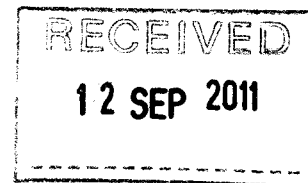


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September 10th 2011

Rye Town Council
Town Hall
Rye
East Sussex TN31



For the attention of Richard Farhall. Town Clerk

Dear Richard,

re Spirit of Rye Millenium Wall. Rye

When I designed and had built the above wall it was my intention to improve the eastern gateway to Rye which until then had been an eyesore.

The project was sponsored by the Rye Conservation Society who presented me with an award, the Rother Environmental Group and Transco who owned the site which would then be fronted by the wall

Concerned about the neglect of the wall, grafitti on the carved head, weeds growing from the top of the wall and its general air of neglect I wrote to the Chairmen of both the Conservation Society

and the Environmental Group on December 1st last seeking their support in tidying up this site and removing grafitti. Unfortunately neither body responded to my request, didn't even acknowledge my letter -

It then struck me that it is not clear now as to who exactly owns the wall and takes on responsibnility for its maintenance. I am unaware if Transco exist anymore but if they do, perhaps they could be contacted to see whether or not they would be agreeable to the ownership of the wall be given to Rye town Council. If this could be done then I wonder if Rye Town Council would accept responsibility for having the wall cleaned and tidied up on an annual basis.

I write to you hoping that you can sort this matter out and in the end arrive at a successful conclusion - after all this work is the only piece of public art not only in Rye but I believe in East Sussex as a whole -

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and thank you for helping me in this and my apologies for the terrible bit of typing

sincerely

Ron Dellar

copy to Cllr Sam Souster