

Housing Improvement Team

Thanet Council's Housing Improvement Team ensure property owners repair and maintain privately rented accommodation across Thanet.

The aim of the team is to improve housing conditions and enable the occupier to remain living in that property. We are unable to assist people in getting a Council house.

If there are major repair issues at a property, the tenant should inform the landlord before the housing improvement team can get involved. They can only deal with issues that present a serious health and safety risk to the tenant.

Don't forget, you must try to allow a reasonable time period for your landlord to repair the problem but if you have any issues or concerns contact us on 01843 577437 or email housing.conditions@thanet.gov.uk

The Housing Improvement Team also deals with the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation. If you think that the property you live in might require a licence then to find out more information take a look at our website www.thanet.gov.uk/housing/multiple_occupancy_homes.aspx

RECYCLING NEWS

Over 120 tonnes of recycling were collected in April, May and June.

Please remember – the blue sacks are for recycling ONLY. Do not use them for household waste. Next delivery of sacks will be in August.

Thank you for making the new recycling scheme a success!



Fire alarms – the facts

Fires can start when you least expect it, often during the night and they spread very rapidly. But the real killer is smoke. If you are asleep when a fire starts and you do not have a smoke alarm to wake you, your chances of survival are greatly reduced.

The Housing Improvement Team have looked at properties in the Renewal Area and found that a number of homes do not have a working fire alarm.

To ensure that residents and your families are kept safe, there are a couple of checks that you should look at.

- Check the battery in your smoke detectors
- If you live in a block of flats, check if you have an alarm and that you know where the control panel is
- Check the control Panel for any faults

If there are any faults, contact your landlord or the freeholder to get it checked and repaired.

The alarm should be checked regularly to ensure they are working and well maintained. Make sure you have spare batteries in the house.

For full alarm systems ensure that there is a maintenance contract for the alarm and always have an escape route planned in case of a fire.

Always contact your landlord or the person responsible for the alarm as soon as you find a problem. If you have any problems then contact the Housing Improvement Team on 01843 577437

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

Almost all fires that happen in the home can be prevented. To get free advice on fire safety contact Kent Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 9237000.



If you would like a copy of this document in an alternative format (e.g. Braille or large print) and/or in another language please call 01843 577165

Margate Renewal Partnership

For more information on the Margate Renewal Partnership contact Derek Harding on 01843 609337 or email derek.harding@thanet.gov.uk

Safer Stronger Communities Fund

For more information about the SSCF Programme please contact the SSCF Team on 01843 577534. Alternatively you can email sscf@thanet.gov.uk or visit www.thanet.gov.uk/sscf

Renewal Area

If you live in the Renewal Area and are interested in applying for a grant please contact the Renewal Officer on 01843 577748 or email housingrenewalarea@thanet.gov.uk or visit www.thanet.gov.uk/renewalarea

Empty Properties & Home Improvement Team

For more information telephone Home Improvement on 01843 577406, Empty Properties on 01843 577408 or email housing.conditions@thanet.gov.uk

Margate



Newsletter

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Housing Renewal Programme

Cliftonville's Unsung Heroes



Five dedicated sweepers have been working hard to keep the area of Cliftonville clean and tidy, helping to improve the overall cleanliness of the area.

The team, Amin Yousuf, Neil Tarpree, John Jordon, Jason Saunders and Tom McBride start their shifts bright and early at 6am until 6pm, seven days a week in a four week rota system. They are also supported by drivers Phil Guarnieri and Peter Wigley, who are on hand to dispose of any large waste, as well as assist with community clear ups in the area.

Peter Thomas, Cleaning Manager at Thanet District Council, said "Our cleansing staff pick up the same amount of rubbish day after day and we urge residents to play their part by using the litter bins provided or by taking it home. We are very proud of the contribution that our cleansing staff make to ensure Cliftonville and Margate are kept clean for residents and visitors to enjoy."

The Council is now issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) of £80 to any person caught littering. Over 30 FPNs have recently been issued for offences including the dropping of food cartons, sweet wrappers and the disguarding of cigarette ends in the street.

