

# Safer Stronger Communities Fund

## You Said, We Did!

### What do you think of the results?

In 2006 over 1000 local residents living in Margate Central and Cliftonville West were asked what their priorities for improving the area were.

The Safer Stronger Communities Fund Programme has provided a wide range of facilities and activities identified through this consultation. We would like to hear your views on whether you feel that the delivery of the facilities listed below has made the area a better place for local people to live in.

### Get involved

We are looking for a group of residents to take part in an SSCF Evaluation Group and provide their views on the programme's achievements.

To join this group contact Myfanwy Williams on 01843 577534 or email [sscf@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:sscf@thanet.gov.uk) and provide your name, address and a contact phone number or email.

If you're not able to join the evaluation group then we would really appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete the questions below and return to: Communications, Thanet District Council, FREEPOST SEA 8273, Margate CT9 1BR.

**Do you agree or disagree that these facilities have improved the area making it a better place?  
1 shows you strongly disagree and 7 shows you strongly agree.**

Please tick (✓) one box for each.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13 streets in Cliftonville with brighter street lighting							
8 CCTV cameras and lighting installed in the Old Town Margate							
Refurbishment of St Paul's Community Centre							
Refurbishment of St John's Community Centre.							
Theatre Royal, Margate - new theatre programme & community outreach activities							
The new Viking playground							
Refurbishment of the multi-use games area at the Quarterdeck							
The new multi-use games area in Dane Park							
The new lighting in Dane Park							
The new play ground with CCTV cameras and café in Dane Park							
The new lights on the harbour arm							
Dalby Square Garden's play area							
Weekly doorstep recycling							

Your Postcode: ..... Your age: ..... Male / Female

Do you have children: a) Under 11 years? Yes / No b) Under 12-18 years? Yes / No

**Thank you!**

### Margate Renewal Partnership

For more information on the Margate Renewal Partnership contact Derek Harding on 01843 609337 or email [derek.harding@thanet.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sscf@thanet.gov.uk) or visit [www.thanet.gov.uk/sscf](http://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](mailto:housingrenewalarea@thanet.gov.uk) or visit [www.thanet.gov.uk/renewalarea](http://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](mailto:housing.conditions@thanet.gov.uk)

# Margate



## Newsletter

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# Safer Stronger Communities Fund

In its fourth and final year of funding, the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) continues to fund partners who provide services, advice and support for residents, businesses and community groups in the two wards of Margate Central and Cliftonville West.

SSCF has provided £213,007 to fund a Waste and Recycling Enforcement Officer, Community Warden, two Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), a Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker, two Business Support Workers, four Community Workers for youth and families, three Welfare Advice Workers, two Community Group Advisors and an Anti-social Behaviour Officer.

## Community Activities

In these two wards there are many opportunities for residents to get involved in activities. Below are just some of the activities that the SSCF projects are supporting and we hope you will take up the chance to take part and benefit from them.

### Art Group

This group caters for a wide range of abilities from absolute beginners to budding artists. All members receive support and tips from a tutor, local artist Anthony Waite. The group is held weekly at St Paul's Community Centre on Thursdays from 1–3pm. There are regular exhibitions that you can take part in or if you prefer, come and view and perhaps buy any art that takes your fancy.

### Bingo

If you love bingo or would like to have a go then come along and join us. We meet on the second Saturday of every month at St John's Community Centre from 2.30–4.30pm. Our group is open to all adults. For £2 you get 8 games, a cup of tea and a light snack.

### Chickens & Family Allotment Project

This is a new project for families to help look after chickens and a community allotment. It is based at the Windmill Community Allotment Project (located at the corner of Dane Valley Road and College Road). Call Beth on 0779 2226103 if you and your family would like to get involved.

### Partially Sighted Club

This group meets up at St John's Community Centre every other Thursday from 2–4pm. Transport can be arranged, if needed. Call Joan at St John's Community Centre on 01843 224957.

### Dalby Square Gardening Club

Every Sunday afternoon a group of local residents, young and old, meet up and tend the square's lovely community park. The group welcomes anyone who would like to tend the plants, pull a few weeds and make some friends. Gardening experience is not needed. Call Jenny on 01843 228414.

### Dancing

Whether you want to step out and groove to Latin, Ballroom, Sequence or Line Dancing, St Paul's Community Centre has a club for you. These dancing clubs cater for beginners to advanced so, whatever your dancing ability, all are welcome to join in. Call Elaine at St Paul's Community Centre on 01843 221290.

