

We should be pleased if you would place this letter of protest before the appropriate Committee dealing with the matter.

Yours sincerely,

N.C. Scragg, Esq., LL.M.,



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Cliftonville

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TYRESOLES & VACU-LUG
FACTORY
Chart Road, ASHFORD, Kent

20th March, 1967.

Mr. Vorley,
1 Castle Road,
Sandgate,
Nr. Folkestone.

Dear Sir,

Regarding your recent enquiry reference the fitting of silencers to Seagull engines, enclosed please find a copy letter of the reply from British Seagull Ltd.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times,
we are:-

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN WALTER LIMITED

(A.D. WHYMAN)
Manager - Parts Department



C O P Y L E T T E R

The British Seagull Co Ltd.,
Fleets Bridge,
Poole, Dorset.

13th March, 1967.

Dear Sirs,

The standard exhaust silencer as fitted, is the only silencer available.

Except at full throttle, as a matter of fact, the present range of Seagull engines is quite quiet ... which, incidentally, applies very much to the large American engines.

When there is an American speed boat running around at quite high speed amongst a number of Seagulls, all you hear is the high pitched whine of the big fellow, which quite overpowers everything else.

We have noticed this on countless occasions in Poole Harbour.

This "noise" business is much more of a showroom "gimmick", than based on actual fact, and if we were you, we would dig your heels in "

Yours faithfully,
The British Seagull Co. Ltd.

HALLETT & CO.

Solicitors.

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Ashford, Kent.

AND AT LYDD, NEW ROMNEY AND HEADCORN

OUR REF. 4 (PLEASE QUOTE)

22nd March, 1967.

Dear Mr. Vorley,

Draft Byelaws - Seaside Pleasure Boats.

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Thank you for your letter of the 16th instant with the various letters and copy notices which I return.

I appreciate the points which are being made in your draft letter but perhaps I should say that the power to make bye-laws is somewhat restricted. The relevant provision is section 76(1) of the Public Health Act 1961 and this reads as follows :-

"For the prevention of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using the seashore, a local authority may make byelaws

- (a) regulating the speed of pleasure boats;
- (b) regulating the use of pleasure boats so as to prevent their navigation in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons;
- (c) requiring the use of effectual silencers on pleasure boats propelled by internal combustion engines."

You will see that the wording of this provision is not wide enough for example to cover the point about children wearing life jackets. Nevertheless I think that the letter should go in its present form even though for technical reasons of the nature indicated above the Home Office will reject to some of the points.

I do not see why the limit - whatever the limit should be -

cont'd /.....

FROM HALLETT & CO.

LETTER TO

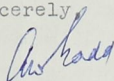
D.G. Vorley, Esq.

DATE 22nd March, 1967.

should not be indicated by buoys. At various times and for various periods buoys are put in place by the rowing club and other organisations.

The Corporation's desire to reserve a right to suspend the proposed byelaws may be related to such matters as the cross channel speed boat race which took place last summer.

Yours sincerely



D.G. Vorley, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary.
The Sandgate Society,
1 Castle Road,
Sandgate,
Folkestone,
Kent.

16th March, 1967

H.B. Chaplin.

Mrs. E.B. Greenwall

D.G. Vorley,
1, Castle Road,
Sandgate.

Dear Mr. Gadd,

Thank you very much for your advice re landslip at Sandgate and note that there would appear to be no redress for property-owners affected by it.

At our Committee meeting last night, Mrs. Greenwall said you were kindly writing to the Town Clerk of Folkestone, echoing the Society's fears of additional damage caused by further slip.

In order to assist you in writing this letter, am forwarding a copy of the Society's letter to the Town Clerk about the matter (which I think you have already seen) and the Town Clerk's replies.

From this reply, there appears little point in pursuing the matter further, but we feel that a final letter from you as Honorary Solicitor to the Society would add weight to the comments we have expressed to the Council, ourselves.