New Eurobins Working Well

Eurobins have been successful in helping to improve the areas of Ethelbert Road, Athelstan Road and Dalby Square area. This pilot scheme was implemented following consultation with the residents who live in small flats and who do not have room to store rubbish bags until their collection day.

The scheme, running over a twelve week trial period, is for residents in these areas to dispose of their domestic waste in between the normal weekly collections and aims to prevent the dumping of black bags. The bins are currently emptied twice a week by the Councils Waste & Recycling team.

These Eurobins are for normal domestic household waste only and residents are reminded not to use these Eurobins for recycling.



Safer Streets in Cliftonville West

Improved street lighting is transforming sixteen streets in Cliftonville West making them brighter and safer for the residents who live there. These streets are Ethelbert Road, Ethelbert Gardens, Arthur Road, Dalby Square, Edgar Road, Percy Road, Gordon Road, Stanley Road, St Paul's Road, Sweyn Road, Harold Road, Cumberland Road, Norfolk Road, Surrey Road, Warwick Road and Trinity Square.

The improved lighting scheme is being provided by the Renewal Team, the Safer Stronger Communities Fund, and the Environmental Action Programme who worked with KCC highways to consult with residents about their priorities for safer, lighter streets.

The works, costing a total of £73,000, include installing 38 new columns and upgrading a further 79 by replacing the old dull yellow lights with white beam lights that are brighter and cover a wider area of the streets. This, along with the works carried out to the trees earlier in the year, will make the area safer and aid CCTV coverage.

Future costs of the upkeep and maintenance for the lighting scheme will be undertaken by KCC.



Successful round two of Cliftonville Clean Sweep

The second round of Thanet District Council's Operation Clean Sweep has again seen major results in tackling a range of anti-social issues in Cliftonville West.

The operation, which ran from Tuesday 20 until Thursday 22 May, also involved officers from Kent Police, Kent Trading Standards, Kent Fire and Rescue and the United Kingdom Border Agency, as well as Council officers from Renewal, Housing, Benefits, Parking, Environmental Health, Planning and Community Wardens. This time the clean-up focused on Northdown Road and involved checking houses in multiple occupation to ensure they were safe and checking on food safety and trade waste licences in businesses.

During the three days Council Waste and Recycling teams cleared 36 tonnes of rubbish from five premises that had previously been served with notices. The cost for the

clear-up will now be recovered from owners. One Fixed Penalty Notice was also issued for littering.

Seven notices were issued to commercial premises in the area, five for prevention of rats, because of the amount of rubbish that had built up at the premises and two for failing to obey trade waste rules. If they fail to clear the rubbish the Council will carry out the work in default and will charge the owners.

Three alleyways were cleared by volunteers from Pipeline, with more than 70 bags of rubbish taken away, along with furniture, rubble and hardcore.

Enforcement officers from the Council's Planning and Housing teams found a number of properties that they were concerned about because of overcrowding and smoke alarms not working. They will now be looking at taking further action against the owners of these properties.

Local Community Group

Cleaner streets, creating a better community and improving parking and transport are just some of the projects on the go for Surrey Road Area Action Group (SRAAG).

They meet every six weeks and their main aim is to make their area a delightful place to live. The group is keen to support local businesses and improve safety and security in their area, which covers Norfolk Road, Cumberland Road, Surrey Road, Warwick Road and Cornwall Gardens and Harold Road.

Mariette Castellino is SRAAG's secretary and calls for anyone that lives in these roads to volunteer. "We'd love anyone in these areas to get involved and you can join in with any of our projects or start one of your own", she said.

To get involved contact 01843 296290, email snowball_drylands@yahoo.co.uk or write to 50 or 58 Norfolk Road.

Would you like to belong to a community group? Then check out our web pages www.thanet.gov.uk/renewal for more information about groups available in your area.