### Ex-Servicemen's Club

If you want to meet fellow ex-servicemen then come along every Tuesday from 11–1.30pm to St Paul's Community Centre. Call Elaine on 01843 221290.

### Keep Fit

Gemma runs a keep fit group on Monday evenings from 7–8pm. The class costs £4 and is aimed at all ages and levels of fitness. Just call Gemma on 07983 636850.

### Wednesday Lunches

If you're looking for good food, home cooking, value for money and pleasant company then come along and join us on Wednesdays at 12.30pm at St John's Community Centre. A two course lunch costs £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. Everyone is welcome. To book your lunch call Joan at St John's Community Centre on 01843 224957.



### Women's Group

Don't be put off by the name as this group involves women of all ages, plus a few babies and children, who have lots of fun every week with plenty of chat, games and trying out new things – all the stuff that women like to do together. Everyone is welcomed with a smile, a cup of tea and a piece of toast for those who have missed breakfast! If you want to make some more friends and have fun, come along on Tuesdays from 10am–12 noon to St Paul's Community Centre. Call Dominika on 0782 4446104.

## Activities for Young People

### After School Club

This popular club, for 7–11 year olds, is held every Monday from 4.30–6.30pm at St Paul's Community Centre. Activities include quizzes, team games and recently an evening of Aikido (a martial art). It's a great way to make friends. Under 7s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is solely responsible for them. Contact Elaine on 01843 221290.



### Project Engage

Feedback from organisations suggested that there was a shortage of workers with the specialist skills needed to support children with disabilities in their group activities. From this, Thanet's Youth Engage Forum asked why children with disabilities were not taking part in the youth activities. Both parents and carers of children with disabilities have suggested that asking them for advice would be welcomed to help encourage more children with disabilities to get involved in activities. From this consultation run by Pie Factory Music, three days of disability awareness training have been delivered attended by 41 practitioners. These practitioners are now putting into practice the skills that they have learnt. Children with disabilities and their parents and/or carers are supporting the Youth Engage Forum with the development of a guide. This will provide advice on running activities and events and highlight how to ensure accessibility for all persons, including those with disabilities. To find out more call Mike at Pie Factory Music on 01843 596777 or visit the website [www.piefactorymusic.com/main](http://www.piefactorymusic.com/main).

### Rainbow, Brownies and Guides

These groups meet up regularly at St John's Community Centre. Rainbows (5–7 year olds) and Brownies (7–10 year olds) meet on Wednesday evenings and Guides (10–14 year olds) on Friday evenings. Call Debra on 01843 290107.

### Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that's the world's most popular martial art in terms of the number of practitioners. Combining self defence, fitness, flexibility and fun, the beginner's class is aimed at those aged 8 and over, and meets every Monday from 7.15–9.15pm at St Paul's Community Centre. To find out more call 01843 221290.

### Thursday Night Club

The Thursday Night Club has been going for several years and welcomes young people aged 11–18 years. There are lots of games, activities and fun to join in with every week. There are also days out, such as the recent paint-balling trip funded through the Young People's Fund. If you want to make friends and have fun, then come along on Thursdays from 7–9pm at the Quarterdeck Youth Centre in Zion Place, Cliftonville. Call Dominika on 0782 4446104.



### Thursday Street Dance Group

Street Dance is a really popular and good way for young people to express themselves and keep fit. The group is run by young adults for young people and encourages individuality and originality in dance and this improvisation is at the heart of the dances they develop for local performances. During the Spring Bank Holiday, members had the opportunity to work with Create (an arts charity), in a week-long dance workshop, which was funded by Councillor Chris Wells. At the end of the week the group performed a dance in front of family, friends and local residents. The Thursday Street Dance Group is aimed at beginners, so if you're 11 years or over come and join them at the Quarterdeck Youth Centre on Thursdays from 7–9pm. Call Beth on 0779 2226103.



## Help and Assistance for Residents

These are difficult times for everyone and if you are having problems and want advice you can contact the following:

### Community & Voluntary Sector Support

Community Action South East (CASE Kent) provides support and advice, or just a listening ear, with the aim of helping community groups and organisations grow and continue to be sustainable. The team is made up of Marina and Heather, who are based at the CASE Kent office in Ramsgate and provide free advice, support and help with fund raising.

