

Margate

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The renewal of Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards aims to create a better quality of life for those who live and visit the area.

Margate's renewal is being led by the Margate Renewal Partnership, Thanet District Council's Housing Renewal Programme and the Local Strategic Partnership's Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

These programmes work in partnership with many other organisations across the district and beyond, including the private sector, voluntary and community sector,

and local residents.

The vision for the area includes new and improved housing, and modern shopping and visitor facilities that offer an enhancement to Margate's traditional seaside resort.

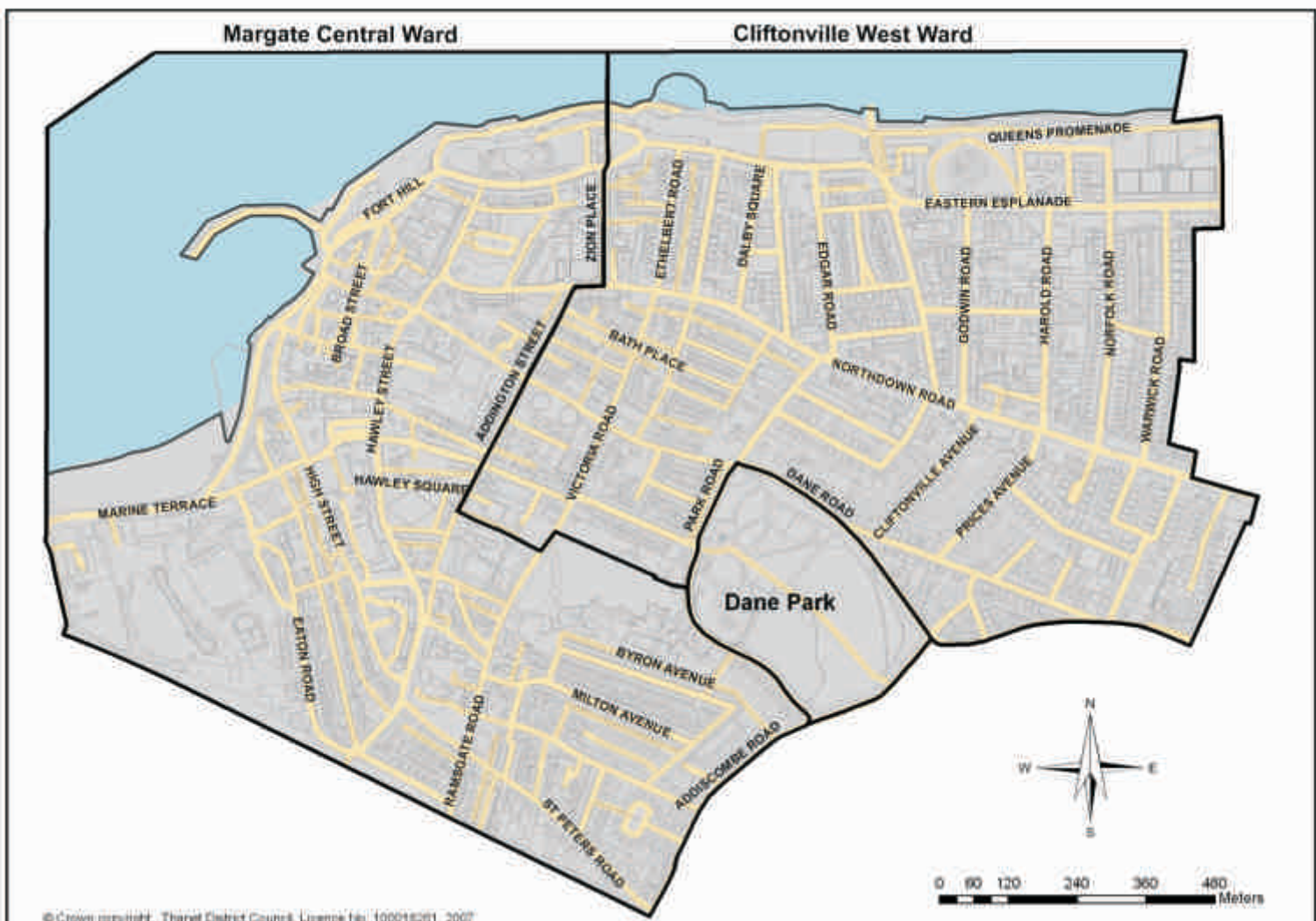
Projects are being developed to create a safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhood to live in, building on the strength of local community spirit.

