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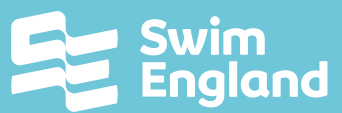
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**Welcome to the Summer Issue of Inside Swale** - and I hope you all have a lovely time over the next few months.

Following on from the wonderful array of events that marked her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, there are events all across our borough over the coming months giving us all a chance to meet up with our families and friends, and support some of our local groups and businesses. In these times of increasing squeezes upon our finances, it is good to be able to support our own communities and to invest in our local economies, whilst at the same time enjoying all the rewards of the hard work of our committed volunteers who organise the majority of these events.

Of course, it is not just events, but our glorious countryside, beaches and local wildlife that also provide the basis for enjoyable days out, and ever since Covid more and more of us have been able to appreciate just what a beautiful and charming borough we all live in.

There are details within about some of this, along with updates to our heritage projects and about some of the events we can all look forward to.

Here at Swale we are settling into the new Committee System that has replaced the old Cabinet model. Hopefully, as things develop, everyone will feel that they and their local councillors are able to have a better picture of what Swale does and how to influence future decisions. The challenges facing us are tough, given the constant reduction in funding from central government, but we will all keep fighting to protect the services we deliver and to keep making Swale great.

The past three years have seen an unprecedented level of investment across Swale, often picking up projects and maintenance issues that have been overlooked for years, whilst also helping communities with the fallout of Covid and programs to protect and promote our borough as a greener, more resilient place to live. We will continue with this positive program going forwards.

Leader of the council,  
Councillor Mike Baldock



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## New lease of life for Eastchurch aviation memorial

We've invested £24,000 to restore the Eastchurch aviation memorial.

The memorial, which celebrates the Isle of Sheppey's role in the birth of aviation in the early 1900's, had been untended for a number of years, and had seen a lot of damage as a result of the neglect.

The damaged timber slats along the bench have been replaced and the brickwork along the back of the memorial has been repaired and the anti-climb paint removed.

A new drainage system has been installed to stop the build-up of rainwater, the pavement has been jet washed and the stone monument has been specially cleaned.



## Restoration for Sheerness war memorial

The 100-year-old war memorial in Sheerness has been restored.

We worked with Sheerness and Queenborough town councils, Minster,

Eastchurch, Warden and Leysdown parish councils, Sheerness United Masonic Centre, Peel Ports and local traders to fund the improvements.

We contributed £90,000 to this project from the Sheppey Improvement fund and Sheppey Area Committee.

The step has been replaced with a slope to improve accessibility and a new Portland stone wall has been built specially to include the names of 988 soldiers, seamen and airmen who were missed off when the memorial was first built. It now also includes the names of those local people from

the island who were lost when HMS Princess Irene exploded off the shore of Sheerness in 1915.

The repairs were completed in time for celebrations of the 100-year anniversary of the memorial. This was marked with a parade and dedication ceremony on Sunday 24 April, organised by Sheerness Town Council.



## #2-minute beach clean in Minster Leas

Take just two minutes on your next visit to our local beaches to help keep them litter free and prevent pollution of our coastline.

We've installed three beach cleaning boards - complete with litter pickers and rubbish bags - as part of the [#2minutebeachclean](#) campaign at Minster Leas, Leysdown and Shellness beaches.

The boards can be found at Leysdown Seafront, Neptune Beach Café on Shellness Road, and at the Whitehouse access gate on Minster Leas beach.

Beachgoers can help keep our beaches clean by simply taking two minutes to pick up some litter they see, sharing a picture of it on social media using the hashtag [#2minutebeachclean](#), and then disposing of the litter in the appropriate bins.



## Affordable homes for Swale

Councillors visited one of Sittingbourne's housing development's in May to see the progress of 140 affordable homes.

The development at the old cement factory off Cooks Lane was purchased by

Sanctuary in 2016 and work to build the 155 houses and 87 apartments is due to be complete next year.

Of the 242 homes being built, 140 of them will be affordable housing, with 73 shared ownership and 67 homes for people on the housing register made up of one and two bedroom apartments and two, three and four bedroom houses.





