



renewal area news

Colourful campaign gets tough on litter louts

Litterbugs and irresponsible dog walkers beware – a new litter campaign has been launched across the district.



The 'Thanet is beautiful litter campaign', which was launched by Thanet District Council, aims to show just how much there is to be proud of in our district and warn people about the penalties they face if they're caught dropping litter.

Posters and banners are sprucing up the district with a range of colourful images, including Margate seafront, Ramsgate Marina and the floral displays at Broadstairs. The displays are accompanied with information about fixed

penalty fines for littering and dog fouling. Fines will be handed out by Community Wardens and other Council Officers to anyone spotted dropping litter or not clearing up after their dog.

Trash it the right way

Residents are reminded of the three Rs when it comes to putting out rubbish and waste for collection. By binning the trash at the right place, at the right time and on the right day, the council can continue to improve the service and make your neighbourhood a more attractive place to live.

It's your responsibility to make sure your rubbish is available for collection on Tuesday at 6.00am in a suitable dustbin or refuse sack.

Alleyways across Cliftonville West have recently been cleared of illegally dumped waste. Residents are reminded that dumping

waste is an illegal offence. Thanet District Council offers a bulky waste collection service for items such as cookers and refrigerators.

For more information about waste and recycling services, contact the Council on 01843 577 115.



Renewal team opens its doors

If you would like more information about housing grants, community projects or even if you've some concerns about your neighbourhood, then pop into one of our open surgeries. The sessions take place between 10.00am and 12.00noon at the following times and locations.

- August 2006**
- Tuesday 15 - Hotel Leslie, Surrey Road
- Thurs 17 - Thanet College site, St Paul's Road
- Monday 21 - Age Concern, Zion Place
- Tuesday 22 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 24 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 29 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 31 - Thanet College
- September 2006**
- Monday 4 - Age Concern
- Thursday 7 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 12 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 14 - Thanet College

- Monday 18 - Age Concern
- Tuesday 19 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 21 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 26 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 28 - Thanet College
- October 2006**
- Monday 2 - Age Concern
- Thursday 5 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 10 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 12 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 17 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 19 - Thanet College
- Monday 23 - Age Concern
- Tuesday 24 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 26 - Thanet College

- November 2006**
- Thursday 2 - Thanet College
- Monday 6 - Age Concern
- Thursday 9 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 14 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 16 - Thanet College
- Monday 20 - Age Concern
- Tuesday 21 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 23 - Thanet College
- Monday 27 - Age Concern
- Tuesday 28 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 30 - Thanet College
- December 2006**
- Monday 4 - Age Concern
- Thursday 7 - Thanet College
- Tuesday 12 - Hotel Leslie
- Thursday 14 - Thanet College

Celebrations are no illusions just 'Magic'

Information stands, fire safety demonstrations, jugglers and daredevil performers were just some of the highlights of a magical day in Cliftonville.



'Magic - What a Difference a Year Makes' was funded by Thanet District Council to showcase the range of projects that have helped to make Cliftonville West a better place to live.

More than 2,000 people joined in the fun on the day, which was organised to celebrate the first anniversary of the Cliftonville West Renewal Area.



During the event, visitors were able to meet a variety of community groups which had set up their stalls in a giant big top. Gordon Road Street Scheme, Dalby Square project and Margate Civic Society were just some of the groups that attended.



Other exhibitors included Thanet College, Cliftonville Partnership, Job Centre Plus, Kent Fire and Rescue, Kent Police, Sports 4 NRG and the Thanet Coast Project.

The Renewal Team thanks everyone involved in the day, including local residents who attended and made the day a great success.



Children were entertained with live magic, street dance and music from local group D-expressions. They also joined in the fun developing their magic and juggling tricks with Kent Circus Skills.



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New life for community square



A community square in Cliftonville has been brought back to life with trees, shrubs and colourful flowerbeds.

Dalby Square community park was unveiled last month for everyone to enjoy.

The project was kicked off by residents in 2002 who wanted to improve the main green space of their neighbourhood.

Funding was provided by New Opportunities Fund, Living Spaces, Thanet Council, Sure Start and the Council's Cliftonville West Renewal Area programme.

Plans for the main square were developed with help from Thanet Council, the Thanet Community Development Trust and Thanet Local Strategic Partnership.

The Council's Regeneration team has transformed the area into a tree lined avenue, with gravel pathways, seating areas, flowerbeds and a children's play area.