CASE Kent also provides free places on a range of training courses for organisations active in the SSCF area of Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards. These have previously included courses on managing volunteers, basic book-keeping, publicity and marketing and developing a fundraising strategy.

To find out how CASE Kent could help you and details of current courses available call 01843 588780 or email team leader Lin Holder on [linholder@casekent.org.uk](mailto:linholder@casekent.org.uk), or visit [www.midsekent-cvs.co.uk](http://www.midsekent-cvs.co.uk)



### The Union Church Drop-in

located in Union Row, Margate is open for people with learning disabilities on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am–3pm. The drop-in provides support, information, advice and lots of fun activities. Ange who provides information and advice for parents and carers is at the drop-in on Mondays. Or call Ange on 01843 224482, or email her on [angela@eastkentmencap.co.uk](mailto:angela@eastkentmencap.co.uk)



Ange Brown

**Drop-in Advice Service:** If you are having problems with Home Office work permits contact Kamilla at Migrant Helpline, who will be happy to help. Kamilla provides a drop-in advice service on Thursdays from 9.30am–4.30pm at Thanet Gateway Plus at Margate Library or call Kamilla on 07976 450324, or email [kamilla.hitchcock@migranthepline.org](mailto:kamilla.hitchcock@migranthepline.org)

### Supporting Local Businesses

If you are running a business or have just moved your business into the area help is at hand. Dave Kinnear from Margate Town Partnership and Pamela from Cliftonville Partnership work with the local business community by providing free support and advice to businesses in both Margate Town and Northdown Road, as well as running events to promote the area. Since the last newsletter, six new businesses have come into Northdown Road and ten businesses have moved into Margate. Call Dave on 01843 297350 or email [dave.kinnear@margatetownpartnership.org.uk](mailto:dave.kinnear@margatetownpartnership.org.uk), or visit [www.margatetownpartnership.org.uk](http://www.margatetownpartnership.org.uk). Call Pamela on 07903 126530 or email [Pamela@hurstoncottage.co.uk](mailto:Pamela@hurstoncottage.co.uk), or visit [www.cliftonville-partnership.co.uk](http://www.cliftonville-partnership.co.uk).

### Tell Us

If you have any ideas for a group, or an interest that you would like to start then please call Beth on 0779 226103, Sara on 07974 727864 or Dominika on 0782 4446104 and they will be happy to help you get a group started.

### Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to take up volunteering after a break or give it a try for the first time, Beth would love to hear from you. Beth says, "We need volunteers to help us and so if you'd like to volunteer please contact me on 0779 226103".

### A Safer and Cleaner Community

In the last few years many residents have been working with Thanet District Council, the police and other services to make the area a safer and cleaner place to live in. All this hard work has made a huge difference – but there is still plenty of room for improvement. This can only be achieved if we continue to work together and the following team would be pleased to hear from you about any issues or concerns.

**Community Wardens** David Myers and Roy Simmonds patrol Margate Central and Cliftonville West every day and deal with residents' concerns over anti-social behaviour and environmental issues. Between April 2008 and March 2009, 126 Fixed Penalty Notices were handed out for littering and putting out rubbish bags on the wrong day. Call David on 07780 720907 or Roy on 07760 290989 if you have any concerns in these areas.

**PCSO John Christian**, based at Hartsdown Technology College, works with parents and students to ensure they understand the impact that crime has on offenders and victims as well as holding assemblies on social issues. The free cycle security marking scheme (part funded by SSCF) which operates in the area was also piloted at the college for staff and students. Call John on 07969 584292 or 07969 776823. The cycle security marking scheme attaches a non-removable sticker to a cycle which bears a

unique number. This number is then entered into a database, with the owner's details so that in the event of the cycle being stolen the police can return the cycle to its rightful owner. To get your cycle security marked call Jacky Whitehead, Youth Crime Reduction Officer on 01843 236003 or 07969 583952, or contact your local PCSO.

**Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Tony Morris** patrols the open spaces of the two wards and Dane Park, and also runs youth activities. To find out more, call Tony on 07772 113193.

**Waste and Recycling Enforcement Officer** Tony Sowden works with the council's Waste and Recycling team to improve the cleanliness of the area. He has used the law to force residents and landlords who refuse to deal with their rubbish to clean up. For all issues concerning waste and street cleansing call 01834 577115.