## Sheerness Clocktower

After its extensive restoration work by Smith of Derby Clockmakers, the clocktower is back in its rightful place in Sheerness.

It made the journey from the workshop in Derby in May where it was then reinstalled back on the Broadway.

Back in October the clockmakers undertook the huge task of breaking down the clocktower into each of its component parts so that they could commence the extensive repairs.

The restoration included fabrication of new lanterns to match the design of the original gas lanterns that would have been hanging from the clocktower in 1902. As well as the complete restoration, the clocktower has been returned to its original colours.

A time capsule was placed under the base of the clocktower before it was lifted into position piece by piece.



## Swale's beaches recognised as some of the best with blue flags

Leysdown, Minster Leas and Sheerness beaches have all received blue flags again this year.

After meeting the highest standards for cleanliness, facilities and water quality, all three beaches have been awarded with a blue flag.

Leysdown beach has also received the Seaside Award from Keep Britain Tidy, which is presented to England's best beaches.

There's a lot of strict criteria to meet to be awarded a Blue Flag, making it a fantastic achievement for all of those involved in helping to keep Swale's beaches at their best.

The blue flags show visitors that our beaches are clean and safe, and that they meet the highest environmental and bathing water quality standards.

Our beaches have lifeguards throughout the summer and the high quality bathing water our visitors expect.



The Royal National Lifeboat Institution lifeguards will be on duty seven days a week from Saturday 9 July until Sunday 4 September. It's encouraged that if you want to swim then to stay between the locations marked as being covered by the lifeguards at Minster, Leysdown and Sheerness beaches.

If you see someone getting into trouble in the water dial **999** and ask for the coastguard.

To find out more about local beaches, visit [swale.gov.uk/seafront](https://swale.gov.uk/seafront)

# Help shape the future of Boughton and Dunkirk

We're encouraging you to have your say on Boughton and Dunkirk's neighbourhood plan while it's available for public consultation.

Neighbourhood plans give local communities the opportunity to shape how future development is managed in their local area, giving people the opportunity to be involved in decisions that affect them.

The Boughton and Dunkirk neighbourhood plan, organised by parish councils in consultation with the local community, sets out to manage the challenges of future development until 2031 while maintaining a safe and affordable community where everyone has access to education, health and leisure facilities.



**Councillor Mike Baldock**, chair of the policy and resources committee at the council, said:

“The Boughton and Dunkirk neighbourhood plan outlines how the local community wants to manage future development while preserving the natural heritage of the area.

“The community is keen to maintain a safe and affordable place to live where families can raise children with access to schools, doctors and leisure facilities, and where elderly people who have lived their whole lives in the village can stay and be cared for.”

**Councillor Monique Bonney**, chair of the regeneration and property committee at the council, said:

“The Boughton and Dunkirk neighbourhood plan public consultation is now open.

“I encourage anybody with an interest to have a look at the plan and give their feedback, it's important that provision is made for the future of the communities while preserving and protecting what we already have.”



The consultation runs to Monday, 25 July.

For more information on how to view the plan and provide feedback visit [swale.gov.uk/news-and-your-council/consultations/boughton-under-blean-and-dunkirk-neighbourhood-plan-consultation](https://swale.gov.uk/news-and-your-council/consultations/boughton-under-blean-and-dunkirk-neighbourhood-plan-consultation).



## Play areas get much needed upgrades

We've started on the latest round of works to play areas in the borough.

To ensure that children around Swale can continue to enjoy the parks and play areas available to them, we have been making necessary repairs and upgrades to equipment as well as including more inclusive equipment for those with disabilities.

In May we started work at Manor Grove play area in Sittingbourne and Millfield open space in Faversham.

We're installing a new play area and fitness zone at Manor Grove and replacing the equipment at Millfield.

Both areas were closed while the new play areas and fitness equipment were being installed.

This is just the start of the improvements being made across play areas in Swale over the next few months.

Johnson Road, Festival Fields, Vincent Gardens, Kemsley Rec, Diligent Drive and Grove Park play areas have all also had investment.



## Car club Faversham

We worked with hiyacar to run a three year car club trial in Faversham.

