



Margate



Newsletter

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DO YOU NEED A CASH BOOST?

Here's how to claim Council Tax Benefit

Four out of ten pensioners are missing out on three quarters of a billion pounds in Council Tax Benefit which goes unclaimed. Less than half of home-owning pensioners are claiming the money they should get.

Barry Mileham Assistant Benefits Manager says, "We want to make sure that pensioners and people on low incomes get the extra money they are entitled to. Don't be proud and if you're entitled to Council Tax Benefit then we want you to get every penny owed."

A new campaign 'Benefits take up' has been launched to encourage pensioners and those on low incomes to apply for help to pay their Council Tax.

Thanet Council is working closely with Central Government, the Pension Service and the voluntary sector to ensure that everyone entitled to this benefit is aware of it and claims it.

There are a number of reasons why Council Tax Benefit is not claimed. The amount of benefit may be small in comparison with other benefits and may be therefore considered not worth claiming. People may have claimed before and not been entitled at the time and may be reluctant to try again.

If in doubt there's no harm in checking, and claiming is easier than ever. Just give us a call on 01843 577000 or visit Thanet's Gateway Plus, Cecil Street, Margate, which is open weekdays from 9am to 6pm (8pm on Thursday) and on Saturdays 9am to 5pm.



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Margate Renewal Partnership

For more information on the Margate Renewal Partnership contact Derek Harding on 01843 609337 or email derek.harding@thanet.gov.uk or visit www.margaterenewal.co.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 is a hub of activity as artists are moving in to take up studio space which has been made available by the regeneration efforts.

Director of the Isle of Thanet Arts organization (IOTA), Phil Oldfield, has tenants for the four studios in the prestigious Margate Harbour Arm Barking Studio. Combined with its regular exhibitions, this will result in the Harbour area being a hub of artistic activity in the near future, especially given its proximity to the Turner Gallery.

Further inland are the Pie Factory Studios on Broad Street in Margate's Old Town. Janet and Tim Williams have been refurbishing the four first floor studios for artists into light and airy spaces which will open out onto an innovative communal roof garden. Work is scheduled for completion this December, but the studios are in high demand, so anyone interested in renting one, should contact Janet and Tim soon on 07879630257.

The Humbug (formerly a hand-made sweet shop) at 42 High Street will house 10 artists' studios and two galleries, once completed early next year. With stunning views of the beach, artists will no doubt be greatly inspired by the surroundings. The cavernous space on High Street will be connected by a staircase to the lower level on Marine Drive, offering a spacious feel with its high ceilings. Again, it is

expected that these studios will be taken up quickly once completed, so any interested parties should contact Wade Barker on 07770 914235.

Professional photographers Inner Meet Me Images (IMMI) are to move into the former Old Cabin Antiques shop later this year, while work continues on the first floor and basement to create a bespoke-designed photographic studio with reception room and editing suite. As a growing business, IMMI felt that Margate Old Town was the right place for their business to expand, providing the right combination of traditional and cutting-edge with the former antique shop. The recent regeneration works to improve the streetscape and security in the area also prompted the decision to open up shop in this historical street.

The Community Pharmacy Gallery is another example of thriving arts in Old Town Margate. Situated in Market Street, the Gallery has been host to many exhibitions and screenings, including the national short film competition, '2 days later.' With the final stages of the refurbishment to the ground floor being completed this year, the gallery should be in full swing in 2009 for many new activities and exhibitions.



Main picture: The Harbour Arm, inset: The Pie Factory Studios

The Vikings Are Coming!

Vikings are coming to Cliftonville West as a new themed playground is being built which will offer children in the area a unique play facility. The wooden Viking ship is being built at the Newgate Gap area next to the mini golf, and will include a three meter slide, climbing ropes and nets. There will also be other nautical themed equipment including a wobbly boat on

springs, a Viking roundabout, slides, swings and a sand play unit for younger children.

The project is being funded by Safer Stronger Communities Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and Thanet District Council and will be completed by the end of the year.

