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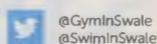
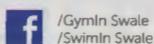
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Welcome to the summer edition of Inside Swale



*Andrew Bowles,
Leader, Swale
Borough Council*

With summer finally here it's a good time to get out in the sunshine and enjoy all that Swale has to offer.

It's great news that our beaches have been recognised as being among the best in the country. I was delighted to hear the news that

Sheerness, Minster Leas and Leysdown Beaches were all awarded Blue Flag and Seaside Awards.

Meanwhile our Local Plan - which sets out our vision for future development in Swale - has reached the next stage. We agreed changes to the Plan last month, and these amendments are now out for public consultation until 5 August.

The changes come after we were given the extremely challenging job of finding additional sites to meet an increased housing target - from 540 to 776 dwellings per year - set by the Planning Inspector.

The map on pages 16 & 17 shows the housing allocations we originally identified. It also shows the new sites we are now proposing in order to meet the increased housing target, and lets you know how to take part in the consultation.

Why not take advantage of some of the great activities we have going on across the Borough, from Art in the Park next month or the fabulous Faversham Hop Festival at the end of the summer?

Whatever your interests there's also a wealth of activities, classes, clubs and support to help you get active this summer in Swale. Find out more in our special Get Active in Swale feature.

For these and other events have a look at pages 6 to 12 and for even more ideas see www.visit-swale.co.uk.

Enjoy your summer.

► Mayor in the making...



Mayor, Cllr Lesley Ingham with her Mayoress and daughter, Ashlee Brawn.

Swale's new Mayor is Cllr Lesley Ingham. She takes over the role from Cllr Anita Walker.

Following the Mayor Making ceremony on 17 May, Cllr Ingham said: "I am humbled to have been chosen, but also very excited and looking forward to the next year."

Cllr Ingham has chosen SSAFA Forces Help, which provides welfare and support for families in the armed forces; and childhood hip disorder charity, the Perthes Association, as her charities for her Mayoral year.

The Mayor has lived on the eastern end of the Isle of Sheppey for more than forty years. A registered nurse for thirty years, Cllr Ingham spent many years as a Ward Sister at the old Sheppey Hospital. She also served as Deputy Mayor for the past year.

She is now in her 10th year as a Borough councillor, having been ward member for Sheppey Central, and now serving Sheppey East Ward.

In her spare time she likes to read, listen to music, go to the theatre, and enjoy all things spiritual. Her granddaughters are the lights of her life, and she spends as much time as possible with them.

The Deputy Mayor for this civic year will be Cllr Colin Prescott.

...and the end of a successful year



Mayor, Cllr Lesley Ingham present bouquets to retiring Mayor Cllr Anita Walker and Mayoress Sylvia Lawrence.

In her year as Mayor, Cllr Walker was welcomed at a range of events celebrating and commemorating our community achievements and traditions.

She raised over £5,000 for her charities – Swale's four carnival courts: Faversham Carnival Club, Sheppey Summer Carnival Club, Sittingbourne Carnival Association, and Teynham Carnival Association.

Cllr Walker said: "It has been a wonderful year, which started the week before Mayor Making when I was lucky to go to a Royal Garden Party and meet the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Duchess of Cornwall, Earl and Countess of Wessex, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

"I have met some wonderful people in Swale and have thoroughly enjoyed all the school end of term shows and performances. It has been a great honour to represent Swale as Mayor, and is something I will always remember."

▶ New look Cabinet for Swale

A new Cabinet was appointed for Swale at a meeting of the Annual Council on 18 May.

The Cabinet has been trimmed from nine to seven members, with changes to portfolios to reflect the Council's priorities over the coming years.

The Cabinet members and portfolios are:



Cllr Andrew Bowles
Leader of the council



Cllr Gerry Lewin
Deputy Leader and Planning



Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley
Finance and Performance



Cllr Mike Cosgrove
Regeneration



Cllr David Simmons
Environment and Rural Affairs



Cllr Alan Horton
Safer Families and Communities



Cllr Ken Pugh
Housing and Wellbeing

Cabinet members lead the formulation of Council policies and prepare the budget, and also make decisions on resources and priorities.

▶ New PCC for Kent



Matthew Scott has been elected the next Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Kent.

Mr Scott, who takes over from Ann Barnes, began his term of office on 12 May. Elections were held for the second time on the 5 May in 40 force areas across England and Wales.

The role of a PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account.

www.kent-pcc.gov.uk

▶ It's gold for Swale



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE | Gold

Swale Borough Council has achieved the Investors in People Gold Award for the way it supports and develops the skills of the people who work there.

The assessor highlighted both Swale's strong social responsibility and the way it works to reinforce the workforce's connection with the local community.

Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance, said: "Serving the residents of Swale to the best of our abilities is our ultimate aim. This award recognises our ongoing commitment to ensuring we have the best possible team so we can provide the best services possible to local people."

Investors in People is the nationally recognised standard awarded to organisations demonstrating a commitment to supporting the training and development needs of their staff to achieve their goals.

▶ X-Ray for Faversham

The X-Ray unit at the Minor Injuries Unit at Faversham Health Centre has now started operating. Patients can get their X-Rays done at the health centre in Bank Street, Faversham between 10am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Patients need to bring the forms provided by their GP and do not need to book an appointment.