The three hybrid cars can be found at Central car park, Institute Road car park and Queens Hall car park and can be used from one hour to 10 days.

Each car club vehicle can take up to 18 cars off the road, encouraging less car ownership and more active travel - reducing congestion and carbon emissions.

You can start using the cars following these simple steps:

- download the hiyacar app
- create an account all within the app and select *hire a car*
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## Rainbow Homes to deliver affordable homes

Rainbow Homes is preparing its first project to deliver new affordable homes in Swale.

The new council-owned housing company is planning to deliver more than 170 new properties at three sites in Sittingbourne, and has appointed Counties & Capital Consulting Ltd (C&CC) to oversee the project.

The new homes are planned for Cockleshell Walk, East Street and Fountain Street and will be the first built by Rainbow Homes.

C&CC will manage and advise on all stages of works, from concept designs, to securing planning permissions, sourcing all project professionals and overseeing the build process through to the successful letting of the new high-quality homes.

“Our focus will be on creating sustainable communities which make a real difference to the lives of those who live there.

“Our plans for these three sites are still being finalised, and we’re getting ready to submit planning applications in the next few months.

“This is the first project we’re hoping to deliver, and we’re already considering plans for other locations around the borough to give as many local people as possible the chance of moving into an affordable home of their own.”

The managing director of C&CC, Neill Tickle, has previously worked with Swale Council and within the borough for more than 15 years as the development director for local housing association, Optivo. During this time he was responsible for successfully delivering many property developments including the Regis Gate Extra Care scheme and the Wild Ash Croft regeneration project.

**Neill** said:

“We’re over the moon to have been selected from the many companies who entered into the procurement process.

“We’re most excited to assist Rainbow

Homes in delivering these transformational regeneration projects that will continue to improve Sittingbourne town centre and benefit local people and the community.

“It’s refreshing to see that despite the wide range of political parties and views represented within Swale, the one factor that everyone agrees with is that they must do their part to help with the housing crisis in delivering more affordable housing for the local community and the people who need it the most – we are delighted to be able to help them achieve this, every step of the way!”

Mohammed Parekh, the development and investment consultant at C&CC who is taking the lead role in delivering these projects said:

“Due to our exceptional commercial awareness and management of internal stakeholders – we have the right balance in managing client’s requirements whilst also understanding the key issues that are so often faced during the stages of a development.

“We also possess good knowledge and experience of modern methods of construction which is an important consideration for all development clients these days.”



**Emma Wiggins**, director at Rainbow Homes said:

“Rainbow Homes is a wholly council-owned venture that has been set up to deliver new, affordable homes in Swale.

“We will be working with our partners to provide local people with a home of their own, built to a good standard and offering a mix of affordable tenures.



# Enjoy a sunny summer in Swale

## What's on

### Open Air Theatre: Othello

Belmont House and Gardens

**Friday 15 July**

Changeling's production promises to fizz with passion, intrigue and dark humour.

To find out more, or to book, visit [belmont-house.org/events/open-air-theatre-othello](http://belmont-house.org/events/open-air-theatre-othello), or call **01795 890202**.

### Leysdown carnival

**Saturday 30 July**

A parade, which starts at 2pm, will travel from Little Groves Holiday Park to Coastal Park at Shellness.

For more information about the carnival, visit the Leysdown Carnival Team Group Facebook page.

### Firefly to the rescue – Fluffy

TOP Productions

### The Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne

**Thursday 4 - Saturday 6 August**

An original children's show full of singing, dancing and an adorable firefly puppet.

To book, visit [thelittleboxoffice.com/avenuetheatre/book/event/154017](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/avenuetheatre/book/event/154017) or call **01795 471140**.

### A New day Festival 2022

Mount Ephraim Gardens

**Friday 19 - Sunday 21 August**

A music festival dedicated to the very best in rock, blues, prog and folk.

To find out about who will be performing, to book tickets, visit [anewdayfestival.com](http://anewdayfestival.com)



### Show Tunes Sleepover

The Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne

**Thursday 18 - Saturday 20 August**

The Avenue Theatre's Junior Group lead you on a lively, musical sleepover adventure journeying through The School of Rock, Matilda, Oliver, The Sound of Music, We Will Rock You and more.