I also enclose a copy of the letter, in draft form, which I propose sending to the Secretary of State regarding the proposed byelaw on pleasure boats (also relevant papers for your information). The variations are as a result of resolutions passed at a public meeting specially called by the Society to give residents an opportunity of expressing opinions on the byelaw within the statutory month.

I am not, of course, including the names of the Proposers and Secondors and have placed these at the side for my own record purposes only.

If you have any comment to make on the contents of this letter, perhaps you will let me know as soon as you can spare the time to reply. Will you kindly return all the enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

Aw. Gadd, Esq.

27th March, 1967

H. B. Chaplin

Mrs. E. B. Greenwall

D. G. Vorley
1, Castle Road,
Sandgate,
Folkestone.

Dear Sir,

Byelaws - Pleasure Boats

I have to inform you that a Public Meeting was called by this Society on 9th March, 1967, at the Chichester Hall, Sandgate, for the purpose of discussing the above Byelaw made by the Folkestone Corporation.

The Byelaw was first read to the Meeting and explained with the help of a large scale map provided by the Folkestone Corporation, on which the parts of the coast affected by the Byelaw were appropriately marked in colour.

A letter from the Town Clerk of Folkestone amplifying the Byelaw and explaining the purpose behind its introduction was also read to the Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by representatives of a local and County newspaper - the Folkestone Herald and the Kent Messenger.

Following lengthy discussion, it was finally resolved that although the Meeting was in favour of the introduction of this Byelaw because of the good purpose behind it, the following variations be incorporated therein :-

- (1) It was felt that it would be extremely difficult for any person to assess distance from the "low water mark of medium level tides", and instead there should be a permanently visible datum point. The sea wall of

Sandgate and Folkestone Esplanade were suggested as suitable landmarks for this purpose

- (2) It was considered that the distance of 300 feet should be extended seawards sufficiently to bring it to 250 yards from the sea wall/esplanade. (This is not such an extension as it may first appear, taking into consideration the distance from the sea wall/esplanade to the "low water mark", included in the measurement).

It was felt that distances should be expressed in yards, being more readily estimated than distances in feet.

- (3) It was felt that consideration should be given in the Byelaw to the Angling Associations which use both sides of the Pier, by extending the 600 feet restriction imposed on the eastern side to likewise cover the western side of the Pier.

- (4) It was considered that marker buoys should be placed at infrequent intervals to guide both boat-users and other interested persons, in assessing distances to and from the shore. In particular, they should be placed the appropriate distance from shore on the east and west boundaries of the proposed two lanes opposite Rayners Beach Club and near the western boundary, indicating the entrances and exits to these lanes.

- (5) It was felt that without boats being named there would be little chance of identification. It was therefore recommended that all pleasure boats be named with letters of a minimum size of three inches as practised by the Inland River Board. This requirement should be given prominence in the Council notice boards marking the two lanes already referred to.

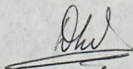
- (6) It was considered that the width of the speed-free lane opposite Rayner's Beach Club be reduced from 480 feet to 320 feet, i.e. from three breakwaters to two breakwaters. As before, to be measured eastwards from a point on the eastern side of No. 115, Sandgate High Street. This reduction in width would still permit ample space for separate wide entrance and exit lanes between breakwaters. This revised width would then be comparable in size with the western one.

- (7) It was agreed that an additional Byelaw be included requiring all children under the age of fourteen years

carried in pleasure boats to be equipped with
life jackets.

The people of Sandgate feel that the above
variations in the Byelaw are essential for the protection of
the many young children who concentrate on the small area of
Sandgate's beach.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D.H.', written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary of State,
Home Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W. 1.

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DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY

CONFIRMATION OF BYELAWS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District Council of Shepway intend, after the expiration of the period mentioned below, to apply to the Secretary of State for the Home Department for confirmation of byelaws made by the Council relating to seaside pleasure boats.

Copies of the byelaws will be kept at the offices of the Council at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY and will be open to inspection without payment on any weekday during the usual office hours from one calendar month from the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the byelaws will be supplied on receipt of an application and fee of 50p for each copy.