**Meeting the Police.** Our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) hold regular meetings for you to raise any issues or concerns you may have about your local neighbourhood, as well as updating you on their activities and plans. These meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month from 3–4pm at St Paul's Community Centre. This is your opportunity to have your say. However, if you can't attend the PCSO team would still welcome your comments. Call PCSO Tony Morris on 07772 113193.

**SmartWater in Cliftonville.** SSCF part funded the SmartWater project with Kent Police and Thanet Community Safety Partnership. For more details refer to the Renewal Area Policing page (see page 10).



### Domestic Abuse Support

helps individuals suffering from domestic abuse by supporting victims. The help and advice given is confidential and tailored to the individual – everyone's situation is different. If you would like to find out more call the National Domestic Violence helpline on

0808 2000247 or the Dove project on 01702 300006, or email [community@oasiswomensrefuge.org](mailto:community@oasiswomensrefuge.org)

### St Paul's Community Centre

is open Monday–Friday from 10am–3.30pm. The centre runs a **daily welfare drop-in service** with extra help available from Sara on Thursday and Friday mornings. The centre also has an **Internet Café** which is open Monday–Friday from 9am–3pm. Support is available for those who need help to use the equipment and software. On Tuesdays from 2-5pm NHS Health Trainers Carol and Huda will be available to provide advice and support about health issues. Call 0800 8494000 (option 3).

## Ships Ahoy!

### Viking Playground Launched

Local children donned helmets and shields before climbing aboard the new Viking ship to launch the new Viking playground in Cliftonville.

The young children from Cliftonville Primary and Holy Trinity & St John's Primary School were told stories by a local Viking King before boarding the ship, which was officially opened by local dignitaries.

The school children helped the Council's Senior Leisure Officer Chris Tull to design the play area, which has been funded by SSCF and the Margate Renewal Partnership through the European Regional Development Fund. Since the official opening in April the play area has proved to be very popular with families, with many of them travelling into the area to enjoy it, which is helping surrounding businesses.



All aboard – local Vikings launch a new ship



# APPRENTICE

*comes to Margate*

Margate has taken a starring role on national TV, with the eight contestants on the Apprentice asked to re-brand the town.



Each of the teams on the show took a different approach to the challenge, with one aiming at the family market and the other targeting the gay market.

They spent two days in Margate, tackling Sir Alan's challenge of producing leaflets and posters to promote the town, before unveiling the results to an invited audience, including Margate's mayor and council officers, at Margate's Media Centre. The episode has generated a significant amount of press interest and will provide a great platform to promote the town.

Expedia, the online travel site, has reported a 90% increase in searches for destinations on the Kent coast since the programme was aired.

Over recent years, Visit Kent has been working closely with the council and Margate Renewal Partnership to promote the town targeted across the south east. This included a poster campaign on South East trains and London buses. Over the next two years, activity will increase in the run up to the opening of Turner Contemporary and in support of our plans for Dreamland. For more information visit [www.thisismargate.co.uk](http://www.thisismargate.co.uk) and [www.visitthanet.co.uk](http://www.visitthanet.co.uk)

# DREAMLAND

## SEA CHANGE FUNDING BID

A funding bid to help create the world's first amusement park of historic rides in Margate has been submitted to the Government under the Sea Change Programme. If the bid is successful, Phase 1 would also include the initial stages of the restoration of the grade II\* listed Dreamland cinema building.

The ambitious project aims to create a thrilling theme park from the past giving people the chance to learn about and enjoy spectacular historic amusement park rides. Many of these rides, which have been rescued from amusement parks across the UK are now the last surviving examples of their type. The money would be

used to help restore them to full working order. The centrepiece of the park will be the Scenic Railway, fully restored and operational. It is the UK's oldest surviving wooden roller coaster, fourth oldest in the world and a grade II listed structure.

The park will create considerable employment opportunities and it is estimated it could attract around 700,000 visitors each year. Importantly though, the public will be able to enter the park and landscaped gardens free of charge with wristbands being sold for those who want to enjoy the rides.



The Sea Change programme aims to place culture at the heart of regenerating England's seaside resorts by investing in arts, public space, cultural assets and heritage projects. It is run by CABE, the government's advisor on architecture, urban design and public space. A decision on whether the bid has been successful is expected in July, and if the funds are secured work will start in 2010 and the park will open in 2011. More information on the Sea Change bid can be found on [www.thisismargate.co.uk](http://www.thisismargate.co.uk)

# ART STUDIOS

## IN ACTION

In last year's winter newsletter, the refurbishment of the Pie Factory Studios on Broad Street in Margate Old Town was featured, and now the Pie Factory Artists are opening their doors for the first time on Saturday 27 June between 11am-5pm.

