

# Renewing YOUR area

## Renewal Team scoops top award



Forget Paltrow, Hanks or Clooney – the Renewal Area team has its very own award winner. The Home Office Taking a Stand Awards recognise individuals who have made a difference to a community. Dave Farmer, the Renewal Area Officer, has scooped the top government award for his role in tackling anti-social behaviour and helping to improve Cliftonville West – and as a part of the award Dave will be handed £1,000 to spend on a project in the area. The unit was set up in May last year but has already achieved so much. Thanks to the team’s work, homeowners and landlords have been able to improve the appearance of their properties – making Cliftonville West a

better place to live. The Renewal Area has been working with local residents and businesses on projects such as alley-gating schemes, which have reduced rubbish dumping and anti-social behaviour by closing off alleyways behind properties. The team has worked with the community to reduce littering, tackle graffiti and vandalism and cut back overgrown shrubbery. But like all award winners, Dave is modest about his achievements. Local resident Margaret Main, who nominated Dave, said: “This is a thoroughly deserved award. Dave’s really dedicated to what he does in Cliftonville West and is helping to give our community back its pride.

## What is a Renewal Area?

Thanet District Council declared a large area of Cliftonville West ward as a Renewal Area in May 2005. A Renewal Area is an area that has been identified as having poor housing conditions, as well as social and environmental conditions that require support. Thanet District Council and a range of different organisations are working together with the local community, landlords and businesses to improve the infrastructure and environment in the area.

Thanet District Council is providing £1 million for improvements to the area over the next five years. During this first year the team supported nearly 100 local property owners to improve their properties and were involved in a range of community projects, including the renovation of Dalby Square, several alley-gating schemes and a makeover for the Memorial Gardens in Trinity Square.



## Turnover to find out more about Magic event



# Action packed free festival

Live music, circus acts, street dance and magic will be just some of the entertainments at a free family festival to celebrate the first year of the Cliftonville West Renewal Area.

'Magic – What a difference a year makes', held on Saturday 20 May, is funded by Thanet District Council and will showcase the variety of projects and achievements in the renewal area over the last 12 months. It all takes place on the green at Newgate Promenade in Cliftonville West and includes exhibitions and workshops from local community groups, Council departments and partner organisations – who are all working to make a difference in the neighbourhood – as well



as a wide range of artists and performers.

Face painters and fun rides will keep the children entertained and there will be food and drink available. During the day, there will be a chance to talk to local community groups to find

## Magic timetable of events

10.00am	Musical Dragon
10.30am	Black & White Kent Circus School
11.00am	Vinny Drum Workshop
11.30am	D'Expressions
12.00noon	Black & White Magic Singh
12.30pm	Kent Circus School Musical Dragon Vinny
1.30pm	Bruce Airhead Drum Workshop Tai Chi Demo & Class
2.30pm	Kent Circus School D'Expressions Magic Singh
3.00pm	Bruce Airhead Vinny Black & White
3.30pm	Musical Dragon Magic Singh

out more about the activities available in Cliftonville West. 'Magic – What a difference a year makes' takes place between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 20 May on the green at Newgate Promenade. For more information, call 577 407 or visit [www.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.thanet.gov.uk)

## Here are just some of the exhibitors that Magic will showcase:

Renewal Area team projects  
Cliftonville West Partnership  
Job Centre Plus  
Kent Fire and Rescue  
Kent Police  
Life Boat  
Local Strategic Partnership  
Sports 4 NRG  
Thanet Coast Project

Thanet College  
Thanet Community Safety  
Partnership  
Various Council services  
Various local residents groups  
Various local support  
organisations  
Waste and recycling team and  
the Council's new freighters

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