To book, visit [thelittleboxoffice.com/avenuetheatre/book/event/157941](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/avenuetheatre/book/event/157941) or call **01795 471140**.

### Brogdale Cider Trail 2022

**Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 August**

Savour the summer while you sample over 50 ciders locally produced.

To find out more, visit [brogdalecollections.org/festivals-and-events](http://brogdalecollections.org/festivals-and-events)



### WW2 Display

Minster Gatehouse Museum

**Saturday 3 September**

Military vehicles and stalls make a welcome addition to the museum offer.

To find out more, visit [minstergatehouse.co.uk](http://minstergatehouse.co.uk)



### Faversham Hop Festival

**Saturday 3 - Sunday  
4 September**

More than 60 bands and performers providing 70 hours of live music across 5 stages in the streets of Faversham.

To find out more, visit [favershampfestival.org](http://favershampfestival.org)



### #Queenborough Classic Boat Festival

Queenborough Harbour

**Saturday 10 – Sunday 11  
September**

Celebrating all historic vessels, from sailing yachts, to Thames barges and steam tugs, with boat trips and other activities.



### Faversham Model Railway Exhibition

The Abbey School

**Saturday 10 - Sunday  
11 September**

Faversham Model Railway Club return to the exhibition circuit in 2022 with at least 18 working layouts, full trade and society stands. Plus of course their ever-popular tombola stand, offering a vast array of prizes to be won.

### End of season gala

### Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway

**Saturday 24 - Sunday  
25 September**

Ride steam and diesel-hailed trains throughout the day. There's a bar at Kemsley Down and lots of other attractions including a working steam roller!

For more information and to book tickets, visit [sklr.net](http://sklr.net)

### Great Big Green Week

**Saturday 24 September -  
Sunday 2 October**

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. To find out more or to apply for funding for a Great Big Green Week event, visit [cee.swale.gov.uk/climate-in-the-community/upcoming-events](http://cee.swale.gov.uk/climate-in-the-community/upcoming-events)

### Peter Pan: A musical adventure

The Avenue Theatre

**Tuesday 8 - Sunday  
13 November**

JM Barrie's timeless tale of the boy who refused to grow up is reborn as a spectacular musical with a score by Stiles & Drewe.

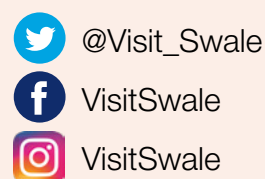
To book, visit [thelittleboxoffice.com/avenuetheatre/book/event/157136](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/avenuetheatre/book/event/157136) or call **01795 471140**.

For the latest information about all these events, and to stay up to date, head to the Visit Swale website [visit-swale.co.uk/whats-on](http://visit-swale.co.uk/whats-on)

All of these events, and many more things to do can be found on the Visit Swale website [visit-swale.co.uk](http://visit-swale.co.uk)

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## Lifesaving defibrillators installed around Swale

Village halls, churches, activity centres and car parks are just some of the locations around Swale that now have public access defibrillators.

The lifesaving equipment has been installed at 27 locations around the borough after we committed almost £20,000 of funding last year.

The defibrillators are fully accessible to the public 24/7 and have a nominated person appointed to maintain them.

### Location of new defibrillators:

- Boughton Under Blean Village Hall
- The Ship Inn Conyer Pub, Sittingbourne
- Newington Cricket Club
- Harty ferry car park
- Public toilets in Central Avenue
- Hazeldene Close, Eastchurch
- Newnham Village Hall
- Sittingbourne Baptist Church
- Phoenix pub
- Upchurch Village hall
- Elverton Farm
- The Watermark in Sittingbourne
- Hornhill Activity Centre
- Sheerness Youth Centre
- Queenborough Ambulance Station
- 249 Fitness, Eurolink
- Upchurch recreation ground
- Milton Creek toilet
- Davington cricket pavilion
- The Apple Yard, Sittingbourne
- The Appleyard Sports Bar & Pavilion
- Big Local Eastern Sheppey Community Hub, Leysdown
- The Bus Shelter Kent Project
- Dunkirk village hall
- Muswell Manor Holiday Park
- Faversham Swimming Pools
- Newington recreation ground

Defibrillators can provide lifesaving support to people in cardiac arrest. For every minute someone is in cardiac arrest without CPR and access to a defibrillator, their chances of survival drop by up to 10%.