The decision comes in response to local consultations in which many residents felt there were insufficient play facilities in the area. It also forms part of the wider regeneration programme which has been led by Margate Renewal Partnership to encourage more people to visit the area and improve facilities for local residents.

For more information, there is a hoarding display of the plans onsite, or at the Media Centre at 11 King Street, Margate, where the plans are on display until the completion of works. Alternatively, contact Project Officer Claire Tarelli on 01843 609339.

NEXT STAGE FOR TURNER CONTEMPORARY

Work can start on the Turner Contemporary gallery as Kent County Council has chosen R Durnell and Sons Limited as the preferred contractor.

They are the oldest building company in the UK and have been trading continuously for 400 years. The company has wide experience in all types of private and publicly funded building contracts, and in addition to new building projects, has experience in the specialist

restoration and renovation of historic buildings. Customers have included private clients, public companies, local authorities, The National Trust, hospitals, churches, schools and universities. The company was selected through a formal tendering process and will begin work to create the landmark building designed by David Chipperfield Architects.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the end of November 2008 to mark

the start of the building work on site at the former Rendezvous car park on Margate's seafront.

Kent County Council has also been developing ideas for the adjoining Rendezvous site and considering a range of options with the aim of securing a new development partner in the future to bring additional regeneration to the town and the area as a whole.

CHASING PAVEMENTS



With the Parade works now complete with the unique inset lighting effect, attention is now moving onto other improvements in the Old Town area.

The next road that will be upgraded is King Street, which is being reduced to one lane of traffic, with substantial widening of the footway area. Work has started already, with a view to completion by the end of November. It is expected that the improved environment for pedestrians will enhance the experience for those participating in the forthcoming Turner to Dickens heritage trail, which is to be launched in spring of next year. Duke Street also forms part of the Turner to Dickens Flagship Trail and is in the process of being transformed by improvements including the carriageway being brought up to the same level as the footway, using Yorkstone and granite sets as principle materials.

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

22-23 November

BIG SKY BEACHCROSS (QUAD BIKES)

Join us on Margate Main Sands for the Final Round of the British Championship. For more information, contact Dave Kinnear at Margate Town Partnership on 01843 297350. www.margatetownpartnership.org.uk

22 & 29 November

LANTERN MAKING

Contact Helen on 0787 877 6196 to book your place. Limited spaces are available.

29-30 November

MARGATE OLD TOWN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

29th: 11am-7pm, 30th: 11am-4pm
Market stalls with sweets, jams, cheese, sausages, face painting, jewellery, mulled wine, mince pies and other gifts. There is a Town Crier and childrens' lantern procession.

29 November

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Join in the fun by following the trail in the Old Town to discover which shop windows are displaying something referred to in the song. Just fill in the leaflet and you could win a prize.

29 November

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Sir Bob Geldof is our celebrity guest who will switch on the Christmas lights at 5pm at The Piazza, Harbour Parade.

Until 20 December

ART FOR ALL

A community based project at The Gallery, 9-10 Marine Drive, Margate with a wide range of art classes suited to all ages. For information visit www.artforall.eu or call Helen on 0787 877 6196 or Christine on 07984 683 267.

Every Saturday 11am-1pm: Pottery classes (Christmas gifts & decorations)

Every Saturday 2pm-4pm: Craft activities including mask making, jewellery making and canvas painting

Every Wednesday 7pm-9pm: Adult pottery classes

Every Monday & Tuesday 7pm-9pm: Water colour painting

Margate successful with seaside bid

The regeneration of Margate seafront is looking more positive as a successful bid of £30,000 has been awarded to Thanet District Council from the Department of Culture, Media and Sports scheme under the Sea Change Programme. The grant will help pay for an assessment of the viability of converting the Dreamland Cinema into a major entertainment complex and developing a heritage park on part of the site celebrating and showcasing some of the nation's oldest and most important seaside amusement park rides.



The site of the proposed development was once home to Dreamland, one of the nation's premier amusement parks. The funds will help to pay for surveys of the listed structures, design work, public consultation and business planning. The feasibility study will be used to submit an application for a large grant under the Sea Change Programme in 2010.