New jobs, better education and schemes to tackle anti-social behaviour are just some of the other

initiatives to improve the quality of life for both residents and visitors to Margate.

Some positive improvements have already been progressed – and there are more exciting plans in place for the future. This newsletter provides an update on the key programmes of Margate's Renewal.

Area covered by Margate Renewal



Margate

Blueprint for a bright future

RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP

Organisations across the district and beyond are working together to improve our town – and some exciting plans are in place.

The Turner Contemporary will be at the heart of the new cultural-led regeneration supported by new developments along a seafront of hotels and new residential apartments.

The Old Town will spring to life as a new creative quarter with restaurants and galleries while the lower high street and 'Old Town Way' is set to get a boost with boutiques and independent shops. Plans are also be made to join up the Winter Gardens and

Lido sites with the rest of the town with hotels, restaurants and residential apartments.

The partnership is also looking at developments for the harbour arm, including artist studios and cafes – and even opportunities to host water sports and public events.

Coming soon ...

'Late 'n' Live' in Margate Old Town/Lower High Street.

Late night opening of shops/bars/restaurants...

For more details contact Margate Town Partnership on 297350 or visit www.margatetownpartnership.org.uk



Boarded up shops and business are set to spring to life thanks to achievements by the Margate Renewal Partnership.

More than £2 million has been secured to improve Margate Old Town. Better lighting, improved CCTV, new signs and support for festivals and markets are just some of the exciting plans to transform the area.

The partnership has been set up to lead and support the regeneration of Margate and it's investing £35 million into new developments.

Plans are also being made to redevelop the vacant Marks and Spencer building into modern retail and commercial facilities and new



housing. The building was bought by SEEDA and is now owned by Thanet District Council to help revive the lower part of Margate High Street. Work is due to begin in early 2008.

Initial designs for the new Turner Contemporary art gallery have recently been revealed by David Chipperfield Architects. Detailed plans will be available in June and work is due to begin in early 2008. Turner Contemporary is expected to be complete and open to the public in early 2010.



Spring/Summer events

Friday 6 – Saturday 7 April
CAMRA Beer Festival, Margate Winter Gardens
Contact: 296111

Sunday 8 April
Easter fun Hunt, Hartsdown Park, Margate, from 12pm
Contact: 293733

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 April
Girling Productions present 'Come on everybody, it's show time'
Margate Winter Gardens

Friday 4 - Monday 7 May
Margate National Scooter Rally
visit www.vfmscoot.com

Saturday 5 May
May Day event in Hawley Square

Sunday 6 – Saturday 12 May
Thanet Walking Festival.
Contact Colin Bridge on 01843 846427.

Sunday 20 May
Vienna Festival Ballet presents 'Coppelia'
Contact Margate Winter Gardens or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk

Sunday 3 June
Great Bucket and Spade Run – a historic vehicle run to Palm Bay Recreational Ground in Cliftonville Margate.
Contact 298969.

Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 June
Margate Big Event. A combination of land based festival and air display at Palm Bay.
For further information contact 577167 or 577638 or events@thanet.gov.uk

Sunday 24 June
Annual Margate Carnival Raft Race.
Contact 01843 293733 or margatecarnivalgroup@btinternet.com

Friday 6 – Friday 22 July
Jazz Festival – Margate Piazza
Contact Margate Town Partnership on 297350

Saturday 4 and 5 August
Margate Carnival Weekend
Contact Mick Tomlinson 01843 293733 or margatecarnivalgroup@btinternet.com

FACTBOX What is Margate Renewal Partnership?