▶ Art in the Park

Art in the Park is back in Milton Creek Country Park on Saturday 16 July.

The theme this year is 'Paper and Local Heritage'. There will be more live music this year, including The Voice finalist Jamie Johnson, and lots of local favourites, including the popular Swale Sings. Visitors can have a go on the climbing wall, and outdoor treasure hunting game geocaching, using GPS-enabled devices. There will be free creative workshops and demonstrations.

Patriotic Pig returns with its hog roast, real ale and cider from The Paper Mill micro pub will be on tap, and teas and coffees will be served in the Church Hall. Anyone who prefers can bring their own picnic.

There will be a temporary station on the The Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway at Burley Crossing, which will run a Park and Ride from 10am-3pm from Sittingbourne.

Return fare is £5, and accompanied children go free.

Stalls are still available for £15 for businesses who want to sell local products. No charge for local organisations and charities.

Art in the Park is on 16 July at Milton Creek Country Park from 11am to 4pm.

For more information or to book a stall contact info@miltoncreek.co.uk



▶ Faversham Hop Festival

The countdown is now on to this year's Faversham Hop Festival, which will be held over the weekend of 3 and 4 September 2016.

The internationally renowned festival attracts thousands each year. Visitors can enjoy live music from local bands, street entertainment, and local food and drink in a celebration of the heritage of Faversham's hop industry.

This year there will be three outside stages, the Shepherd Neame stage, along with the vibrant live music scene in the pubs around the Town.

There will also be Morris dancing and other dance troupes, craft stalls and exhibitions, and entertainment and rides in the family fun area.

The festival is run by volunteers and supported by local and national businesses, including Faversham brewer Shepherd Neame, and is free to enter.

Find out more at www.favershamhopfestival.org

▶ Sittingbourne's Green Heart

Milton Creek Country Park is Swale Borough Council's newest green space. The 52 hectare park is an oasis for wildlife and now has a children's adventure play park, picnic areas, an open-air performance area, ponds, a fishing lake, community events space, and extensive walkways leading through green open areas.

There are also wooded areas that have been extensively tree planted thanks to the Friends of Milton Creek. The Country Park crosses the Kemsley Light Railway at the Halt, and includes much of the historic Saxon Shore Way.



▶ Regular events in Milton Creek Country Park

Tuesday Tidy up – volunteering with the Park Ranger, 10am to 12.30pm

Every Tuesday Park Ranger Kris Staples is meeting with volunteers to carry out various tasks around the park.

So if you can spare an hour or two for some gently exercise in the fresh air, do come and join us. Tools, hot drinks and biscuits are all provided.

Third Sunday of every month – Green Team, volunteering with Park Ranger, 10am to 2pm



Saturdays – Parkrun takes place every Saturday at 9am. The 5km timed run is free, but please register before your first run. Don't forget to bring a printed copy of your barcode – if you forget it, you won't get a time.

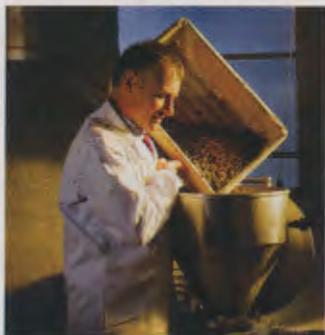
For more information and to register visit www.parkrun.org.uk/Sittingbourne

Further details on the park including directions and future events at www.miltoncreek.co.uk

▶ What's On

Saturday 2 July

Discover the Secrets of Britain's Oldest Brewer



Discover the secrets of Shepherd Neame. For one day only, John Owen, the brewery's award-winning archivist and historian, will

lead a series of tours taking in the areas of the brewery usually hidden from public view, and documents and artefacts from the archives.

Shepherd Neame Visitor Centre & Brewery Tours, 17 Court Street, Faversham.

www.shepherdneame.co.uk

Saturday 2, 9 and 16 July

Faversham Open House 2016



Visit local properties of considerable historical and architectural interest, many not

normally open to the public.

Admission to all properties over the three Saturdays (2, 9 and 16 July) is by handbook, which includes historical and architectural notes.

Handbooks are on sale at the Visitor Information Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, or order by phone on **01795 534 542**.

www.favershamsociety.org

Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 July Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway Steam and Beer Weekend



It's steam and beer time again, with a wide selection of real ales and ciders from

across the UK at the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway Steam and Beer Weekend.

Live music on Saturday and family fun on Sunday. The beer tent will be at Kemsley Down.

www.skrlr.net

Sunday 3 July

Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway Open Day



Open Day and Vintage and Veteran Vehicle Show. Explore the engine shed with

locomotives of various gauges and scales, and see a water-pumping beam engine.

Tea Shop, Dutch street organ, picnic area, train trips – have as many rides as you like - numbers permitting.

Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway, The Warren, Swanton Street, ME9 8AT

www.bwlr.co.uk

Saturday 9 - Sunday 10 July

Flying Spectacular

Barton's Point Model Flying Spectacular. A free family fun weekend with 'bring and buy', food, 'lunchtime try and fly', face painting, raffle, steam engines, and more!



Impressive displays by top skilled pilots, see helicopters, jets and First and Second World

War planes. Laser show and fireworks on Saturday evening.