For more information about the Renewal Area or grants that may be available please contact the Renewal Team: Dave Farmer Renewal Area Officer 01843 577407 & Lesley Dalton Project Support Officer 01843 577748 Or email housingrenewalarea@thanet.gov.uk or visit www.thanet.gov.uk/renewalarea

On the Threshold of a Dream



Working together since 1999, Walker and Bromwich's performances, sculptures and videos often encourage the audience to participate.

The artists have a fascination with 'in between' states and places, the zones between fact and fiction, dreams and reality, land and sea. On the Threshold of a Dream comprises two parts, an exhibition in the Turner Contemporary Project Space and an off-site touring project, Celestial Radio, which during the course of the exhibition will visit the harbours of Whitstable, Margate and Folkestone.

On the Threshold of a Dream, the second exhibition in the new Turner Contemporary Project Space in Margate High Street, features work by Zoë Walker and Neil Bromwich.

The exhibition in the Turner Contemporary Project Space features Walker and Bromwich's inflatable sculptures and video work.

Celestial Radio is a radio station broadcasting from a crystal ship, The Celeste, its surface coated in sixty thousand mirror tiles. The Celeste will anchor in the harbours of Whitstable, Margate and Folkestone from where it will broadcast, on 87.7FM, a specially recorded soundtrack.

The exhibition at the Turner Contemporary Project Space runs until Sunday 14 September and is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-5pm. Admission is free.



A summer of shells



Margate will be enjoying a summer of shells, with the town's stunning life sized Shell Ladies making appearances throughout the next couple of months.

The ladies, designed by artist Ann Carrington, were chosen to "brand" the Old Town and create a cultural trail through the area, drawing local people and visitors to key features in the area, by promoting attractions such as the Tudor House and the Shell Grotto.

The project has been coordinated by the Margate Renewal Partnership and funded by Thanet District Council, the European Regional Development Fund and the East Kent Partnership.

The twelve Shell Ladies can be found around the town on the following dates:

July: 27

August: 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 30 & 31

The trail starts at the Margate Visitor Information Centre at 1.30pm on each of the days. Everyone who finds the Shell Ladies and their names and returns their entry form to the Visitor Information Centre will be entered into a weekly prize draw to win a box of Guylian shell chocolates. All children will receive sweets for entering.

For more information on the Shell Lady appearances, contact the Visitor Information Centre on 0870 264 6111 or visit www.theshelllady.co.uk

HOW MANY SHELLS DOES IT TAKE?

A Margate boy has beaten 130 other entrants to successfully guess the number of shells that make up Margate's life sized Shell Ladies. Daniel McLean guessed that each Shell Lady was made up of 1,020 shells – just nine shells away from the correct answer of 1,011. The competition was organised by the Margate Renewal Partnership and Daniel was presented with a £10 shopping gift voucher as his prize.



New Plans for Arlington Site

Local people have been helping to shape the future of another part of Margate, with the publication of the Arlington Planning Brief, which sets out proposals to improve the site.

The brief proposes a mixed use scheme including residential, retail and commercial elements and it's hoped that will help to create more employment opportunities.

Ideas in it include:

- Exterior improvements to Arlington House

- New retail and commercial development with parking provision on the current car park site
- New shops and cafes facing the seafront
- Pedestrian and cycle links creating easier access to Dreamland, Margate seafront and Main Sands, Turner Contemporary, Margate Old Town and the High Street
- A new attraction, possibly a sea life centre on the beach
- New open space created on the seafront
- A new road link along the railway line between All Saints Avenue and Eaton Road.

HARBOUR ARM

back in business



Margate's Harbour Arm is back in business, following a major project to redevelop it over the last four months.

This successful private and public sector collaboration was funded by Margate Harbour Arm Ltd and the European Regional Development fund through the Margate Renewal Partnership and Thanet District Council and the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

As well as providing a new space for retail outlets, a café and a bar / restaurant, Isle of Thanet Arts (IOTA) have made their new home there, with a gallery and seven permanent studio spaces available to artists to use as creative spaces on short-term licenses.