The Margate Renewal Partnership has been set up to lead and co-ordinate the regeneration of Margate. It's made up of key organisations which have an important role in the transformation of Margate. The partnership aims to create a vibrant town with a mix of traditional seaside attractions and modern and creative quarters.

Thanet District Council, Kent County Council, South East Development Agency (SEEDA), the Government Office of the South East (GOSE) are some of the main partners. Taking the lead is Programme Director Derek Harding, who lives in Margate and

hopes the programme will create new jobs and facilities for the area.

An exciting range of events is expected to attract the crowds, as the partnership works closely with Margate Town Partnership. Last year bumper crowds were attracted by events including the Margate Giants Festival and a French Festival.

Other organisations in the partnership include Arts Council for England, the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Partnerships and English Heritage.

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

Housing Renewal Programme

Housing grants

Since the launch of Thanet District Council's Housing Renewal Programme, over £240,000 has been provided to improve the condition of housing in Cliftonville West. These improvements have been supported by £145,000 of homeowner contributions. Money has been used for a range of improvements such as restoring the external appearance of properties through painting and repairing guttering, minor repairs to roofing, restoring windows and doors for security and energy efficiency and repairing walls and fencing.



Community Projects funded by the Housing Renewal Programme

A further £88,000 is being spent on community projects in the area. These include:

Hanging baskets for Northdown Road

The community requested that hanging baskets be introduced in Northdown Road. The Housing Renewal team has worked in partnership with the council's Environmental Action Programme and the Cliftonville Partnership businesses in Northdown Road to provide 16 hanging basket trees. Flowers for these baskets will be provided in spring and funded by the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.



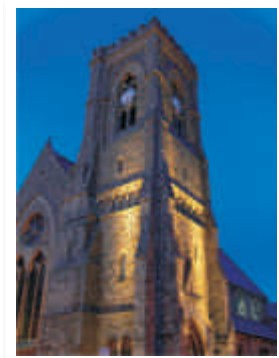
Alley-gate Schemes

The local residents of the Gordon Road Area Street Scheme contacted the Housing Renewal team to request an alley-gate at St. Paul's road to prevent burglaries and stop fly-tipping in the alley. The renewal team funded the provision of the alleygate and local residents are now responsible for ensuring this alley remains clear.



Let there be light

The Renewal team had been repeatedly told by local residents that there were concerns about anti-social behaviour around St Paul's Church. The Reverend Patrick Ellison met with the Renewal team and the Environmental Action Programme and agreed that new low cost lighting could be installed at St Paul's Church in Cliftonville. This will lighten the area around the church during evenings while highlighting a prominent building in Northdown Road. Lights included in the design are all energy efficient.



Enforcement

The Renewal team has carried out a zero tolerance policy to tackle the worse cases of accumulations of rubbish. This has been 100% successful with all statutory notices complied with. The team is in constant contact with those



individual house owners, housing management agencies and private sector landlords who are responsible for the state of rubbish around the area. The Renewal Team and Community Wardens are working with the council's Environmental Services and Waste and Recycling Services to look at ways of improving the environment in Cliftonville West and Margate Central with a joint focus on enforcement to deal with the rubbish issues.

Planning restrictions on one-bed flat

Community priorities highlighted at a community open day that was held by the Renewal Team in March 2005 suggested that local residents wanted a restriction on the number of one-bedroom flats in the area. The council's Planning department used a wide consultation on this issue and a new planning policy was recently introduced restricting the number of flats, bedsits and one-bedroom accommodation in the area. This policy has recently been upheld at a planning appeal.



Bogus Callers

Thanet District Council has been advised that there may be bogus officials operating in Thanet. These operatives have identity cards that appear to be authentic. They may also offer a phone number to verify their authenticity. Advice from the Partnership and Community Group is that this phone number will only connect you to an associate of the offender and therefore should not be relied upon. When phoning to

confirm identity of a caller please use a number from either a statement or bill provided by the supplier or from the phone book.

Never allow anyone to enter your home that you do not know. Ask them to wait but close the door if moving away to use the phone. Be safe in your own home, a genuine operative will not mind waiting on the doorstep while you check.