Camping pitches available, costs apply. Barton's Point Coastal Park, Marine Parade, Sheerness

For info call **07775 512 307** or email: flyingspectacular@live.co.uk

Saturday 16 July - Sunday 24 July Sheppey Promenade Festival



The theme of this year's arts festival for Sheppey is 'Flight'.

Many new performances including theatre, music, poetry, artists open houses, pop up exhibitions, parades, street theatre, films, talks and art workshops.

Some events will have a small box office fee.

www.sheppeypromenade.co.uk

Sunday 17 July

Cherry Fair at Brogdale Collections



The National Fruit Collection holds over 300 different varieties of cherries, which range from black,

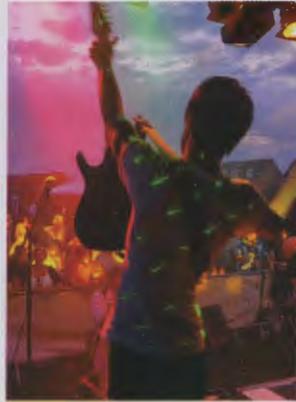
red, pink, yellow through to white. Visitors can taste and buy different varieties.

Meet beekeepers, see a live hive, tractor trailer or walking guided tours, and family entertainment.

www.brogdalecollections.co.uk
01795 536 250

Saturday 23 July

Iwade Rock Charity Music Festival



Iwade's annual charity music festival. This year's event will raise money for Demelza House, Iwade Herons FC, and the Timu Academy Iwade. Lots of family activities and a range of genres.

www.facebook.com/iwaderock

Saturday 06 – Sunday 07 August Pirate Weekend



An amazing weekend of fun, entertainment, and madness in aid of the local RNLI. World renowned water fight on Saturday, live music Saturday, evening and

plenty of fun and entertainment on Sunday.

Limited camping pitches are available to book on **07909 994 196**.

www.bartonspointcoastalpark.co.uk

All of these events and more can be found on our website visit-swale.gov.uk

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► Sports and Physical Activity Grants

Clubs that help residents get active are getting a boost from Swale's sports and physical activity grants.

The Council's £20,000 Sports and Physical Activity Grant fund is now open for 2016/17. It provides grants of up to £1,000 to help increase participation in Swale.

Grants are for community projects that help residents get more active or provide the right environment for an athlete to achieve their sporting dream. Since their launch in 2014 over 46 grants have been awarded. The aim is to support community projects centred around sporting, recreational and health activities that will make communities in Swale more active.

Last year's scheme helped fund projects from coaching courses to equipment.

You can find the forms and guidance notes at www.swale.gov.uk/sport-and-physical-activity-grant

► Get active on the court

Have you been meaning to get back into tennis, set yourself a challenge, or meet new people to play?

There's a new friendly, competitive mixed-sex singles tennis league for adults in Swale's public and club courts.

Find out more at www.localtennisleagues.com/swale

► Get active in Swale this summer

Whatever your interests there's a wealth of activities, classes, clubs and support to help you get active this summer in Swale.

You could dive in at Faversham Pools or join a class at one of Swale's two leisure centres - Swallows Leisure Centre in Sittingbourne, and the Sheppey Leisure Complex. Both have a fitness suite, swimming pool, indoor and racquet sports, classes, and activities for children. Find out more at:

www.swale.gov.uk/leisure-centres

Or what about joining a club? Our local sports and leisure clubs are always looking for new members. Find out what's out there at:

www.activeswale.co.uk

Maybe you fancy a run in great company? Swale now has its very own free 5km timed parkrun at Milton Creek Park. New runners are always welcome. More details on page 7.

Need more inspiration? Swale Physical Activity Health Trainer trainer Julie Calder shares advice on how to get active below.

"It's that time of year where the sun shines, the birds are singing, and the flowers are blooming," Julie said.

"What a great time to start blowing away those winter blues with a bit of exercise or a fun activity.

"Have you been putting off getting active for a long time? Do it now, look after your health, and feel great."



Here are Julie's top tips to get Active in Swale this summer.

- Walking is always nicer with company. Why not ring up that friend you haven't seen for a while and catch up while you're walking? You can find local walking routes and trails at www.visit-swale.co.uk/things-to-do/activities-and-adventure/cycling-walking-riding
- Plan your week and your activities - this is crucial to getting yourself into a regular routine and improving your fitness.
- Set yourself a goal and make sure it is realistic! If you need help contact the NHS Health Trainer Service on **0300 123 1220**. Your local Health Trainer will support you to reach your goal over a series of free appointments.
- Be spontaneous – don't wait for that next bit of time off, or that next bright day! Go and do something the minute you think about it - you'll feel so much better.



- Sign up to a charity walk or cycle. There are lots of these events throughout the summer. It will give you something to aim toward, and also raise money for a good cause.
- How about volunteering for one of your local clubs? They are always looking for support and you could make some new friends. Find a club at www.activeswale.co.uk
- Remember - if you have any health conditions or concerns, consult a health care professional before taking up any physical activity.



► Get cycling In Swale

You may not realise it, but Swale has lots of beautiful cycling routes on paths away from roads and on quiet country lanes, perfect to help you get riding a bike.

We spoke to Adrian Oliver, owner of the Freewheel Pub and Cycling Café, about the benefits of cycling and where to cycle in Swale.