Come along and meet them in their newly refurbished workshops in this new creative venue in Margate. This will be the first of many Open Studio Events and exhibitions planned at the Pie Factory. The artists will be showcasing their latest work for you to view. The work will also be available to purchase. Come and have a look at what's been created at this historical site in the centre of Margate's Old Town. The project has been supported by the Margate Renewal Partnership with European funding.



For more details visit [www.piefactorymargate.co.uk](http://www.piefactorymargate.co.uk) or contact [janet@piefactorymargate.co.uk](mailto:janet@piefactorymargate.co.uk)

# WINDOWS of Opportunity

Empty shops in Margate are being transformed with colourful and creative window displays. The aim is to show how Margate can change to support a new 'niche' shopping experience. The general public were asked to fill in postcards about what sort of shop they would like to see on the High Street, and the window designs created in the shops are what the public asked for. Regional artists 'Total Pap' have created vibrant yet representative images of shops that could be in Margate through large-scale papier-mache

images, made into an enclosed window display and lit up for maximum impact.

The project is also seeking to help market the shops to prospective tenants by linking to the [www.thisismargate.co.uk](http://www.thisismargate.co.uk) website which provides further information on the shop units and Margate Town Centre.

If you are interested in leasing any of the above shops contact Mike McCarrick on 07876 210159.



# The New TURNER & DICKENS WALK

An historic walking route between Margate and Broadstairs has been revived, as well as being extended to connect two of Thanet's famous visitors from the past – Turner and Dickens. The original route was based on a centuries old footpath between St John's Church in Margate and St Peter's Church in Broadstairs.

The new Turner and Dickens walk links the site of the Turner Contemporary in Margate to the Dickens House in Broadstairs and can be walked in either direction. Extensive work has been done to the route to assist disabled and wheelchair users. Some of the footpaths along the way have been tarmaced to make them safer.

An opening ceremony and event is planned on Sunday 28 June. The Turner and Dickens Walk will be fully signposted and ready for the summer.

For more information contact the Thanet Visitor Information Services on 0870 264 6111 or [www.visitthanet.co.uk](http://www.visitthanet.co.uk)



# EXHIBITION

## Project Space 2009

Saturday 27 June – Sunday 6 September

**ADMISSION FREE**

The Turner Contemporary Open 2009 is a selected, open submission exhibition that celebrates the creativity of artists based or trained in Kent. The exhibition, specially selected by a panel of arts professionals, features emerging and established artists who live and work in the county or who have graduated from a Kent art college since 2000. With a range of work in different media, the Open is a fantastic opportunity to discover the diverse and vibrant approaches to art making in the region.

The Turner Contemporary Open 2009 has been selected by Martin Clark, Artistic Director, Tate St Ives; Laura Ford, Artist; Sarah Martin, Exhibitions Curator, Turner Contemporary and Hilde Teerlinck, Director, FRAC Nord-Pas de Calais. The exhibition features a wealth of current painting, from Jim Allchin's striking images based on found photographs and Georgia Hayes' memories of exotic animals encountered on an African safari to Rose Wylie's large-scale paintings recording moments remembered from films. Reflections on landscape appear in Tina Atchinson-Thomas' colourful abstracts, Edward Chell's delicate paintings of motorway grass verges and Eilidh Short's film of a taxi journey to Bluebell Hill.



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in place and the environment, changing over time as the material slowly slumps, while Stephen Melton's installation of fish species cast in bronze asks questions about our impact on the natural world.

Other works display an interest in fantasy and theatre, including Jeanine Woollard's photographs depicting her studio as a place of pure escapism, and Jonathon Baldock's uncanny, hand-crafted figures inspired by his interest in anthropology and the grotesque. The exhibition also features artist films by Adam Chodzco, Neil Henderson and Polly Read and Jeremy Millar whose Human Form in Art documents the painstaking dismantling of display cases by curators at Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum.



Jim Allchin, Circular Table-Tennis Table, 2008

Roger Hopgood's photographic series Climbing Frames is a mini-archive of children's climbing frames from the 1950s and 60s. Dan Bass presents a photographic archive of a different kind: 'happy birthday' posters pinned to lamp posts and traffic bollards in East Kent. Julie Mecoli's simple sculptures in bitumen explore her interest

## DON'T BE COLD THIS WINTER!

Although you may not be thinking about your heating just yet, it's a good time to start planning for the winter months.