Wardens

Community Wardens Roy, Dave and Yvonne regularly walk the Cliftonville West and Margate Central and Dane Park area and interact with the community in these wards. These Community Wardens are the 'eyes and ears' of the local community and if you have any concerns they are able to liaise with relevant agencies on your behalf. Contact your wardens on 01843 577658.

Coldbuster grants

Coldbusters is an organisation set up in partnership with the council's Private Sector Housing team to deliver a range of energy efficient home improvements Coldbusters specialise in delivering grants for heating, insulation, draught proofing, pipe insulation and solar water heating. Grants are currently available up to the maximum of £4000. They are set to rise to £5000 this year.

These grants are only available for vulnerable people and families* (owner-occupied or tenanted) in the Renewal Area of Cliftonville West

and Margate Central wards. It is due to expand to the rest of the district later this year.

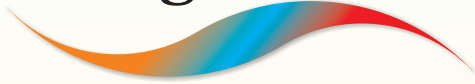
Coldbusters also ensure that other grants and funding available from other schemes such as Warmfront are utilised, and advise and direct households to those relevant schemes.

If you believe you qualify and wish to apply for a Coldbusters grant then call 0800 8586669.

*Vulnerable households are in receipt of one of the following benefits

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Council tax benefit
- Attendance allowance
- Pension credit
- War disablement pension
- Disability living allowance
- Working tax credit income less than £14,200
- Child tax credit income less than £14,200
- Housing benefit
- Industrial injuries disablement benefit

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SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND
WORKING FOR MARGATE CENTRAL AND CLIFTONVILLE WEST

What is the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF)?

The Department of Communities and Local Government has provided this fund for Thanet Local Strategic Partnership to support the programme of neighbourhood renewal for Cliftonville West and Margate Central and the green space of Dane Park.

The overall objective of the SSCF Programme is to improve the quality of life for people who live in these areas, making the area safer, cleaner and greener and building on the strength of community cohesion. This funding is for two years, with the potential of being extended for a further two years depending on Central Government spending review.

Who are the decision makers?

The SSCF Programme Board includes members of the Local Strategic Partnership, representatives from the voluntary and community sector, which includes local residents, business representatives and local councillors.

The SSCF Programme Board decides which projects receive SSCF funding based on project eligibility for the objectives of the programme. All projects have to impact upon improving quality of life for residents in the SSCF area, which are the wards of Cliftonville West, Margate Central and the green space of Dane Park and aim to provide a safer, cleaner, greener place to live with a strong community focus.

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SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND
What would you do with a £1000 plus.....
SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND OPEN DAY
Thursday 26th April 1-8pm
at
**Margate Media Centre
11-13 Kings Street
Margate Old Town**
Free Entertainment, Free Creche,
Free Refreshments.



Here are just some of the projects that have already been awarded money from SSCF.

- The Cliftonville Partnership has received funding to buy flowers for the hanging baskets that have been installed along Northdown Road.



- A new waste collection vehicle to deliver a doorstep recycling collection to the households of Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards. More information on this will be available in the next few months.

- The Kenward Trust has been given funding to set-up CCTV in its accommodation for homeless young men. CCTV cameras will also act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour in the surrounding area.

- St Paul's Community Centre will be providing a Citizen's Advice Bureau Information Kiosk to enhance their existing and popular helpdesk service. The kiosk provides information in a number of languages including Polish and Lithuanian.

- The Kent Refugee Support Group has been given funding to provide musical instruments and workshops for education and social integration purposes at the Quarter Deck in Zion Place.

- Cliftonville Residents Association has been awarded funding for the Cliftonville Farmers' Market to buy more market stalls, a gazebo and new seating for farmer's market and the Oval Bandstand.

- SSCF funding has been given to provide improved lighting and seating in Dane park. A graffiti removal machine has also been purchased which will be used by the Probation Service to remove graffiti in Dane Park and in the SSCF area.

- St Paul's church will be refurbishing their Committee Room

for local community and service providers to use for meetings and activities.