Derek Harding, Head of the Margate Renewal Partnership made the initial bid. He said: "This is great news for Margate and gives us a real opportunity to develop and test some really exciting ideas that could inject life and vitality into Margate."

Big sky international kite festival



Over 15,000 visitors flocked to Margate Main Sands to see the sky alive with colourful kites. The event back in September attracted participants from across Europe and as far away as New Zealand. There was just enough wind to hold up a giant-sting ray, octopus, crab, panda and parrots, as well as choreographed stunt kites performing in time with music.

The event organised by Margate Town Partnership, the Kite Club of Great Britain, and Thanet District Council has already been planned again for next year.

Turner Contemporary Project Space

Exhibit - FAR WEST

Margate High Street

4 October - 4 January

Xu Bing; David Blandy; Liu Ding; Cao Fei; Melanie Jackson; Gunilla Klingberg; Surasi Kusolwong; Michael Lin; Yoko Ono; Janek Simon; SOI Project; Support Structure; Seven Samurai



Featuring the work of artists from China, Japan, Taiwan and Thailand, as well as Europe and the US, Far West transforms the Turner Contemporary Project Space, a former shop, into an interactive 'concept store' with an accompanying programme of participation events, talks and films.

The new exhibit at Turner Contemporary opened on the 4th October and runs until the 4th January 2009. On the opening day, over 800 people attended and participated in the exhibit. Visitors are invited to take part in the production process or purchase one of a range of goods, from cheap, mass produced items to unique artist-designed objects, while other artworks explore the effect of globalisation on aspects of popular culture.

For more information visit www.turnercontemporary.org or contact Turner Contemporary on 01843 294208.

A Tudor Christmas

This is the third year that Christmas has been celebrated at Tudor House, King Street, Margate. As well as a 'Feast for a Farmer', the house will be scented with oranges, rosemary and be decked with traditional native greenery. Two 'Tudor Tailor' costumes will be on display from Hampton Court Palace.

Due to the popularity of this event, the house will be open over two weekends with a wide variety of arts and crafts to purchase and entertainment for the whole family, all with origins in the Tudor period. Dress up warm and come and join us celebrate Christmas in style! All Tudor House events are free.

Saturday 6 December - 12pm to 5pm

Emily Parrish - Sharing short traditional, folk and ghostly stories for Christmas - adults of a nervous disposition should be accompanied by a child!

Sunday 7 December - 12pm to 5pm

Theatre of the Small - Devil's Tales - Puppet and model theatre with stories from medieval times to thrill everyone!

Saturday 13 December - 12pm to 5pm

Robert Poulter's Model Theatre - Whether it's renditions of 'Henry VIII I am' or 'Baroque Opera' the Model Theatre will appeal to the whole family.

Sunday 14 December - 12pm to 5pm

The amazing 'Apple Squires' present medieval music (bagpipes, woodwind and percussion), winter poetry and celebratory frolics. Pop in to take part in our merry-making throughout the day!



Housing Renewal Programme



Housing Renewal Grants Available

Grants are still available for residents living in the renewal areas in phases 2, 3 and 4 in Margate and Cliftonville West. Since the grants were first launched in these phases back in January this year, there has been significant take up from local residents and over £400,000 has been provided to improve the condition of the housing in Cliftonville West and Margate Central area. These improvements have been supported by over £140, 000 of homeowners contributions.

The results of the grants can be seen around the area and a range of improvements have been made including restoring the external appearance of the properties through painting and repairing guttering, minor repairs to roofing, restoring windows and doors for security, energy efficiency, and repairing walls and fencing.

As was seen in the Cliftonville Area (phase 1), residents have undertaken work to their properties and gardens over and above the works paid out by the grant, and even some commercial properties which do not qualify for the grant have been 'shamed' into redecorating their properties.

The maximum grant amount that can be allocated is £2000 and is mainly to improve the front appearance of properties and the area in general, but other works may be considered by the Renewal Team. Windows can only be replaced if the existing ones are beyond repair (if you are considering window replacement you should contact a member of the Renewal Team before obtaining estimates).