“You’re never too young or old to enjoy cycling,” he said. “Riding a bike is a brilliant and easy way to get some exercise, whether it’s to the shops, or around the park, or on one of the many cycle routes in the Borough.”

It’s the best of both worlds for cycling in Swale, with rides through the North Downs along with the beauty of coastal rides too.

As well as having National Cycle Route 1 running through Swale on its way to Dover and Scotland, there’s Regional Cycle Route 174 from Kemsley to Sheerness, and circular routes Sheerness Way, Isle of Harty Trail, and Perry Wood Cycle Trail.

You can even explore Milton Creek Country Park by bike.

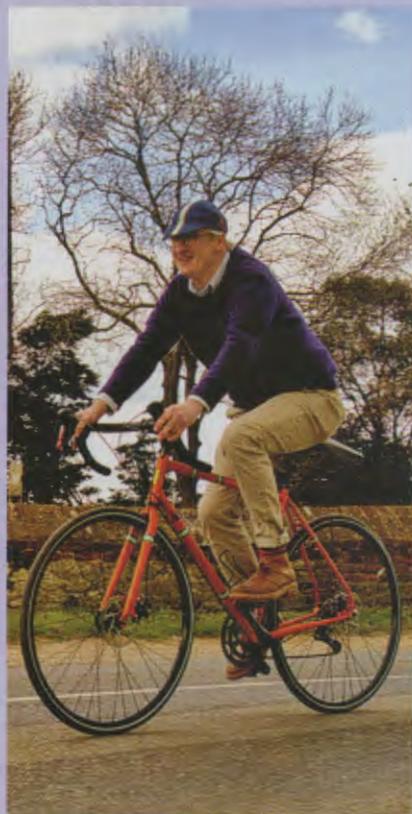
Adrian said: “Cycling is very sociable, saves you money, helps improve our environment, lets you experience the beauty of our countryside, is a simple way to make you feel better, and it will always make you smile!”

The Freewheel at Graveney has a cycle workshop and bike hire, and runs regular free bike rides ranging from short nature rides across the wide-open Graveney marshes to longer 20 and 35 mile rides deeper into the North Downs villages.

You can find routes for cycling in Swale on the Visit Swale website at

www.visit-swale.co.uk/things-to-do/activities-and-adventure/cycling-walking-riding

www.thefreewheel.pub



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► Keep the Blue Flag flying

The Blue Flag is flying on all of Sheppey's bathing beaches for the first time.

Sheerness, Minster Leas and Leysdown bathing beaches have all been awarded the prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Awards, making this the first time all three of the Island's beaches are flying both flags at the same time.

The Blue Flag beach award is widely considered the gold standard for beaches, while the Seaside Award is Keep Britain Tidy's own award for beaches that meet the very highest standards for cleanliness and facilities.

Both the Blue Flag and Seaside Awards are the quality marks for our beaches, and mean those visiting them can be sure that they are clean and safe and meet the highest environmental and bathing water quality standards.

This is the first time Minster Leas has been awarded the Blue Flag.

The Council's Seafront Officer, Ian Arnell, said: "Alongside the addition of the RNLI Lifeguard Service, the newly installed beach huts, and the various leisure concessions, we should be rightly proud of our beaches."

Cllr David Simmons, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Rural Affairs, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for our beaches, and is a great reflection of the hard work the small, but dedicated Seafront Services Team put in, rain or shine, all year round."



Cllrs Sue Gent and James Hunt help Mayor of Swale, Lesley Ingham raise the flag at Minster Leas.

Barge museum to return to Milton Creek

The Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum is set to return to Sittingbourne after being destroyed by a fire in 2008.

The museum devoted to the history of sailing barges and related industries will be rebuilt on a former industrial site on the south bank of Milton Creek. Developers Essential Land have agreed to transfer the land to Swale Borough Council.

Swale Borough Council will now be entering a 125 year lease with the trust behind the museum, which will build, maintain and operate it.

Clive Reader, chairman of the Barge Museum Trust, said: "It's been a long hard road to get the Barge Museum back to the Milton Creek in Sittingbourne.

"The site is historic in its own right at the Creek, which launched so many of these beautiful sailing vessels which were once such an important part of the Town's industry. The Museum will be back where it belongs."



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- Freshly cooked lunches delivered to you
- Day care (including transport)
- Specialist dementia support and COGs club
- Carer support for those looking after people living with dementia
- Care Navigator – to help you by talking through any problems/issues you might have and to support you to find solutions and access services if needed
- Personal care in your home – we are CQC registered
- Bathing at home or in our centres
- Chiropody and foot care
- Independent Living Service – help with housework, shopping, trips out etc

To find out more or to access our services please call your local office. Open between 9am and 4pm

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"I am so glad that you come to pick me up otherwise I would be sat here on my own all day".

"I wouldn't have coped without this service. I don't know what I would have done".

"I really like coming to the Day Centre. The staff are always kind and helpful, and make time for us when we need someone to talk to. I am very glad I started attending".

Faversham
Tel: 01795 532766

Sittingbourne
Tel: 01795 477520

Teynham
Tel: 01795 521052

Charity number: 1152234



Swale's Local Plan

Swale's Local Plan – Bearing Fruits 2031 – sets out our vision and overall strategy for the future of the Borough and outlines how we plan to achieve this.