## Historic building to be repaired following storm damage

Work to repair storm damage to the historic TS Hazard building in Faversham has now been completed.

The Grade II\* listed building was due to undergo some minor repairs when Storm Eunice caused further damage to the roof. This led to the works being rescheduled to allow additional repairs to be carried out.

The initial repairs were planned as part of our increased maintenance of the building, to help preserve it while the plans are drawn up for its future use.

As this is an important Grade II\* listed building, we've commissioned work to help us better understand what we need to do to further secure the building.

We're actively looking for new uses for the building that are compatible with its historic form and importance, and we have had some interest from potential tenants.

The building dates from the fifteenth century and takes its name from the Training Ship Hazard, which was supplied to the navy by the town to fight the Spanish Armada in 1588.

# Swale could see double electric vehicle charge bays with new funding

Drivers of electric vehicles could soon have more than double the chance to charge their vehicles with 18 new charging bays across Swale.

We've received £106,000 from the Government's Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), and will also contribute £42,000 from our improvement and resilience fund, to buy and install nine electric twin charge points, creating 18 charging bays.



**Councillor Julian Saunders**, environment committee chair at the council, said:

"We're delighted with the funding to install 18 new electric vehicle charging points across the borough.

"The £106,000 from OZEV and the £42,000 we'll be contributing from our improvement and resilience fund will help us double the number of bays we have here in Swale."

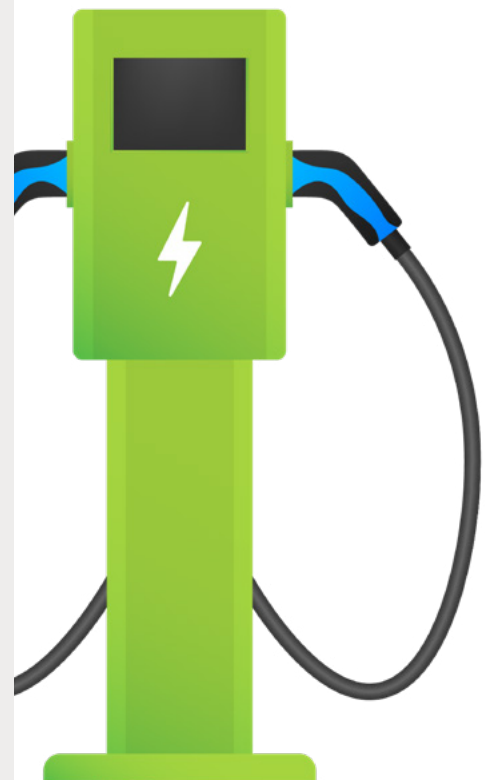
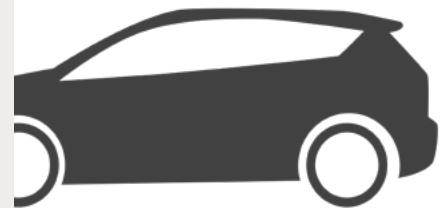
**Councillor Tim Valentine**, environment committee vice chair at the council, said:

"We're currently looking at options in Sheerness, Sittingbourne and Faversham where on-street charging demand is at its highest.

"This is usually where people don't have a driveway and can't charge their electric vehicles on the street.

"By installing our own charge points we can also keep charging prices lower for these residents.

"As a condition of the funding, we'll be installing 7kw chargers which are suitable for a slow overnight charge rather than quick destination charging."





## Jubilee weekend celebrated in Swale

Events, street parties, picnics and fun days were had over the long bank holiday weekend, with many people welcoming friends and family into their homes and back gardens across Swale to help celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee.

It was a unique and historic moment to witness the Queen mark 70 years on the throne.

The weekend was a chance to bring together communities, friends and family after a difficult two years following the pandemic.

In an effort to help bring communities together we gave grants to community groups and voluntary organisations to host celebration events, and street parties across Swale. We would like to thank those who sent in photos from their events that were helped by the funding.



