

**DOVER ARTS DEVELOPMENT
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Dover Arts Development (DAD) has received a major funding boost from Screen South to make a new documentary inspired by footage of the last Conqueror paper run at Buckland Mill, Dover. The beautiful and very moving existing footage was shot by a former Mill employee.

The new film will be called Watermark and will memorialise the history of Buckland paper mill which closed on 30 June 2000. When the then owners, Arjo Wiggins, announced the transfer of production from Dover to Scotland, the irony was that the famous Conqueror watermark that was known all over the world could not be transferred.

DAD will be working with former employees and their families on the production of the film.

“We hope that the film will provide a means for the former employees and their families to tell their story and allow a wider reflection on the deindustrialisation of Dover Town and East Kent.”

DAD will also be working with pupils at three Dover schools, with an expert in oral history at the University of Kent (UKC) and with with specialist support in arts and filmmaking from the University for the Creative Arts at Maidstone (UCA). UCA

Acclaimed filmmaker Marianne Kapfer and award-winning composer/sound designer Robert Jarvis will work together to find new ways for sound and image to fuse in a truly integrated and original work: the specially composed soundtrack, the remarkable archive material, the stories told by former employee’s and their families will all go into the making of a film that is distinctive and contemporary.

“Our ambition is for the film to achieve national and even international distribution.”

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