The Local Plan looks at the need for jobs, homes, schools, shops, open space, transport and other services until 2031, and where development will take place to meet that need. It also includes policies to guide future decisions on planning applications.

After an Examination in Public last year, the Planning Inspectorate required some changes to the Plan before it could be approved for adoption - called 'Main Modifications'. The main change is an increased housing target from 540 to 776 dwellings per year; meaning 13,192 dwellings from 2014-2031.

To comply with national planning policy, Swale must also maintain a five year rolling land supply for housing, which improves our ability to refuse planning permission for unsuitable sites not allocated in the Local Plan.

The Inspector also confirmed that growth should continue to be focused at Sittingbourne and on The Isle of Sheppey.

The 'Main Modifications' are now published for a six week consultation period.

How to participate

The map on pages 16 and 17 shows the housing allocations we identified in our original 2014 Bearing Fruits document. It also shows the new sites we are now proposing in order to meet the increased housing target.

It is only the new allocations and other Main Modifications which we can receive comments on during this consultation.

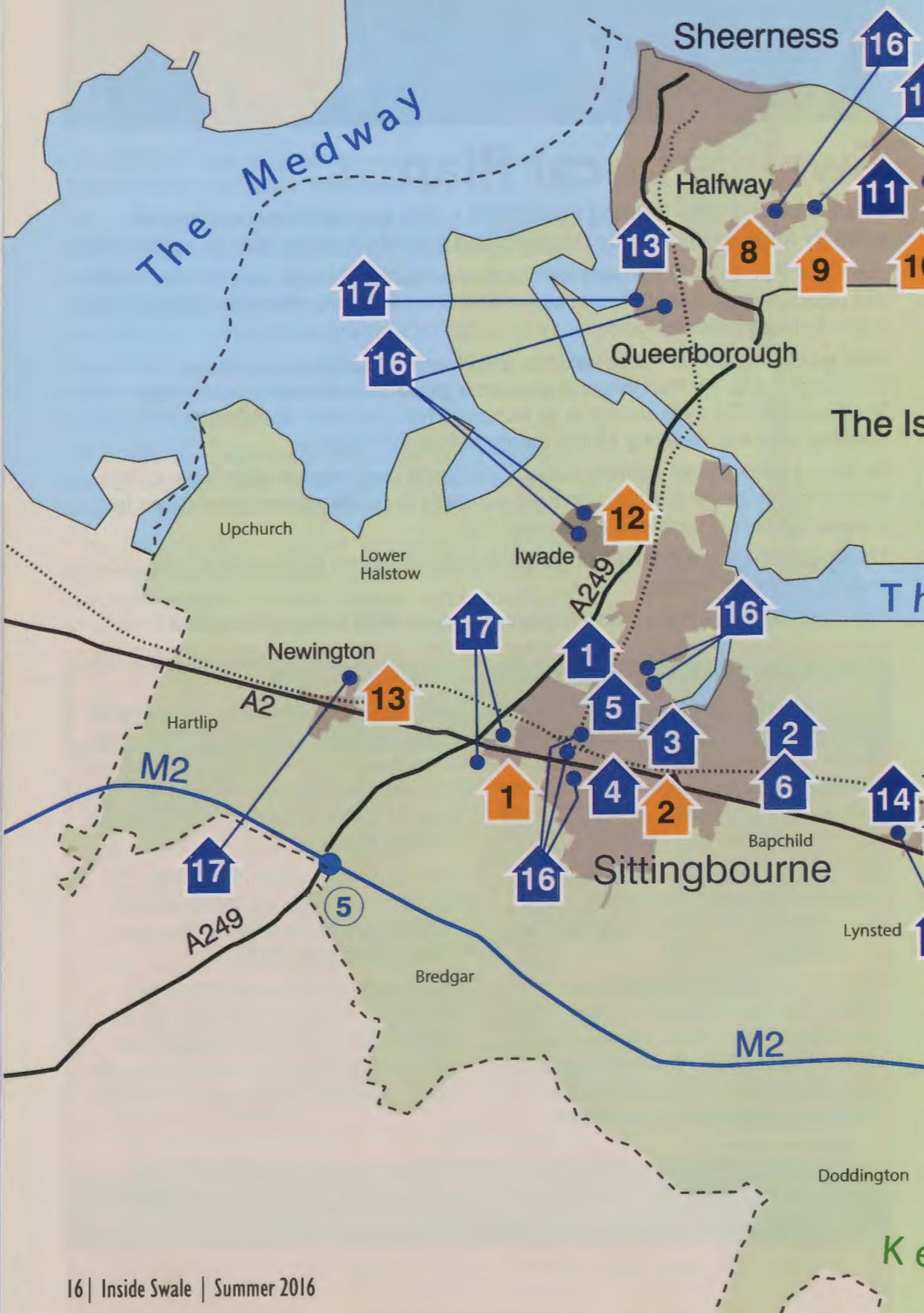
The full document '*Bearing Fruits 2031: The Swale Borough Local Plan, Proposed Main Modifications, June 2016*' can be viewed on the Council's consultation portal at <http://swale-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

You can also view it at all three Swale Borough Council offices (Swale House, Sittingbourne, Sheerness Gateway and the Alexander Centre, Faversham) and at all of Swale's libraries during normal opening times.