# Save time this summer with a garden waste bin

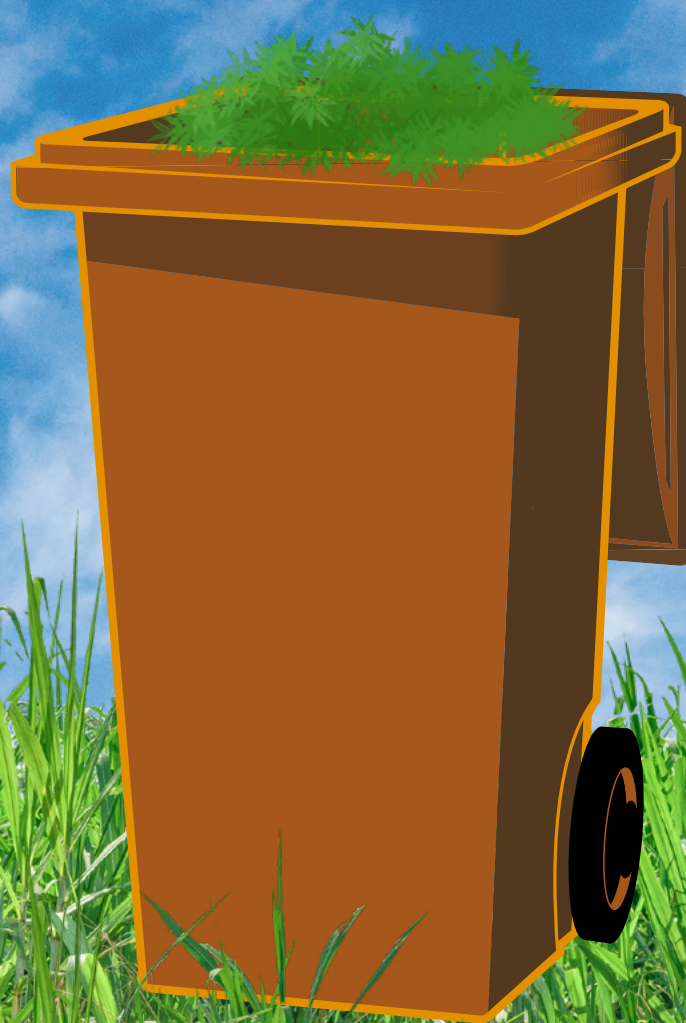


We all want to make the most of our gardens in the summer, so they often need a little more TLC and work to keep looking their best. So now is a great time to get yourself a garden waste bin to take care of those trimmings and grass cuttings.

Taking a trip to the tip can take time out of your weekends. So, what do you do with all this waste? For £45 a year you can get a brown garden waste bin which will be collected up to 25 times a year, saving you the time and hassle of a trip to the tip.

Grass cuttings, leaves and flowers are perfect for the garden waste bin but remember, please pop these in loose – no black sacks!

To sign up for a brown garden waste bin subscription, visit [swale.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://swale.gov.uk/garden-waste) or call **01795 417888**.



## Recycling and refuse collection dates

If you're unsure of your collection week, visit [swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/bins/collection-days](https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/bins/collection-days) **Don't forget** - food waste is collected weekly with both bins. In the event of severe weather, please leave your green/blue bin and food waste bin out as per your normal collection schedule – we'll get to you as soon as we can. Daily updates will be available on [swale.gov.uk](https://swale.gov.uk) and click the 'Next Bin Collection' link, or call **01795 417888**.

### Week 1 collections

 Blue bin collection week  Green bin collection week  
 Please check for updates for changes to Christmas collections

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### Week 2 collections

 Blue bin collection week  Green bin collection week  
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# Don't make it easy for fly-tippers

Help cut down on fly tipping by knowing your duty of care

### Ways to responsibly dispose of your waste

We want to remind everyone to be wary of who is offering to take your waste away and to always check they have a licence to carry waste. To check whether someone is licenced to carry waste visit the Environment Agency website: [bit.ly/1YIHCOD](https://bit.ly/1YIHCOD) or call **03708 506506**. And always make sure you get and keep your waste carrier's contact details – ideally from a receipt or invoice.