There are currently a large number of application packs that have already been issued to residents who have still to submit a completed application, so if you do want to carry out work to your home make sure you submit your application soon to avoid possible disappointment. If you need any assistance to complete the pack please contact the Renewal Team on the numbers below.

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



Grotto Hill Area Street Scheme (GHASS)

The Grotto Hill Area Street Scheme (GHASS) have a number of key priorities for their group that aim to promote a warm, friendly community and an environment that is clean and safe for residents of all ages.

The areas covered are Bath Road, Bath Place, Brockley Road, Caroline Square, Clifton Gardens, Clifton Place, Clifton Road, Grotto Gardens, Grotto Hill and Grotto Road.

Meetings are held at the Good Intent Public House, Bath Road, Margate and are usually held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, start time 7pm.

For more information about the Grotto Hill Area Street Scheme, contact Mrs Mo Walls on 01843 227434.

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.



We Are Watching You



A campaign to help reduce and prevent crime in Marine Terrace, Margate has been launched by The Thanet Community Safety Partnership (TCSP).

New publicity material has been distributed to clubs and pubs along the seafront about the campaign 'We are watching you', which is the latest stage of the initiative that's already seen crime halved in the area in the last few months. This material is being used to inform people about the scheme and to let people know that something is being implemented to help reduce and prevent crime in this area.

Working with the social venues and local businesses, the campaign will support the ongoing work of the Safe Kent campaign to deliver a safer Thanet. The campaign will make people who visit Marine Terrace aware that CCTV is a prominent fixture and, as well as reducing crime levels in the area, will also aid to reduce the 'Fear Factor' associated with going out along Marine Terrace for some people.

The TCSP, working in partnership with Kent Police and Thanet District Council, will also be handing out business cards with a list of useful numbers including local taxis and police. The partnership are also hoping to launch a social networking page which will include the TCSP video and photos from the launch night. In addition, the partnership have already headed out along Marine Terrace and interviewed people out socialising to get their views about the campaign. Head cameras will also soon be installed by door staff at some bar premises. This will aid as a deterrent to anyone considering anti-social behaviour.

For more information about this scheme, please visit the TCSP website on www.thanetcommunitysafety.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Bob Geldof to switch on Margate's Xmas Lights

MARGATE
Saturday 29 November 5.00pm
Sir Bob Geldof will be switching on the lights at The Piazza, Harbour Parade, Margate. This is being organised by Margate Charter Trustees with support from Margate Town Partnership.

CLIFTONVILLE
28 November 2008 5.00pm for 5.30pm
'Switch-on' of Christmas Tree & Decorative Lighting
by Margate Mayor at St Paul's Church in Northdown Road with Will Wollen and Theatre Royal Margate pantomime cast, and the Trinity Cheerleading Squad.

6 December 2008 10.00am-4.00pm
Margate Mayor's Visit.
Northdown Road
Pie Factory music (venue Cashmaker), santa's grotto, free prize draw, children's activities by Cliftonville Community Centre and much more. Plus Beth's street dancing group will perform, and two choirs from local schools (Broadstairs and Holy Trinity and St John's), and Mencap will be singing and selling cards.



Renewal Area Policing

Log on to www.kent.police.uk for all the news on Kent Police and policing in your area. Use the neighbourhood search by typing in your postcode to find out details of your local officers, dates for meetings and surgeries etc plus what is happening in your area.

Thieves beware



SmartWater launched in Cliftonville

Criminals should beware of SmartWater as you don't want to be caught with this substance. Invisible to the naked eye, it glows under ultraviolet light and cannot be cleaned off clothes or skin, no matter how hard you scrub. Each batch also has a unique code which can be

traced back to a specific crime or location. It can be used to mark property and is also installed at businesses where unwanted visitors will find themselves showered in it. To date, there has been a 100% conviction rate where SmartWater has been involved.

Closure of local hotel

Due to increased crime and disorder the Etorian Hotel in Harold Road has been closed down. Action has been taken after numerous complaints by the neighbourhood officers and council staff. The owner who currently lives in France was contacted and wasn't aware of the problems. She agreed to the closure of the hotel and a planning application has now been submitted to Thanet District Council to transform it into four two-bedroom flats.