Fiona Sherriff from Margate Harbour Arm Ltd is delighted with the way the project has come together. "We had a very successful opening weekend at the end of May, which attracted a huge amount of positive feedback, with people saying they enjoyed the space there so much. It's not surprising, as it is a fantastic natural stage for events and that's why we'll be using it for a series of events over the summer weekends. There'll be a bar and refreshments open every weekend and we're planning a range of other activities for various weekends."

To find out more about the events planned over the summer, visit www.margateharbourarm.co.uk



Improving Connections in Margate

Work's been completed on a major scheme to encourage more people into the Lower High Street and the Old Town and improve safety in the area.

The Pedestrian Connections scheme aims to help improve the town's trading potential by encouraging pedestrians down towards the lower part of the town, with wider and improved pavement finishes, making it easier for people to walk around the town.



The work has also seen a 20 mile an hour scheme introduced in The Parade, Duke Street, Lower High Street, Market Street, Market Place and Lombard Street, with improvements and upgrades to the street lighting.

The new lighting in the Old Town, along with eight new CCTV cameras which are being introduced as part of the

scheme, have been funded by European money, following a successful bid from the Margate Renewal Partnership.

As well as paying for CCTV and improved lighting, the Objective 2 funding has paid for a package of improvements in the Old Town. These include signage, banners and providing employment space for creative industries, with work focused on vacant or underused buildings in the area.

EVENTS: SUMMER 2008

JULY

- 25-27 **Big Sky Jazz Festival**
Contact Margate Town Partnership Tel: 01843 297350
- 25 **Mah Jong – Qing**,
7 Market Place, Margate
7.00pm Tel: 01843 299055
- 26 & 27 **Margate Shell Ladies Outings**,
Margate Marine Terrace
Tel: 0870 264 6111
- 27 **Cliftonville Farmers Market**
The Oval Lawns, Cliftonville,
10.00am-1.00pm
Tel: 01843 226033
- 31 July-30 Aug **Generate – Turner Contemporary**
17-18 The Parade, Margate
10.00am-5.00pm
Tel: 01843 280261

AUGUST

- 1 **Beijing Olympic Bar-b-que – Qing**
7 Market Place, Margate
6.00pm Tel: 01843 299055
- 1 **The Comedy Club**
Theatre Royal Margate,
Addington Street, Margate
7.45pm Tel: 01227 787787
- 2 **Big Sky Jazz Festival**
Margate Town Partnership
12.00am-10.00pm
Tel: 01843 297350
- 2 & 3 **Margate Carnival Calypso Weekend**
Margate Carnival Group
Tel: 01843 293733
- 2 & 3 **Margate Shell Ladies Outings**
Margate Marine Terrace
Tel: 0870 264 6111
- 3 **Cliftonville Bandstand Entertainment**
Oval Bandstand, Cliftonville
2.30pm-4.30pm
Tel: 01843 226033

- 9 **Joe Pasquale's Back on the Road**
Winter Gardens,
Fort Crescent, Margate
7.30pm Tel: 01843 296111
- 9 & 10 **Margate Shell Ladies Outings**
Margate Marine Terrace
Tel: 0870 264 6111
- 10 **Cliftonville Bandstand Entertainment**
Oval Bandstand, Cliftonville
2.30pm-4.30pm
Tel: 01843 226033
- 12 **Designed For You: Creative China Now**
Turner Contemporary
6.00pm-7.00pm
Tel: 01843 280261

- 13 Aug-12 Sept **Viva Las Vegas**
Winter Gardens,
Fort Crescent, Margate
2.30pm-7.30pm
Tel: 01843 296111

- 16 **Margate Grotto Walks – Margate Old Town Guided Walks**
Margate Visitor Information,
12-13 The Parade, Margate
2.30pm-4.30pm
Tel: 01843 221838

- 16 & 17 **Margate Shell Ladies Outings**
Margate Marine Terrace
Tel: 0870 264 6111

- 17 **Cliftonville Bandstand Entertainment**
Oval Bandstand, Cliftonville
2.30pm-4.30pm
Tel: 01843 226033

- 23-25 **Margate Shell Ladies Outings**
Margate Marine Terrace
Tel: 0870 264 6111