Have your say to improve community life



Residents giving their views at the open day at the Winter Gardens

Residents in Cliftonville West are being urged to have their say on the restriction of one-bedroom flats and houses in multiple occupation.

Views will be used by the Council to develop a new policy that aims to improve the community by restricting the number of flats, bed-sits and one-bedroom accommodation.

As well as residents, views are needed from a range of organisations, including residents' associations, letting agencies, Cliftonville Partnership, Margate Town Partnership and

the Primary Health Care Trust.

Suggestions about re stricting the number of one-bedroom flats in the area were first heard at a community open day, held by the Renewal Team, at the Winter Gardens earlier last year.

Concerns also included the number of people who relocate from London Boroughs into Cliftonville West and Margate Central wards.

The recent Census showed that the renewal area suffers from a high number of one-bedroom flats and high level of movement by people in and out of the area.

The aim of the proposals is to ensure that the Renewal Area develops into a strong neighbourhood with a stable and vibrant community with a diverse mixture of property.

Consultation begins September 1 and is due to last for around six weeks. To have your say, contact Kate Wilson on 577 037 or email katherine.wilson@thanet.gov.uk

Millions to make Thanet safer, cleaner and greener

The Renewal Area is set to benefit from £3.7 million of government money over the next two to four years.

The money from the Safer, Stronger Communities Fund will be allocated to projects in Cliftonville West, Margate Central and the green space of Dane Park. The aim of the programme is to support projects that will make Margate Central and Cliftonville West a safer, cleaner and better place to live and help improve the quality of life for people living in these areas.

A SSCF programme board, which consists of residents and councillors as well as representatives from local businesses, Thanet District Council and the Local Strategic Partnership, has been set up to ensure the funding is used for projects that support the aims of the programme.

Carla Wenham, Renewal Manager, said: "Thanet District Council went to a great deal of work to ensure this money comes to Thanet, and the district was one of two areas in Kent to receive the funding."

"Watch out for a publicity campaign for the SSCF Programme, which will begin later this year and will explain how all members of the local community can get involved in this exciting programme."

Housing grants add a sparkle to Cliftonville

Road and streets across Cliftonville are looking smarter and brighter thanks to housing and community project grants. Since September 2005 there have been 88 housing grants and nine community project grants approved by the Renewal Team with an overall total of more than £200,000 allocated to renewing the area.

There has also been an additional £80,000 of homeowners' contributions to the renewal works, and the Renewal Team would like to thank all the residents who have contributed to improving the area.

Grants are making a dramatic improvement to the appearance of properties and are also being used to upgrade home security, remove health issues, such as dampness, and improve energy efficiency.

Mr and Mrs Pratt used their grant to improve the roof of their house. "The tiles on our house were over 100 years old and desperately needed replacing," said Mrs Pratt. "We used our grant for a set of new tiles to the bays at the front of our property. The roof is now much more secure and benefits from improved insulation. The work has also brightened up the front of the house."



Mr and Mrs Pratt's home at Godwin Road

To apply for a renewal area grant, please contact Renewal Area Officer Dave Farmer on 01843 577 407 or Lesley Dalton on 577 748.

Young designs add colour to Newgate Gap



It's amazing what some people can do when armed with gloves, paintbrushes and plenty of enthusiasm. Newgate Gap at Cliftonville has been given a facelift with colourful murals – and it's all thanks to young people who live in the district.

'Operation Newgate Gap' was set up in September 2005 to improve the appearance of the area and to give young people the chance to make a difference in their community. During the year-long project the young volunteers, who were all members of the Alternative Curriculum, removed litter and graffiti, and with help from Isle of Thanet Arts, came up with designs for the murals. Other improvements being considered include new lighting and seating and installing waste bins in the area.

The project was funded by a grant from the Council's Renewal Area Programme and was organised by Thanet Community Development Trust and Thanet District Council.

Carla Wenham, Renewal Manager, said: "The art work created by these young people is very good with plenty of contemporary styles. The project has given these young people the opportunity to take pride in their community and make a positive contribution to the area."

Do you speak their language?



The Renewal Area team is on the look out for anyone in the area who is fluent in other languages such as Polish, Albanian, Russian, Czech and other languages. People with these skills are needed to help the team stay in touch with residents and provide translation services in Cliftonville West.

For more information, contact Lesley Dalton, Project Support Officer, on 577 748.