If your home is poorly insulated or you have an old heating system, financial help is available to help with improvements to your home, to make it warmer and more comfortable for next winter.

If you receive certain means tested benefits you may be eligible for assistance of up to £4,000 to improve insulation and heating to your home.

To qualify you must either rent privately or own your own home, or have a household income of less than £30,000 and live in one of the East Kent boroughs involved.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0800 316 8485.

# EVENTS: SUMMER 2009

## JUNE

**27-28 – ANTIQUES MARKET**  
Old Town Market Square, Margate  
11.00am-4.00pm  
Organised by Qing, an active member of Margate Old Town Action Group (OTAG).  
For more information contact Margate Town Partnership on 01843 297350 or email a.nixey@qingart.co.uk



**25-26 – Big Sky Jazz Festival: other artists**  
There will be a diverse selection of artists performing all weekend, live and free on The Piazza, Harbour Parade. Names confirmed so far include British jazz guitarist Mark Hewins and his trio; the original 'District Six' South African Band; Henry Lowther's Still Waters; Sarah Moule and Simon Wallace; Annie Whitehead's Big Sky Big Band; Lackadaisical Big Band; Christine Tobin Band, and John Etheridge.  
For further information on performers and venues call Margate Town Partnership on 01843 297350 or go to [www.margatetownpartnership.org.uk](http://www.margatetownpartnership.org.uk)

**25-26 – ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET**  
Old Town Market Square, Margate  
11.00am-4.00pm  
Facilitated by Ingoldsby Gallery, an active member of Margate Old Town Action Group (OTAG).  
For more information contact Margate Town Partnership on 01843 297350 or email a.nixey@qingart.co.uk

## AUGUST

**1-2 – MARGATE CARNIVAL**  
Old Town Market Square, Margate  
Two days of fun and music with the carnival parade on Sunday 2 August in Margate, which is the biggest carnival parade in the South East of England. The Parade moves off at 3pm from Westbrook and follows the seafront route into Cliftonville. There is music at the Harbour Piazza and a free dance at the Winter Gardens, plus a firework display in the late evening.  
For more information contact Cllr Mick Tomlinson on 01843 293733 or email [margatecarnivalgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:margatecarnivalgroup@btinternet.com)



Valerie Cameron

**29-30 – KENT FOOD FESTIVAL**  
Old Town Market Square, Margate  
11.00am-4.00pm  
Old Town Action Group (OTAG).  
For more information contact Margate Town Partnership on 01843 297350 or email a.nixey@qingart.co.uk

## SEPTEMBER

**12 – CLIFTONVILLE GAMES**  
Dane Park, Margate  
12.00 noon-4.00pm  
Free activities and games plus stalls. All welcome.  
Call Elaine on 01843 221290



**19-20 – BIG SKY INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL**  
Margate Main Sands  
12.00 noon-4.00pm  
Call Margate Town Partnership on 01843 297350.

## JULY

**BIG SKY JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
**24 – Nigel Kennedy plays the Big Sky Jazz Festival, Winter Gardens, Margate**  
Leading violin virtuoso Nigel Kennedy, the best-selling classical violinist of all time, is performing at one of the hottest events in the UK jazz calendar – Margate's Big Sky Jazz Festival. Kennedy's tribute to legendary jazz musician Miles Davis – one of several headline gigs at key venues in and around the town – is on July 24 at the Winter Gardens.  
Call the Winter Gardens box office now on 01843 296111.





# Housing Renewal Programme

## Renewal Grants



The Renewal Area Grants are now in their final year and since the programme was launched in 2005 many residents have been able to benefit from the scheme.

The Renewal team has increased its enforcement role leading on the very successful multi-agency 'Mini Clean Sweep' operations. All enforcement activities are carried out to improve the quality of life for all residents.

In phase 1 over 279 grants and 20 projects received funding of £629,821.29 and in addition the Renewal Programme, launched in January 2008, has already shown significant signs of change.

In phase 2, 120 grants and funding of £208,670.72 were allocated. In phase 3, 74 grants and funding of £129,402.80 were allocated, and in phase 4, 57 grants and £104,971.50 have been awarded.



## Police Activities



The Margate and Cliftonville Neighbourhood Policing teams have seen some changes over the last six months, and are now led by Inspector Terry Chuter and Sergeant Ian Warner.