Comments can be received and representations made for six weeks from **Friday 24 June until 5pm on Friday 5 August, 2016.**

The results of this consultation will be returned to the Inspector for their consideration. It is likely that further examination hearing sessions will take place, probably in the autumn of 2016.

For further information or advice please see www.swale.gov.uk/planning-policy, contact the Planning Policy Team on **01795 417 118**, or email us at planningpolicy@swale.gov.uk





Key to existing sites

- 1 North West Sittingbourne
1,500 dwellings
- 2 North East Sittingbourne
106 dwellings
- 3 Crown Quay Lane,
Sittingbourne 650 dwellings
- 4 Sittingbourne Regeneration
Area sites 567 dwellings
- 5 Milton Pipes, Sittingbourne
240 dwellings
- 6 Stones Farm, Bapchild
550 dwellings
- 7 Faversham Creek
Neighbourhood Plan Sites
94 dwellings
- 8 Western Link, Faversham
250 dwellings
- 9 Lady Dane Farm, Faversham
200 dwellings
- 10 Oare Gravel Works, Oare
330 dwellings
- 11 Plover Road, Minster
97 dwellings
- 12 Thistle Hill, Minster
473 dwellings
- 13 Queenborough & Rushenden
Regeneration 1,180 dwellings
- 14 Frogнал Lane, Teynham
260 dwellings
- 15 Land East of Station Road,
Teynham 107 dwellings
- 16 *Policy A13 Sites
425 dwellings
- 17 *Policy A14 Sites
372 dwellings

* Please refer to the Local Plan for a full list of the sites within this allocation.

Key to new sites

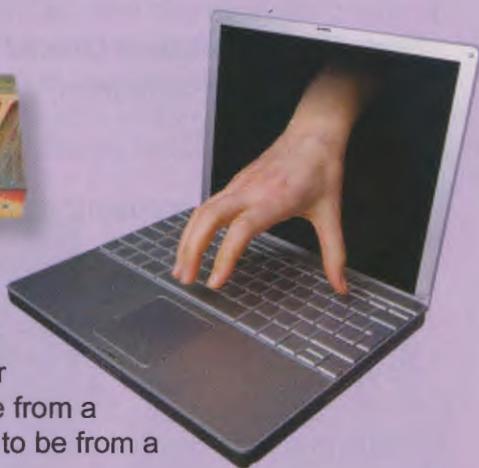
- 1 South West Sittingbourne
564 dwellings
- 2 Bell Centre, Sittingbourne
120 dwellings
- 3 Perry Court, Faversham
370 dwellings
- 4 Preston Fields, Faversham
217 dwellings
- 5 Land East Graveney Road,
Faversham 90 dwellings
- 6 Land West of Brogdale Road,
Faversham 66 dwellings
- 7 Land East of Lady Dane
Farm, Phase II, Faversham
60 dwellings
- 8 Belgrave Road, Halfway
140 dwellings
- 9 Barton Hill Drive, Minster
620 dwellings
- 10 Scocles Road and Elm Lane,
Minster 50 dwellings
- 11 Land at Chequers Road,
Minster 10 dwellings
- 12 Iwade Expansion
572 dwellings
- 13 Land north of High Street,
Newington 115 dwellings

It is only the above new allocations and other Main Modifications which we can accept comments on during this consultation.

► **Fraud** – what you need to know to protect yourself

Fraud comes in many forms but there are lots of easy steps you can take to protect yourself.

Swale Community Safety Partnership – which brings together the police, and local authorities and other agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour here in Swale - is committed to protecting people from fraudsters and other criminals.



What are the different types of fraud?

Identity fraud – when someone uses your name or details for financial gain. They can try to get your details either in person at your front door; by phone from a fraudulent call centre; or by email/letter pretending to be from a legitimate organisation.

Advance fee fraud – when fraudsters target victims to make advance or upfront payments for goods, services and/or financial gains that don't then materialise.

Rogue traders – bully or mislead people to pay for goods or services they don't need or want.

Computer based fraud – when criminals access your computer to gain personal details to sell on, or use your internet connection for illegal activity.

How can I prevent it?

- Never give personal details (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to anyone without first checking they are genuine.
- Always check the identification of anyone you are considering buying goods or services from – especially if the offer seems too good to be true.
- Check email addresses as fraudsters use false accounts to con people, for example using 'info@ebayz.com' instead of the real 'info@ebay.com'.
- Make sure your laptops/tablets and smartphones have anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed and up-to-date.

Report it

To report fraud or seek advice call **Kent Police on 101** or Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, on **0300 123 2040**

You can also report online at www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-fraud

For more information on fraud please visit www.kent.police.uk/fraud

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▶ Apprenticeships – Your future awaits...

Are you about to leave school or college and not sure what to do next?

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Businesses can also benefit from employing apprentices, and can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to cover the costs of recruiting and employing an apprentice. Research has shown that apprentices help businesses become more competitive and improve their level of service. Ninety two per cent of employers who employ apprentices believe they led to a more motivated and satisfied workforce, in turn making their workplace more productive.