- 23 **Mr Wonderful Dancing**
Winter Gardens,
Fort Crescent, Margate
7.30pm Tel: 01843 296111

- 24 **Cliftonville Bandstand Entertainment**
Oval Bandstand, Cliftonville
Tel: 01843 226033

- 29 **Mah Jong – Qing**
7 Market Place, Margate
7.00pm Tel: 01843 299055

- 30 & 31 **Margate Shell Ladies Outings**
Margate Marine Terrace
Tel: 0870 264 6111

- 31 **Cliftonville Farmers Market**
The Oval Lawns, Cliftonville
10.00am-1.00pm
Tel: 01843 226033

SEPTEMBER

- 7 **Search for a Star**
Winter Gardens,
Fort Crescent, Margate
Tel: 01843 296111

- 7 **Thanet Marathon**
Margate Marine Terrace
11.00am Tel: 01843 584909

- 13 **Disco Inferno**
Winter Gardens,
Fort Crescent, Margate
8.00pm Tel: 01843 296111

- 13 **Margate Old Town Walks – Margate Old Town Guided Walks**
12-13 The Parade, Margate
2.30pm-4.30pm
Tel: 01843 221838

- 20 & 21 **Big Sky Kite Festival 2008**
Margate Town Partnership,
20 Market Place, Margate
10.00am-5.00pm
Tel: 01843 297350

- 20 **Margate Collectors Fair**
Union Church,
Union Crescent, Margate
10.00am-4.00pm
Tel: 01843 862707

For other exciting events please check the following websites

www.turnercontemporary.org.uk
www.thanetcoast.org.uk
www.margatewintergardens.co.uk

News bites:

Work has now finished on The Parade, with temporary bollards due to be installed soon to encourage responsible parking in the newly enhanced area. You can play your part to keep the area traffic free by parking in the bays.

A state of the art jazz piano is to be purchased for the community, to help attract big names for the annual Margate Jazz Festival. It will be purchased with European funding by the Margate Town Partnership, and will be housed at the Harbour Cafe. Community organisations are encouraged to contact the Partnership on 01843 297350 if they want to use it in the future.

Safer Stronger Communities Fund

Since its launch in April 2006 the Safer Stronger Communities Fund has funded 82 different projects run by clubs, groups, organisations and residents from Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards.

Small Grants for Community Groups

In February 2008 the Safer Stronger Communities Fund had a small amount of capital funding left to allocate. A maximum of £1,500 funding was made available so that the funding could benefit as many people as possible. This funding was to improve the structure of community buildings or for buying equipment for projects.

The following projects were approved for funding:

Boxing Ring With Punch Bags (1)

Isle of Thanet Amateur Boxing Club received funding to buy a portable boxing ring plus punch bags and a speedball for their sessions at Hartsdown Leisure Centre on Wednesday and Friday evenings.



Education Room for Study

The Lighthouse Project received funding to equip a study room in their supported housing project in Cliftonville for young people (aged 16-25).



Play Equipment (2)

Playful Penguins Pre-School at St Paul's Community Centre received funding to buy high quality play equipment.



Central Studios Facelift (3)

Central Studios used SSCF funding to repair and improve the outside appearance of the building, which is currently used for Chalkfoot Theatre's own activities and hired to local groups and organisations. Tel: 01843 280077 for more details.



St John's Neighbourhood Action Group (4)

St John's Neighbourhood Action Group has tidied up a scruffy corner in St John's, Margate, by adding planters to an existing bench area and painting the fence. For more information call SJ NAG Secretary, Emer on 01843 225170.

New Tables for Ramillies Explorer Sea Scouts

Ramillies Explorer Sea Scouts are a unit of 30 members (boys and girls) aged between 14-18 who regularly meet in the Cliftonville area. SSCF funding was used to purchase collapsible tables and a storage trolley to provide better working facilities for them. Contact sam.white@ramillies.essu.org.uk or visit www.ramillies-essu.org.uk for more details.