Safer Autumn

High visibility patrols from Kent Police will be carrying out their 'Safer Autumn' operation along Marine Terrace to encourage responsible and reasonable behaviour during nights out in the town.



Partners and Community Together (PACT)

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) gives you the chance to influence what happens in your neighbourhood. At our regular PACT meetings, you can meet your neighbourhood policing team, have your say on how your neighbourhood is policed and monitor our performance. PACT meetings are open to everyone. You can find details of your next PACT meeting and get involved through the Kent Police website.

At a PACT meeting you can tell your neighbourhood team what issues concern you. After discussion a smaller group, called a PACT panel, decides on the top three policing priorities for the area. The neighbourhood policing team and other agencies will report back to the community on the action being taken to solve the priority issues.

Local Police Neighbourhood Surgeries

The local neighbourhood teams hold ward surgery meetings monthly in your area.

Cliftonville West takes place on the first Wednesday of every month at St Paul's Community Centre, St Paul's Road, Cliftonville from 3pm until about 4pm.

Margate Central takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at the Old Town Partnership Office from 10am-12noon.



Thanet District Council Community Wardens

In addition to the police cover in the Margate Central and Cliftonville West area, Thanet District Council have two community

wardens who are regularly seen patrolling the streets.



USEFUL NUMBERS

If life is in danger or there is a crime in progress, dial 999. If you have information about a crime that is not urgent or to report a crime that is not an emergency contact Margate Police Station on 01843 231055.

Contact your neighbourhood officers direct or neighbourhood Insp. Kevin Dyer and neighbourhood Sgt. Lara Connor on 01843 222207.

You can also provide information about crime anonymously through Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. You may be eligible for a reward.

Margate Central neighbourhood policing officers are as follows:

PC Janine Matthews Cusden on 07980 683378 and at janine.matthews@kent.pnn.police.uk

PC Terry Vine on 07528 989035 and at 10752@kent.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Michelle Stovold on 07980 684136 and at michelle.stovold@kent.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Mark Comley on 07772 226180 and at mark.comley@kent.pnn.police.uk

Cliftonville West neighbourhood policing officers are as follows:

PC Alex Taylor on 07800 675336 and at alexander.taylor@kent.pnn.police.uk

PC Andy Heath on 07870 252943 and at 12143@kent.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Tom Askew on 07972 004453 and at thomas.askew@kent.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Stuart Cogger on 07772 226029 and at stuart.cogger@kent.pnn.police.uk

Margate Central and Cliftonville West Community Wardens are as follows:

Roy Simmonds on 07760 290989

David Myers on 07780 720907

Coldbusters Insulation Grants

There is no need to be cold this winter as 100% grants are available for loft insulation and cavity wall insulation where the existing insulation is less than 60mm. If you are over 70 or in receipt of one of the following benefits you can apply for the grants.

- income support
- housing benefit
- Council Tax benefit
- income based job seekers allowance
- working or child tax credit with earnings of less than £15,592
- attendance allowance
- disability living allowance
- industrial injuries disabilities allowance (with constant attendance allowance)
- war disablement pension (with constant attendance allowance)
- Pension Credit

Please contact Coldbusters on 08003 586668 for more information or to apply.

Energy Savings Trust Energy Advice Centre Kent, Sussex and Surrey

From 7 October 2008 the Kent Energy Centre will no longer exist and will be replaced by Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

To get advice on how to save energy in your home a new free phone telephone number is available. You can also find out how to access grants and other discounts on heating, insulation and other energy efficiency measures such as solar and ground source heat pumps.

For more information and advice please contact the Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre on 0800 512012



Risks from redundant solid fuel back boilers

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have issued a safety alert for homeowners, tenants and landlords to raise awareness of the potential dangers of lighting a fire where there is a redundant solid fuel back boiler.

This alert follows a number of incidents in the UK that have led to serious injury and one death when fires have been lit and the boiler behind has heated up causing the boiler casing to explode.

