

A Community Vision

What is the Partnership's vision for Shepway?

The Vision

The Shepway Community Partnership is determined to make sure that every Shepway citizen has a real chance to share in the district's increasingly bright prospects.

The Shepway Community Plan is accordingly focused on the vision of

Sharing in Success - a safe, smart and self-confident Shepway where everyone plays their part in a thriving, healthy and creative community.

Core Values

In pursuing this vision, the core values of the Shepway Community Partnership will be:

- ▶ To work closely with local communities, for instance through:
 - ▶ The Marsh Implementation Group, helping to deliver better health and social care on Romney Marsh.
 - ▶ Local businesses and the Shepway Economic Regeneration Partnership, providing good quality employment opportunities for local people.
 - ▶ Voluntary and community bodies, including neighbourhood groups, supported through the work of organisations such as Community Action South East Kent.
 - ▶ Active parish councils.
- ▶ To ensure that whatever benefits and opportunities flow from the district's achievements open up possibilities for all of Shepway's citizens; that their diversity is respected and that all their needs are taken into account in a community which is inclusive, fair and cohesive.
- ▶ To improve services across the board whilst making sure they are delivered closest to the people who need them most, such as those held back by deprivation and dependency in East Folkestone, or by isolation on Romney Marsh.
- ▶ To concentrate on projects that involve the public, private, voluntary and community sectors working together to transform Shepway and the lives of local people.



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Key Building Blocks

The Shepway Community Partnership recognises that progress towards the vision for Shepway will depend on a number of key building blocks and it therefore pledges to work together to support the following:

- ▶ A comprehensive and properly integrated re-development proposal for Folkestone, reflecting the ideas put forward in the Folkestone Harbour and Seafront Masterplan Report.
- ▶ Building a more distinctive and contemporary image for Shepway, which in particular, embraces the creative arts and is linked to a new vision of sustained growth in the district's economy.
- ▶ Noticeable improvements in those services affecting the quality of people's environment, including street cleaning, waste management, open spaces, car parks and the maintenance of public assets.
- ▶ Improved housing conditions in East Folkestone, particularly in the private rented sector.
- ▶ More health and social care, including specialist services, being provided closer to people's homes and, where possible, at home.
- ▶ More enforcement on the ground, with better co-ordination, to deal with crime, anti social behaviour and nuisances like noise, graffiti and flytipping; as well as action being taken at an early stage to help prevent people getting into trouble.
- ▶ An expansion of operations at Lydd Airport which boosts the local economy without undue environmental impact.
- ▶ Integrated services for children and young people, providing health, social care, education and vocational guidance from birth to adulthood.
- ▶ Existing progression routes from education into employment being integrated with the new opportunities provided by the Folkestone Academy and the University Centre Folkestone.
- ▶ New ways of getting people to reduce their reliance on benefits and to get back into employment, for instance through volunteering activities.



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