Finishing Touches to St Paul's Community Centre

Additional funding for new signage, chairs for the hall and dining tables for the Café have helped to create a more welcoming environment for everyone who uses St Paul's Community Centre. Call 01843 221290 or visit www.stpaulscommunitytrust.co.uk

Art for All Pottery Classes

Art for All and the Vision 4 Future projects are running pottery classes for people of all ages using their new pottery wheel and kiln which has been funded by SSCF. To register call Helen on: 0787 877 6196 or email helen@artforall.eu

Office Desks

Wantsum Savers, Isle of Thanet Credit Union have moved to larger premises at 9 High Street Margate and received funding from SSCF to purchase office desks and screens for their new office. For details call 01843 295022.

New and Improved Play Areas



Dane Park (A)

A lot of work has been carried out in Dane Park to improve the facilities for all park users. Money was allocated to the Margate Civic Society from the

SSCF fund and Thanet District Council's Parks Department has managed the project on their behalf.

Play equipment for children under 12 years has been installed, after a slight delay due to vandalism. A new MUGA (Multi Use Game Area) has also been installed for older children to play a variety of ball games.

Other improvements have included new lighting, additional seating, a café kiosk, picnic area and toilet facilities.

Local people were invited to come and see the improvements at The Green Fayre in May. An estimated 3,000 people turned out to enjoy the fun of the fair over the two-day event. Thanet District Council and Margate Civic Society are now working towards gaining the national 'Green Flag' award for the park.

Quarterdeck MUGA

The Quarterdeck Youth Centre in Cliftonville will have a new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), which will be open access to the public from the rear of the centre. This project is a direct response to local young people requesting improved sports facilities in the area.

Newgate Play Area (B)

Work has started on the 'Newgate play area' which will be sited next to the Mini Golf on Ethelbert Terrace in Cliftonville.

During the construction stage it is being called the Newgate play area, but there will be a competition to officially name it soon. This project has been jointly funded by SSCF and Margate Renewal Partnership. Completion is due in the autumn.



Dalby Square Project (C)

The Dalby Square Project has gained funding from SSCF to add more equipment to complete their play area.

Free Summer Activities

Here's a taster of some of the free activities in Margate and Cliftonville that you can take part in over the next two months.

The Thanet Coast Project would like to hear from children's clubs and youth groups who would like to take part in coastal activities during the school summer holidays, including rockpooling, surfing, kayaking, beach art, geology and more.

Visit www.thanetcoast.org.uk for details of coastal events in the Margate & Cliftonville area. Many events are free and suitable for children and families. Call 01843 577672.

Sport4 NRG Summer Scheme for 13-17yr olds. Weds and Thurs evenings in August on Margate main sands – play baseball/volleyball/football. Call James on 07770828582 for more details.

Softball Cricket for Beginners in Dane Park. FREE coaching for 4-11yrs every Thursday in August 5-7pm. Turn up and join in. Call Ian on 01843 604631 for more info on Margate Cricket Club activities.

Summer Open Day at Windmill Community Allotment Project on 2nd August. (Corner of Dane Valley Rd and College Rd). Children's activities, entertainment, BBQ. Call Sure Start Margate on 01843 224119 for more details.

'Cliftonville Games' on Saturday August 9th in Dane Park. FREE family fun and games, win prizes! Call Elaine on 01843 221290 for more details.

Generate Art Workshop Sat 30th August, Droit House, Stone Pier, Margate. Workshops are FREE, just turn up and join in. For more info call Turner on 01843 280261.

SSCF Workers 2008-2010

The SSCF funding for 2008-10 differs from previous years in that it is only revenue and therefore cannot be used to buy or build things. The money has been used to fund 13 projects and a range of workers who will be working with you over the next two years. All the funds have now been allocated.

In future newsletters each worker will be featured to give you an idea of what they will be doing and how to get in touch with them.

“This project aims to work with ‘at risk’ groups and victims to give them confidence to break out of the cycle of abuse.”

Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker: Bridget Moore
Oasis Women's Refuge has been funded by SSCF and Kent Police to work with the community to reduce the amount of domestic abuse in the area.