Swale Borough Council is a big supporter of apprentices, and has taken on up to ten young people for each of the last three years to work in a number of its departments.

Adam Noone (pictured right) is currently working at Swale Borough Council as an Economy and Community Services apprentice studying for a Level 3 Business Admin NVQ.

He said: "I have now been an apprentice for seven months which has passed by very quickly. In this time I have gained a large variety of experiences as well as opening a range of new opportunities. Because of this apprenticeship I have now gained the experience, knowledge and overall confidence to reach my targets for my future career."

Swale Borough Council can help you discover the benefits of apprenticeships and support businesses who want advice or guidance on taking on an apprentice.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for an apprenticeship or employing an apprentice, please visit www.swalemeansbusiness.co.uk to find out more or talk to us on **01795 417 398**.

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Adam at his desk in Swale House.

▶ Noise – what you need to know

From blasting music to loud birds, there's little that hasn't been reported to Swale's Noise Team. Alongside the summer rise in calls about noisy pubs, parties or BBQs, and holiday house alarms, the Team also receive their fair share of the unusual.

There are the so-called ghost complaints about non-stop barking from the dog next door... but investigations show the neighbour has never owned a dog. Or even complaints about a fox on the loose, or cockerels crowing too early in the morning.

Whatever the cause, we know noise can be stressful and have a huge impact on people's lives. Our specialist Noise Team is here to help.

Of the more than 1,000 complaints each year, the vast majority are resolved with a friendly word and advice. But if the problem continues the Team will work to resolve the problem.

What you can do

Approach your neighbour if you are able to. They might appreciate the chance to put things right before action is taken.

If the problem continues, speak to other neighbours who may be affected so they can support your complaint if possible.

Don't retaliate as this tends to increase tension and can jeopardise any court action.

What we will do

As a first step we'll contact you to discuss the problem - most cases are settled after neighbours know a complaint has been made.

If the noise continues, a council officer needs to witness it before we can serve an abatement notice. We may arrange sound recording equipment, or ask you to fill in diary sheets. You might need to make a formal statement and attend court.

We can get a warrant to seize equipment, and disconnect intruder alarms on buildings or vehicles.

How to make a complaint

Report your problem on our online contact form at www.swale.gov.uk/noise, or leave a message on the noise hotline **01795 417 575**.

The Out-of-Hours Noise Team operates on Friday and Saturday nights from 9pm to 1am.

Noise
Pollution

What we can deal with

- loud televisions, radios and stereos
- house and car alarms
- barking dogs
- DIY and car repairs
- domestic appliances
- excessive domestic noise
- noise from cockerels
- ice cream vans
- bird scarers
- noise from building sites and demolition work.

Noise we cannot deal with

- road and traffic noise
- railway noise - contact Southeastern or Network Rail
- explosions - contact the Ministry of Defence site at Shoeburyness
- normal domestic noise that is not classed as a statutory nuisance.

▶ Let us pick up your garden waste!

Our garden waste collection service is easy and great value.

All you need to do is put garden waste in your brown bin and we'll do the rest. By signing up you can have your lawn clippings and plant and hedge prunings collected every fortnight.

Your bin will be emptied every two weeks, and the contents are converted into compost.

All of the garden waste we collect is sent off for composting. Once composted it is returned to the land as soil conditioner for fields to help grow crops locally.

People with small gardens can also take part in the brown bin scheme by sharing the cost of the bin with neighbours.

The subscription-based service offers great value at £35 a year, which includes both the hire of a 240 litre brown wheeled bin and 26 garden waste collections a year.

To find out more visit swale.gov.uk/brown-bin-garden-waste



Less than
£1.35
per collection

Look out for your sacks

Residents in the small number of properties that we are not able to provide bins to – maybe because of poor access or no outside storage space – are delivered sacks twice a year. We will be delivering packets of clear and black sacks to those properties throughout June.

Please contact us by the end of July if you have not had a delivery on 01795 417 888.

► Big up your blue bin

Don't let your good efforts go to waste – make sure to get it right on blue bin night. Your Blue Bin is your recycling bin, and there's loads from your household waste that shouldn't go to landfill.

You should recycle all your glass and plastic bottles, glass jars, and plastic containers, like yoghurt pots and food trays and cartons.

Don't forget your metals - pop in foil and foil food trays, food and drink tins and cans, and even aerosols.

Every fortnight your blue bin is emptied and the contents go to state-of-the-art facilities for recycling into new packaging.

Please rinse your food containers before recycling them, and pop your items loose in the bin.

Your efforts save waste, money and the environment.

Find out more at www.swale.gov.uk/bins-recycling

Collected fortnightly



Top tip – use your dishwater to do the rinsing after you have finished washing up!

► Recycling food waste: Waste not, want not



Don't bin it...recycle your food waste in your caddy.

It's easy to recycle your food waste, and it's the only waste that we collect every week.

Your food caddy is for all your cooked and uncooked food.

Don't forget you can recycle bones, vegetable peelings, egg shells, tea bags, coffee grounds, and pet food too.

Please don't put in any liquids or liquid fats.

Collected weekly, the food waste becomes compost for local agriculture.

