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Dover Arts Development announces additional funding for CHALKUP21, a new architectural trail along the Strait of Dover

Dover Arts Development have received an extra £5,000 of funding from the Kent Arts Investment Fund and £500 from the White Cliffs Country Tourism Association (WCCTA) to develop CHALKUP21, a new architectural coastal trail along the Strait of Dover. The seventeen-mile trail is designed to celebrate the outstanding coastal 21st-century architecture that Dover District has to offer, and to champion the unique features that make the area a rising tourist destination, from the Banksy mural to the coastal sound mirrors; the Samphire Hoe tower to the iconic White Cliffs. The funding is in addition to the £57,050 of funding from Arts Council England and a further £18,500 from a number of high profile local partners.

The CHALKUP21 buildings are linked by two of the finest long distance trails in England and Wales; North Downs Way and England Coastal Path National Trail routes passing through the Kent Downs AONB (areas of outstanding natural beauty), the chalk grassland of the North Downs escarpment and Heritage Coastline to the beach to Deal. The trail features the rare plant species of the newly created chalk meadow land at Samphire Hoe and the recently reopened Shakespeare beach and new Railway footbridge . Each of the trail attractions will be marked by a series of plaques, designed by architect Charles Holland.

At the beginning of the project, Charles stated, 'I am delighted to be involved in this proposal for a 21st-century architectural trail. The role of contemporary architecture in places like Dover and Deal is an important one that can sometimes be overlooked. This trail will rightly mark and celebrate the best new buildings, drawing attention to the rich recent history of art, architecture and design in the area. The proposed plaques will add another layer of experience and interpretation to this trail - a series of markers linking the buildings which visitors can photograph, draw and collect.'

The Up on the Downs Landscape partnership have commissioned artist Elaine Tribble to create sculptural work to mark the entrance to the path up to the White Cliffs of Dover by the Eastern Docks. Dover Arts Development was involved in the call for artists and arranging the jury and

selection procedure. This new work is part of the CHALKUP21 trail and its launch on August 23rd will also be the official launch of CHALKUP21.

A series of events will be led by artists over the next eighteen months to highlight different aspects of the trail and these will be announced as the trail develops, building continual momentum until December 2018.

One of the first CHALKUP21 events features in the Up on the Downs Big Summer Festival programme, for which Louisa Love will be leading the first of [two exploratory walks](#) on the 22nd July. This walk will engage with the elements, terrains, histories and distinctive contemporary architectures of Dover's iconic coastline and invite people to respond creatively to the structures and landscapes that surround them.

For more information and updates on the CHALKUP21 project, please visit:

<http://www.dadonline.eu/projects/chalkup21/>

Notes for Editors:

- Dover Arts Development is a not-for-profit organisation that instigates projects of excellence within poetry, music and the visual arts in Dover District, across South East England and Europe.
- In the Kent Creative Awards 2016, DAD won the Arts Organisation of the Year Award.
- For more information or images, contact info@dadonline.eu or call +447855832638
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The Trail Attractions:

- [The Wing](#) at Capel Le Ferne (2015)
- [Sapphire Hoe Education centre](#) (2014)
- Tonkin Liu's [Three Waves](#) (2009),
- [Dover Sea Sports centre](#) (2010)
- [North Downs Way START/FINISH line](#)(2010) by artist Alma Tischler Wood
- The exciting new public art work by Elaine Tribley, 'Gateway to the Cliffs', due to be installed in August 2017 at the end of Athol Terrace,
- The [National Trust Visitor Centre](#) (1999)
- The [Pines Calyx](#) (2006) at St Margaret's Bay
- The Niall McLaughlin [Deal Pier Café](#) (2009).

The Trail partners:

- Arts Council England, National Trails, Eurotunnel, The Bay Trust, Destination Dover, Dover Big Local, Dover Town Council and Kent County Council (Arts Unit and Members grant) to develop

the project with additional support from The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, The National Trust, The Port of Dover, The Up on the Downs Landscape Partnership, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, The White Cliffs Countryside Alliance and Dover District Council.