When ordering a new fridge, freezer, washing machine or home appliance, many retailers will take away your old one for a small price.

If you have large items to get rid of, but can't get to the tip, our bulky waste collection service can help – and there's no danger of it ending up in a local field. You can book a bulky collection through our website: [swale.gov.uk/bulky-item-collection](https://swale.gov.uk/bulky-item-collection) or by calling: **01795 417888**.



### Don't forget your duty of care

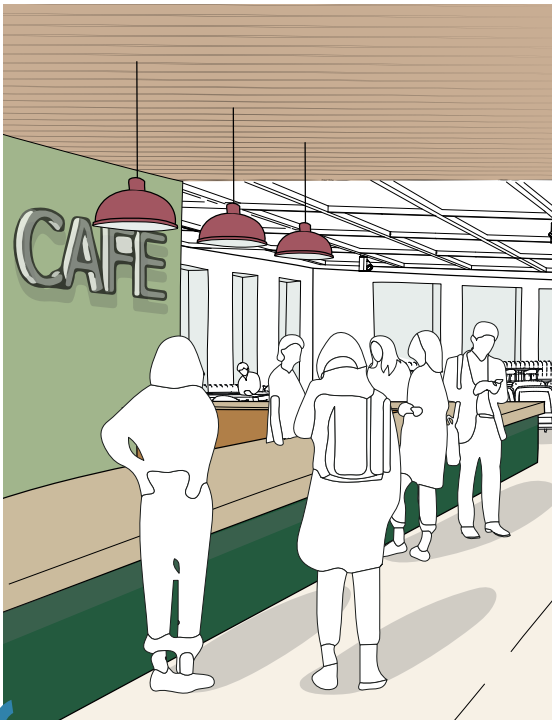
Many people might not realise that, by using an unlicensed waste carrier, they could be contributing to fly-tipping in our countryside. If fly-tipped rubbish is traced back to you, and you can't prove who took it off your hands, you'll have failed in your legal duty of care and could be held responsible.

You could get an unlimited fine, a criminal record and be charged for the cost of clearing up your fly-tipped waste.

Think carefully before paying for your rubbish to be taken away: if someone tells you on social media that they can do the job at a very low rate, cash in hand, ask yourself how they can afford to do it so cheaply. If something looks too good to be true, it often is.

Saying "I didn't think to check them out" won't help if your waste carrier ends up dumping your rubbish illegally.

For more information about fly-tipping, visit [swale.gov.uk/fly-tipping](https://swale.gov.uk/fly-tipping)



## ↑ Levelling Up Sheerness

The bid for up to £20 million of Government funding for Sheerness was submitted this month.

We worked on plans to bid for the maximum amount of funding available from the Levelling Up Fund and updated local residents at the Sheppey Area Committee as to the progress in June.

The update follows weeks of work to look at the ideas and suggestions from a consultation earlier in the year. These have been costed and assessed to see what would meet the Government's criteria for the funding, the final bid was submitted on 6 July.

### Councillor Monique Bonney

, chair of the regeneration and property committee at the council, said:

“We were amazed, but not surprised, by the enthusiastic response to the consultation earlier this year. There were some great ideas, but just as importantly there was a fantastic amount of support from the local community.

“We’ve spent the last couple of months working on options and costings for ideas and plans, but we had to be realistic.

“Big ambitions and increasing prices meant we needed to think carefully about what we put in the bid if we wanted it to be approved and deliver the improvements Sheerness deserves.

“By doing this work now we put together a solid blueprint for breathing new life into the town, and we’ll be in a stronger position than ever before to bid for other funding in the future.

“The plans are the first stage in what we hope will be the revival of Sheerness, with benefits that spread across the whole Island.

“We want to deliver better facilities for residents with expansion of the health centre. There will be more opportunities for local young people with a greater range of courses available from the college, and Master’s House will help create and support local jobs.

“We want to build on the town’s holiday heritage and create a place for locals and visitors to enjoy, with better connections between the high street, station and seafront.

“Bringing in attractions like tag active, soft play and adventure golf, alongside a new café, outdoor gym and new toilets will help bring people back to the town.