For more information or if you need a food caddy contact us on **01795 417 888** or visit www.swale.gov.uk/food-waste

Recycling and Refuse Collection dates July 2016 - December 2016

If you are unsure of your collection week go to www.swale.gov.uk/my-collection-day and click the link 'Next Bin Collection', or call Customer Services on 01795 417 850.

 Blue Wheelie Bin Collection week  Green Wheelie Bin Collection week

Don't forget, food waste recycling collections are collected weekly with both bins.

Week 1 collections

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Week 2 collections

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 For collections during the Christmas period please refer to our website or the local press.



► Get growing with Swale in Bloom

Community gardeners, residents, schools and businesses are brightening up Swale with floral displays and getting their areas looking as lovely as possible in time for this year's South & South East in Bloom competition.

South & South East in Bloom judges will be out and about across the borough between 27 June and 15 July. The awards will be announced in September.

The campaign promotes, supports and encourages community activity through gardening, horticulture, and environmental sustainability.

Swale in Bloom helps local In Bloom groups, smaller In Your Neighbourhood groups, individuals and communities improve their areas by helping them develop their skills and plant knowledge and take part in garden competitions. It also supports community litter picking, graffiti removal, wildlife, and school gardening.

Cllr David Simmons, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Rural Affairs, said: "It's always amazing to see how many residents, schools and businesses take such pride in their local area, and help make Swale a greener and nicer place to live by brightening up their areas."

Swale in Bloom is a joint project between Swale Borough Council and their grounds maintenance contractors, Blenwood Grounds Maintenance.

For more information visit swaleinbloom.co.uk

▶ Roundabout design unveiled



A schoolgirl's winning floral design will brighten up Sittingbourne Station's roundabout bed.

Minterne Junior School pupil Chloe Archer won Sittingbourne in Bloom's annual competition with her colourful plans. They will be used as the basis for the planting scheme, including a plaque crediting her as designer.

Chloe and the second and third placed designers, Diamond West from Westlands Primary School and Mylie White from Canterbury Road Primary School, were presented with a certificate and High Street vouchers by the previous Mayor of Swale, Cllr Anita Walker.

Each year Sittingbourne in Bloom invites the Sittingbourne primary schools to submit designs for the summer bedding to be planted in the Town's station roundabout.



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▶ Celebrating Swale's volunteers



Swale celebrated its volunteer heroes with a special awards celebration.

The Volunteer Swale Awards are our way of saying a well-deserved thank you to the volunteers who make such a contribution to the Borough. More than 100 guests attended the third annual Volunteer Swale Awards at Sittingbourne's Coniston Hotel.

The panel had a tough task whittling down nearly one hundred amazing nominees to just eight winners, in categories such as young volunteer, fundraising, and sport. The overall outstanding achievement award went to Angela Palmer for her volunteer work on her estate and with her housing association AmicusHorizon.

Cllr Mike Whiting, Volunteer Swale Awards founder, said: "It has been another great year for volunteering here in Swale, and these awards celebrate the work of an army of unsung heroes who, day after day, year after year, make Swale a better place by giving freely of their time and expertise.

"The thousands of volunteers in Swale help people in so many ways – helping others through tough times, running clubs and activities where people can make friends, providing leadership for sports clubs, and being school governors or parish councillors. We owe them all so much."

Swale Community and Voluntary Service reported that in 2014/15 they:

recruited **766** new volunteers

supported **131** organisations in recruiting volunteers

recorded **72,262** volunteer hours across Swale CVS and the Volunteer Centre volunteers

The Volunteer Swale Awards 2016 winners

Environmental award

Dave Eldred

Fundraising award

Helen Freeman & Lucy Boakes

Sport award

Andrew Scoones

Adult volunteer award

Scott Cruickshank

Young volunteer award

Katie Foreman

Team award

HM Coastguard (Sheppey)

Creativity, culture or heritage award

Chris Reed

Volunteer Swale outstanding achievement award

Angela Palmer

Could you make a difference?

A volunteer is someone who gives up their time to help others. This could be through the volunteer centre's befriending scheme, coaching at a child's sport club, or doing a neighbour's gardening.

There are so many ways to get involved in volunteering. Every little bit helps - whether it's a couple of hours a week or the bigger commitment of joining a charity or other local organisation as a Trustee.

Volunteering can also give you the opportunity to network, lets you develop new skills, and can boost your employability and give you the chance to try a new career.

To find out what volunteering opportunities are available locally please visit Swale Community Voluntary Service at Central House, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, or visit www.swalecvs.org.uk



Mayor, Cllr Anita Walker with Angela Palmer

Angela Palmer

Angela volunteers with her housing association, AmicusHorizon, and around her estate – making it a better place to live.

She is a member of the Mid Kent Area Panel and the residents' council, which both challenges and scrutinises how AmicusHorizon is performing.

The mother of five volunteers at estate action days, and is well known for being quick to step into a costume to entertain children and residents.

Last year she put together a winning team of residents for Sittingbourne carnival.

Angela said: "It was a real honour to receive the outstanding achievement award. It means a lot to me and my family, who are extremely proud of me. Throughout the awards event we were shown a variety of different volunteer roles from fund raising to helping in the community. It's clear that volunteering is at the heart of the community.

"The volunteer community always needs new people. It can be as little as helping out in a shop for an hour, to helping fundraise. Anyone that volunteers is a credit to the community."

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