If you have any concerns relating to your solid fuel back boiler or you are unsure if this affects you please contact The Solid Fuel Association Helpline 0845 6014406 or consult the following websites www.soldifuel.co.uk or www.hetas.co.uk

RECYCLING NEWS

The recycling scheme in Margate and Cliftonville West continues to be a success. Thanks to the efforts of residents over ten tonnes of recyclable material are collected every week. However, refuse collection crews have reported that an increasing number of blue sacks are appearing on waste collection day full of household rubbish including nappies and rotting food waste. Please remember to put household waste in black sacks which you can purchase from local shops and supermarkets.

Operational staff at the Kent County Council run Manston Road Waste and Recycling Centre have also reported an increase in blue bags being brought into the site containing rubbish for disposal.

Black sacks provided by householders are for household waste only.

The blue bags are for recycling only and are supplied by the council and the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

USE YOUR BLUE BAGS TO RECYCLE:

- Paper
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Phone directories and Yellow Pages
- Office paper

- Cardboard
- Packaging boxes
- Ready meal sleeves
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic milk bottles
- Soft drink bottles
- Cleaning fluid bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Tins, cans and tin foil
- Food tins
- Drinks cans
- Aluminium foil

All materials should be clean and put into the bag together – the material will be sorted at our recycling centre.

The next delivery of blue bags is scheduled for the beginning of December.

REMEMBER:

If you leave your waste out on the wrong day you are committing an offence and could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80.

If you need any further information please visit www.thanet.gov.uk or call Customer Services on 01843 577115.



Safer Stronger Communities Fund

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

SSCF Workers 2008 – 2010

The SSCF funding for 2006–2010 is different from previous years and cannot be used to build or buy things. The money has been used to fund 13 additional 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 the last newsletter we featured the Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker, two Youth & Community Workers, three Community Project Advisers and an Advice Worker for people with learning difficulties. In this edition we invite you to meet the rest of the funded workers. Each worker featured gives you an idea of what they will be doing and how you can contact them.

Margate Town Partnership: Dave Kinnear

Margate Town Partnership works closely with the businesses in Margate to promote the area as a place to visit, to live in and work. SSCF is providing funding towards the Margate Town Partnership Co-ordinator post.

Dave said: "We continue to provide an advice service for businesses and represent their views with service providers with whom we have built strong relationships. We represent both the businesses and townspeople and although we can't obviously solve everyone's problems, we can usually point them in the right direction even if it is only to guide them to an organisation or individual with specialist knowledge. We run a diverse number of events, which are designed to promote the town as a destination, aid businesses by running events outside the peak season, and increase the footfall in the town. Our aim is to make Margate a more pleasurable place in which to live and to increase the sense of pride we have about our town."

How can people contact you?

Call 01843 297350 or email dave.kinnear@margatetownpartnership.org.uk

Cliftonville Partnership: Pamela Pople

The aim of the Cliftonville Partnership is to raise the profile of Cliftonville, promote the Northdown Road area, encourage businesses and community to work together and support each other, whilst also assisting to create a safer, more attractive environment for the community as a whole.

Pamela said: "My role is to support the Cliftonville Partnership whose members consist of businesses and organisations in the Northdown Road area of Cliftonville. I also provide a link between businesses and the local community to encourage them to work together for the benefit the area. This includes organising and supporting local projects and events."

How can people contact you?

Call 07903 126530 or email Pamela@hurstoncottage.co.uk
Details of the Cliftonville Partnership can also be found on www.cliftonville-partnership.co.uk

Open Spaces PCSO: Tony Morris

This new role has been funded in partnership with Kent Police and Tony's role is to patrol the open spaces in the two wards and Dane Park.

Tony said: "My areas of responsibility are Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards plus Dane Park. I aim to reduce crime, alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour in these areas, especially in Dane Park and the sea front. I assist TDC wardens in carrying out enforcement action in respect of litter and dog fouling with fixed penalty notices."