Bridget says, “This project aims to work with ‘at risk’ groups and victims to give them confidence to break out of the cycle of abuse.”

What is your role Bridget?

My role is to support adults and children who suffer from domestic abuse. I can offer advice and support in many ways, including helping them contact other organisations. I offer emotional support and understanding to help victims rebuild their lives. I can help families to remain in their homes, or if that isn't possible, move to a place of safety. Assistance can include practical support on financial, legal and housing issues, for example ensuring the relevant security systems are in place like a panic alarm or new locks on doors and windows.

How can people contact you?

Call 01843 296167 or email community@oasiswomensrefuge.org

Community Co-ordinator for Mencap: Angela Brown

East Kent Mencap has been funded by SSCF to help build life skills for people with Learning Disabilities (LD) so that they can become independent, as well as support those who are currently living independently in the area.

Angela says, “I will be working in partnership with Thanet Citizen's Advice Bureau to provide advice and information to people with Learning Disabilities who are living in Margate and Cliftonville. Thanet has one of the highest levels of people with LD in Kent and the wards of Cliftonville and Margate are home to some of the most vulnerable”.

What is your role Angela?

People with Learning Disabilities find it more difficult to access information services as their communication skills are more limited, and they often lack the confidence to use public services. My role is to provide advice on employment, debt, benefits, housing and family issues which will be free, confidential and impartial.

How can people contact you?

Call 01843 224482 or email angela@eastkentmencap.co.uk



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Youth & Community Workers: Dominika Richards & Sara Kardamitsis
Through the Kent Refugee & Minority Support Group, the SSCF Programme has funded two part-time Youth & Community Officers.

Over the past six months Dominika and Sara have worked with minority groups to help them to get involved with the local community.

Dominika says, “We set up and run a Youth Group in The Quarterdeck Youth Centre in Cliftonville on Friday evenings between 7pm and 9pm. We will be providing outings and activities during the summer holidays. We try to encourage our young people to take part in other community events such as the Cliftonville Games as this is an ideal way to get people to integrate. We are also working with St Paul's Community Centre on their new After School Club which runs every Monday 4.30-7pm”.

Sara says, “The other major part of our role is to provide free workshops to increase understanding of racism, bullying, immigration, migration and different cultures. At the moment we are working with local schools but we are happy to work with other groups and organisations”.

How can people contact you?

Call 07974727864 or email sara.kardamitsis@hotmail.co.uk



CASE Kent Community Group Advisers: Andy Ball, Kate Robson & Ann Chanas

CASE Kent (Community Action South East) has been awarded SSCF funding for 3 advisers to focus on helping volunteers, community groups and organisations to grow and become more sustainable. They will also help groups to meet national quality standards, which will greatly improve their ability to access funds from the public sector and the Lottery.

Andy says, “CASE Kent will offer advice and support to voluntary and community groups on issues such as funding, governance, starting a group, setting up as a charity or company and business planning”.

What is your role Andy?

I am the full-time Community Projects Adviser for Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards, specialising in making sure groups have the resources they need. I hold a drop-in advice session at St Paul's Community Centre on Thursday afternoons 2-5pm.

Kate says, “We also offer various types of training that might be of interest to your members and produce regular newsletters to keep voluntary and community groups up-to-date with relevant information”.

What is your role Kate?

I am the Community Projects Adviser, specialising in advising on quality standards for groups. I work part-time in Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards.

Ann Chanas says, “CASE Kent provides support to voluntary and community groups and organisations Thanet-wide through Lin Dykes an adviser funded by Kent County Council and Thanet District Council, so you can still contact us no matter where you are based.

What is your role Ann?

I will be working alongside my colleagues in Thanet, to secure funding for CASE Kent to continue to provide a service to the voluntary and community sector once SSCF funding has ceased.

How can people contact you?

Call 01843 588780 or email andyball@casekent.org.uk, katerobson@casekent.org.uk, annchanas@casekent.org.uk, or Lin Dykes on thanet@casekent.org.uk