Any objection to the confirmation of the byelaws may be made by letter addressed to:

Under Secretary of State
Home Office
'D' Division
Room 1080
50 Queen Anne's Gate
London SW1H 9AT

(Signed) R J Thompson
Chief Executive

Proper Officer of the Council
Date: 11 December 1995

SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Byelaws made by the District Council of Shepway under section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961 for the prevention of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using the seashore.

Extent

1. These byelaws shall apply to the areas of sea which lie within the following boundaries:-
 - (i) between an imaginary straight line extending due south-south-east for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at Warren Point, Folkestone, and an imaginary parallel straight line extending due south-east for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at a point on the seashore in line with the westernmost point of West Parade, Hythe PROVIDED THAT this area shall not include the Inner Harbour or the Outer Harbour, Folkestone;
 - (ii) within a distance of 200 metres from the north, south and east sides of the pier at Folkestone Harbour;
 - (iii) between an imaginary straight line extending due south-east for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at the groyne opposite Sycamore Gardens, Dymchurch, and an imaginary parallel straight line extending for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at the point on the coast where the former Sands Motel outfall emerges;

- (iv) between an imaginary straight line extending due eastwards for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at a point on the seashore in line with the northernmost point of the junction of Coast Road and Madeira Road, New Romney, and an imaginary parallel straight line extending for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at a point on the seashore in line with the southernmost point of the junction of Grand Parade and Victoria Road, New Romney.

- (v) between an imaginary straight line extending due eastwards for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at a point on the seashore in line with the southernmost point of number 9 (White House) Coast Drive, New Romney, and an imaginary parallel straight line extending for a distance seaward of 200 metres from mean low water mark at a point on the seashore in line with the southernmost point of the junction of Coast Drive and Derville Road, New Romney.

Interpretation

2. In these byelaws, "navigator" means the person who, whether as owner or otherwise, has the charge or control of a pleasure boat and includes a person who, being present, is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control.

Seaside pleasure boats

3. (1) No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall between 1 May and 30 September inclusive in any year cause or permit such vessel to exceed a speed of 8 nautical miles per hour through the water.

- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who is:
- (a) taking part in an event organised either by the District Council or by any other person with the consent of the Council in writing; or
 - (b) acting in a rescue operation or involved in some other emergency.
- (3) This byelaw shall not extend to the areas of sea defined in byelaw 1 which lie between:
- (a) an imaginary straight line extending south-south-east from a point on the seashore opposite the entrance to Lower Sandgate Road, Folkestone, and an imaginary parallel straight line extending from a point on the seashore 100 metres to the west;
 - (b) imaginary straight lines extending south-south east from a point 50 metres either side of the slipway at Dymchurch, which is itself situated at the southern end of the public car park at Dymchurch Road, Dymchurch.
4. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or permit such vessel to be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.
5. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat propelled by an internal combustion engine, shall use the pleasure boat, unless the engine is fitted with a silencer suitable and sufficient for reducing, as far as may be reasonable, the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from the engine.

Penalty

6. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Saving of Crown and other rights

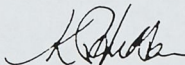
7. Nothing contained in any of the foregoing byelaws shall be deemed to be or shall operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of any part of the foreshore and seabed below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over any such part of the foreshore and seabed, nor shall anything contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights and interests of the Crown in such foreshore and seabed, or prevent the exercise thereon of any public rights or prejudice or injuriously affect any right, power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in, over and in respect of the foreshore and seabed.

Revocation

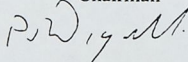
8. The following byelaws relating to seaside pleasure boats are hereby revoked

Date on which byelaws were made	Made by	Date of confirmation by the Secretary of State
3rd January 1968	The Council of the Borough of Folkestone	2nd May 1968
12th March 1992	The District Council of Shepway	1st September 1992

THE COMMON SEAL of the)
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHEPWAY)
was hereunto affixed on the)
13th day of December 1992)
in the presence of:-)



Chairman



~~Chairman of the District Council of Shepway~~



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