- An outdoor play space and play equipment are being provided for an After School Club at the Holy Trinity and St John's CE Primary School.

- SSCF is providing funding to Hang 10 to provide a dedicated vehicle and voluntary youth worker. The vehicle will operate in the SSCF area for at least three nights a week on the streets of the area and in the daytime will visit schools and community groups.

- Thanet District Council has been awarded funding to provide recycling bins for the local beaches in the SSCF area. The bins will allow the public to recycle glass, plastic and cans and will encourage the recycling of litter.



- Kent Police will have eight bicycles, which are to be used by Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, and Community Wardens, to patrol the SSCF area.

- The Neighbourhood Money Advice Project will provide a part-time specialist caseworker to deliver money advice and budgeting skills training in

partnership with Thanet Credit Union, St Paul's Community Trust, Health Promotion, and Swale Citizens Advice Bureau.

- Late and Live project will be providing a stage, lighting and stage equipment, a trailer, gazebos, and banners for Margate Town Partnership's weekly entertainment and community events in the Old Town in Margate.

- SSCF has awarded funding to



Thanet's Community Safety Partnership to provide CCTV cameras in Margate's Old Town through to Trinity Square. This will provide a safer environment for businesses, local residents and visitors.

- Cliftonville Primary School has been awarded funding to transform a space into a wildlife pond area.

- SSCF have contributed to the Margate Library Gateway Project for the refurbishment of Margate's Library. The plans include transforming the Library into a central point where the public can access council services, improved library services and community meeting rooms.

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FACTBOX Your Neighbourhood Champions

The SSCF has awarded funding to Thanet Community Development Trust for four Neighbourhood Champions.

The Neighbourhood Champions will be working with clubs and community groups within Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards to help them increase their capacity. They also want to

develop new resident associations.

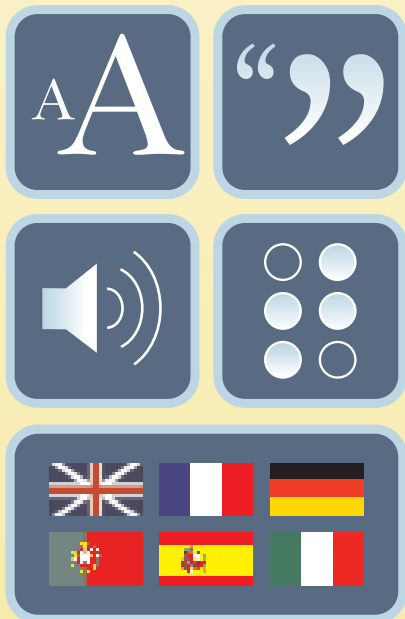
If you are interested in forming a resident association for your road, or want help with your club or organisation contact the Thanet Community Development Trust on 01843 282470

More projects being funded by SSCF...

- SSCF have funded the purchase of one 7-seater and one 16-seater vehicle for the Thanet Community Transport Association to increase their capacity to provide transport for individual and groups at affordable prices. The vehicles are fully accessible with wheelchair access and tail lift to help those less mobile.

The vehicle can be booked for either short journeys, for example to the shops, or all day trips. For more information, or to book a vehicle call 01843 602030.

- Sustainability Actions have been funded to find out which community groups and clubs are active within the SSCF area. The survey also found out where they meet and the facilities the users would like to improve. If you want more information contact Sustainability Actions on 01843 297777, or SSCF team on 01843 577534.



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

Contact details

Margate Renewal Partnership

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Housing Renewal Partnership

If you live in the Cliftonville West area and are interested in applying for a grant, please contact the renewal area officer on 577748. Email: housingrenewalarea@thanet.gov.uk

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For more information on the Safer Stronger Communities Fund, contact the team on 01843 577534 or email sscf@thanet.gov.uk or visit www.thanet.gov.uk

Who is the SSCF Programme Board?

The SSCF Programme Board is made up of representatives from the Local Strategic Partnership and service providers (which include Kent County Council and Thanet District Council) the voluntary sector and includes ward councillors and residents from the wards of Cliftonville West and Margate Central.