Cliftonville West is now policed by PC Taylor, PC Heath, PC

Morgan and PCSO's Cogger and Askew. Margate is now policed by PC Matthews-Cusden, PC Vine, PCSO Stovold and PCSO Comley. Both of these areas have seen a decrease in all levels of crime and in particular anti-social and nuisance behaviour. The officers have been addressing the issues affecting residents and recently illegally parked vehicles have been targeted in the area.

Work will continue addressing any issues relating to the night-time economy and any that are affecting quality of life for residents.

Cliftonville officers have been working hard to support the priorities set out by the local community and this has included operations on dog fouling, parking offences and speeding on Northdown Road.

SmartWater, a property marking device has been widely distributed across the area, acting as a deterrent to criminals and a reassurance to victims of crime.

If you have any concerns, information or wish to speak to a member of the Neighbourhood Policing team, contact them on 01843 222207.

## St John's Neighbourhood Action Group

The group aims to improve the quality of life for the residents living in the area and they have developed good working relationships with departments at the council.

There are signs of improvement with both litter and fly-tipping, and sightings of graffiti have reduced.

The group has worked hard to improve the appearance of the area by planting trees and placing planters in Central Margate and several grants have been awarded for these

improvements. This will hopefully help to instil pride for the area within the community.

Also, two groups for young people have been created, street dance and street football, which meet every week and have proved popular.

For further information about this community group call the secretary on 01843 225170.

# Margate Readers' Survey *let us know what you think*

We want to hear your views on **MARGATE**, the council's newsletter, which is published exclusively for the residents of Margate Central and Cliftonville West by Margate Renewal Partnership, Safer Stronger Communities Fund and Thanet District Council's Housing Renewal team.

The newsletter contains all of the latest information, news and events about your area and we want to find out what you think of it. The results we get from this survey will be used to help improve the content of future newsletters.

**By completing and returning this survey, you can also enter our prize draw to win £50 of shopping vouchers!** Simply give us your details at the bottom of the survey. You can also take part online by visiting [www.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.thanet.gov.uk)

We ask you to rate things on a scale of 1 – 5 where:

**1 is very bad    2 is bad    3 is average    4 is good    5 is very good. Please tick (✓) one box for each.**

1. On a scale of 1-5 what do you think of the content of the MARGATE newsletter?	1	2	3	4	5
	any other comments				

2. On a scale of 1-5 what do you think of the overall look of the newsletter?	1	2	3	4	5
	any other comments				

3. Please tell us whether you read each of the following regular sections of the newsletter.	Yes	No
<b>Safer Stronger Communities</b>		
<b>Margate Renewal Partnership</b>		
<b>Housing Renewal</b>		

4. If yes, please tell us on a scale of 1-5 what you think of each of them.	1	2	3	4	5
	any other comments				
<b>Safer Stronger Communities</b>					
<b>Margate Renewal Partnership</b>					
<b>Housing Renewal</b>					

5. Please use this space to provide any comments on the regular sections of the newsletter.					
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6. Do you think that MARGATE newsletter is written in plain English?	Yes	No	Not sure

7. Are you happy with how the articles are presented?	<b>No – I would prefer longer more detailed articles</b>				
	<b>No – I would prefer shorter news in brief articles</b>				
	<b>Yes – I'm happy with the current presentation</b>				
any other comments					

**Thanet District Council also produces four issues a year of Thanet Matters, the regular magazine for all residents.**

8. Do you read Thanet Matters?	Yes	No

**ABOUT YOU:** Thanet District Council would appreciate the following information so that it can ensure that services are inclusive to everyone.

9. Your gender	Male	Female					
10. Your age	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
11. Your ethnicity	•White: British___ •Mixed: White & Asian___ •White: Irish___ •Mixed: Other___ •White: Other___ •Asian or Asian British: Indian___ •Black or Black British: Caribbean___ •Asian or Asian British: Pakistani___ •Black or Black British: African___ •Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi___ •Black or Black British: Other___ •Asian or Asian British: Other___ •Mixed: White & Black Caribbean___ •Chinese___ •Mixed: White & Black African___ •Other ethnic group please state: _____						

**To enter our prize draw please provide the following details. Name:** .....  
**Phone number, e-mail or postal address:** .....

Please return your survey by Friday 31 July 2009 free of charge to:  
 Communications, Thanet District Council, FREEPOST SEA 8273, Margate CT9 1BR.