“A new pool wasn't part of this phase of the bid, and a number of other suggestions simply aren't feasible on the site or weren't possible in the timescales the government set.

“We have to thank everyone who’s helped us get to where we are now. We put together an ambitious bid that stays within the government’s funding limit and can start delivering genuine improvement for Sheerness.”

# New committee system

Following the annual council on Wednesday 18 May, 2022, we've announced the structure for the Council's new committee system, which will see more councillors (Cllr) have a say in decisions made.

### There are three broad categories of committee:

- Service committees – responsible for making decisions on matters within their responsibility
- Area committees – work to improve their local areas and bring greater local insight into council decisions
- Other committees – including statutory functions such as planning and licensing

### The new service committees, and their members, are:

#### Service committees

##### Communities

The chair of the Communities committee is Cllr Richard Palmer and the vice chair is Cllr Elliott Jayes.

##### The members of the committee are:

Cllr Cameron Beart, Cllr Lloyd Bowen, Cllr Steve Davey, Cllr Mike Dendor, Cllr Oliver Eakin, Cllr Tim Gibson, Cllr Alastair Gould, Cllr James Hall, Cllr Nicholas Hampshire, Cllr Peter MacDonald, Cllr Lee McCall, Cllr Hannah Perkin, Cllr Ken Rowles

##### Environment

The chair of the Environment committee is Cllr Julian Saunders and the vice chair is Cllr Tim Valentine.

##### The members of the committee are:

Cllr Richard Darby, Cllr Steve Davey, Cllr Oliver Eakin, Cllr James Hall, Cllr Ann Hampshire, Cllr Nicholas Hampshire, Cllr Denise Knights, Cllr Pete Neal, Cllr David Simmons, Cllr Sarah Stephen, Cllr Eddie Thomas, Cllr Tony Winckless, Cllr Corrie Woodford

##### Housing and Health

The chair of the Housing and Health committee is Cllr Ben Martin and the vice chair is Cllr Angela Harrison.

##### The members of the committee are:

Cllr Alastair Gould, Cllr Ann Hampshire, Cllr Ken Ingleton, Cllr Carole Jackson, Cllr Elliot Jayes, Cllr Lee McCall, Cllr Pete Neal, Cllr Richard Palmer, Cllr Ken Pugh, Cllr Ken Rowles, Cllr Bill Tatton, Cllr Ghlin Whelan, Cllr Mike Whiting

##### Policy and Resources

The chair of the Policy and Resources committee is Cllr Mike Baldock and the vice chair is Cllr Monique Bonney.

##### The members of the committee are:

Cllr Lloyd Bowen, Cllr Derek Carnell, Cllr Mike Dendor, Cllr Tim Gibson, Cllr Mike Henderson, Cllr Alan Horton, Cllr Julian Saunders, Cllr David Simmons, Cllr Roger Truelove, Cllr Bill Tatton, Cllr Tim Valentine, Cllr Mike Whiting, Cllr Corrie Woodford

##### Regeneration and Property

The chair of the Regeneration and Property committee is Cllr Monique Bonney and the vice chair is Cllr Sarah Stephen.

##### The members of the committee are:

Cllr Cameron Beart, Cllr Lloyd Bowen, Cllr Simon Clark, Cllr Richard Darby, Cllr James Hall, Cllr Angela Harrison, Cllr James Hunt, Cllr Peter Marchington, Cllr Paul Stephen, Cllr Eddie Thomas, Cllr Roger Truelove, Cllr Tim Valentine, Cllr Mike Whiting

#### Area committees

##### Eastern

The chair of the Eastern committee is Cllr Denise Knights and the vice chair is Cllr Julian Saunders.

##### Sheppey

The chair of the Sheppey committee is Cllr Ken Ingleton and the vice chair is Cllr Cameron Beart.

##### Sittingbourne

The chair of the Sittingbourne committee is Cllr Steve Davey and the vice chair is Cllr Mike Dendor.

##### Western





The chair of the Western committee is Cllr Corrie Woodford and the vice chair is Cllr Sarah Stephen.

The other committees include













- Audit
- Licensing
- Planning
- Standards
- Urgent Decisions

# Your councillors

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