"I work with long-term alcohol users and under age alcohol abusers in the hope to reduce the problems they cause in the open space areas, as well as working with young people. I am hoping to set up a youth action group for Dane Park that will engage youths in activities based in the park."

How can people contact you?

Call Tony on 07772 113193

Community Cohesion & Development Officer: Beth Denning

Beth has joined the Kent Refugee & Minority Support Group's team of two part-time Youth & Community Officers to work with the local community to develop community spirit through a range of activities.

Beth said: "I'm here to provide support to residents and groups in the area, to encourage more involvement in activities and events. The aim is for residents to get to know each other and contribute to making the area a great place to live in."

How can people contact you?

Call 07792 226103 or email bcdenning@aol.com

St Paul's Community Centre Welfare Officer: Elaine Phillips

The SSCF Programme has supported St Paul's Community Centre to enable it to develop its diverse community activities and grow as the heart of the community.

The centre continues to give a comprehensive service to the community by providing advice and sign-posting residents to enable them to access the services they require. The centre strives to cater for everyone and the improved café facilities and meeting rooms allow the centre to host a range of community events. Recent additions to the activities available at St Paul's are beauty therapy, holistic treatments, life coaching, yoga, an after school club for 7–11 year olds and an ex-servicemen's club. To find out more contact Elaine.

Advice Worker Migrant Helpline: Chris Taylor

SSCF continues to support the work of Migrant Helpline by funding advice worker Chris Taylor. She provides a vital and much used drop-in advice service with a volunteer on Wednesdays and Thursdays at St Paul's between 10am and 4pm.

To contact Elaine or Chris: call St Paul's Community Centre 01843 221290 or email Elaine at stpaulstrust@hotmail.co.uk and Chris at christine.taylor@migranthelpline.org

Hartsdown PCSO: John Christian

John is a Police Community Support Officer based at Hartsdown Technology College on a full-time basis. His role as a member of the neighbourhood policing team is to be an integral part of the school's Pastoral Care Team which ensures that students feel safe and happy during their time at the college. John provides a range of advice, help and support services to students throughout their critical development stages. These include:

- The welfare of students, via mediation, advice, attendance tracking and home visits.
- Supporting the delivery of social education through the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) programme and assemblies.

- Working within the behaviour, sanction and reward systems of the college and implementing the restorative justice scheme.
- Supporting the integration of all new students and working with community partners towards greater cohesion.
- Being the friendly face of the Police within the college and the wider community.
- Getting to know both students and parents.

How can people contact you?

Call John on 07969 584292 or 07969 776 823

Project Engage: Mike Fagg

SSCF has funded Pie Factory Music (PFM) to act on behalf of The Engage Forum to carry out a mapping and gap analysis of youth provision for young people in the wards of Margate Central and Cliftonville West. This work is particularly looking at inclusiveness and ease of access for disabled young people, young people not in employment, education or training and young people from the local black, minority and ethnic community. The project is divided into two parts with the first part aiming to identify gaps in provision by consulting with the organisations that provide youth services in this area and with the youths themselves. This research will be completed in December. The second part, which will start in January 2009, will be for local organisations to use SSCF funding to deliver activities which will meet the identified gaps on behalf of Project Engage.

Mike says: "This is a great opportunity to provide the wider community with better communication and accessibility to existing projects, as well as providing new services to identified gaps in provision."

How can people contact you?

Call Mike on 01843 596777 or email mike@piefactorymusic.com

CONTACT OUR OTHER SSCF WORKERS:

- If you need to raise funding call Andy Ball on 01843 588780 or email andyball@casekent.org.uk
- If you have concerns about domestic abuse in the area call 01843 296167 or email community@oasiswomensrefuge.org
- To find out more about the new information and advice service Angela Brown will be providing at the Mencap drop-in in Union Row, call 01843 224482 or email angela@eastkentmencap.co.uk



Newgate Play Area

Residents enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about the new play area that is going to be built on Cliftonville's Ethelbert Crescent. Information sessions were held in local schools in Margate Central and Cliftonville West in September and October and details were on display at the Gateway Plus (Margate Library). To find out more contact Claire Tarelli on 01843 609339.