



DIRECTORY OF VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

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Organisations

Iffin House

Iffin House is a ideal venue for small meetings, seminars, receptions, trainings or corporate entertaining.

Proprietor: Sarah Harman

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Animals and pets

Canterbury & District Cats Protection

Covering Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay, we aim to rescue unwanted and abandoned domestic cats and find them new loving homes. We are a voluntary organisation and raise money by holding various functions and fundraising activities in the area

General Enquiries: Canterbury & District Cats Protection

Tel: 01227 266838

E-Mail: canterburycpl@btopenworld.com

RSPCA Canterbury and District Branch

RSPCA Canterbury and District Branch currently uses a commercial cattery to hold and re-home unwanted cats. The branch has recently purchased 6 acres of land at Haseden Farm near Westbere, and have obtained planning permission to build and run a Branch Animal Centre on this site.

Branch Fundraiser: Gillian Breitfeld

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Arts, music, dance and culture

Animate Arts Company

An inspiring arts company providing workshops and creative experiences for the community and schools

Artistic Director: Jo Dyer

Tel: 01227 780081

E-Mail: email@animatecommunityarts.com

Anne Peaker Centre for Arts in Criminal Justice

Anne Peaker Centre is the national organisation (based in Canterbury) that promotes and supports the use of the arts in Criminal Justice and Social Inclusion

Administrator: Emma Szpytko

Tel: 01227 470629

E-Mail: info@apcentre.org.uk

Anne Peaker Centre for Arts in Criminal Justice

Administrator and Fundraising Co-Ordinator: Emma Szpytko

Tel: 01227470629

E-Mail: info@apcentre.org.uk

Art in Bridge

Art in Bridge is an organisation that has held an Art Exhibition in the village of Bridge every year in October, since 2001.

Organiser: Mr John Corfield

E-Mail: info@artinbridge.org.uk

Canterbury Musicians

Forum through which musicians from throughout East Kent may contact each other.

Treasurer: Ian Carmalt

Tel: 01227 762547

E-Mail: pianist-kent@care4free.net

Canterbury Orchestra

The Canterbury Orchestra is a good amateur orchestra that plays major works from the symphonic repertoire. We aim to perform 3 or 4 concerts each year.

Canterbury Recorded Music Society

regular social meetings with a speaker and recorded classical music

chairman: tony thompson

E-Mail: aptsandwich@yahoo.com

Cantium Brass Band

Looking for band? We are an enthusiastic, friendly Canterbury based Band who require Cornet, Solo Horn & BBb Bass players! We rehearse Monday & Thursday evenings 7.30-9.00 p.m. at our own bandroom situated in Chartham Hatch, Nr. Canterbury. We are always on the look out for new talent so if you're new to the Canterbury area and looking for a band or just fancy a change then we would love to hear from you. If you are student studying in the City or you just fancy an extra blow a week, again you are more than welcome.

Band Manager: Bridgette Goold

Tel: 01304 380332

E-Mail: info@cantiumbrass.co.uk

D'Arts Project - Canterbury City Council

Project delivering methods of community involvement and capacity building using drama and other creative arts.

Dance Riviera

Smooth Jive classes and a social night out for adults. Beginners always welcome. A great way to meet new people; get fit and learn some easy dance moves.

Marketing Director: Tracy Armstrong

Tel: 07939 699271

E-Mail: info@danceriviera.com

Festivals & Event Development: Make it happen

The Festival Development Fund is a pot of money especially to help community groups to start or develop their events in new and creative ways. Grants of £250 to £1000 can be applied for and are assessed twice a year on a range of criteria. Grants will only be awarded for new elements or ideas not existing ones.

Gulbenkian Theatre

Home of the best in dance, drama, music, comedy, films...and now food!

Marketing Manager: Frances Moran

Tel: 01227 82 7956

E-Mail: f.moran@kent.ac.uk

Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre

Centre Coordinator: Ginette Casey

Tel: 01227 281174

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Kent Circus School

The Kent Circus School is a not-for-profit co-operative based in Whitstable. Our aim is to promote circus skills to the local and wider community. We aim to be inclusive, and believe that everyone should have the chance to benefit from the services we provide

Kent Youth Theatre

As a stage school we use the performing arts as a vehicle to develop the students self-confidence. Each term culminates in a showcase performance for family and friends. Plus, we produce two extra shows during the year, linked with the Royal National Theatre. It is non-stop fun and action. Choose where you belong: - stagebugs for 3 - 7 year olds K for 8 - 10 year olds Y for 11 - 13 year olds T for 14 - 18year olds Film Unit available for Y and T Technical courses also available. Masterclasses for audition technique and acting styles.

Director: Richard Andrews

Tel: 01227 730177

E-Mail: richard@kyt.org.uk

Music for Change

Music for Change is a charitable arts organisation that aims to promote cultural diversity and respect through the education and arts in order to achieve beneficial change.

Education and Community Officer: Nadine Wood

Tel: 01227 459 243

E-Mail: nadine@musicforchange.org

Oyster Morris

We are a joint morris side with men's and women's sides. We dance vigorous Cotswold styles of morris and our music is a mixture of traditional and original tunes arranged to complement our dancing. We are members of the Morris Federation.

Secretary: Megan Taylor

Tel: 01227 722332

E-Mail: megantaylor1955@yahoo.co.uk

People United

People United is a creative charity that uses the arts, sport and imaginative ideas to promote kindness. Working with leading universities, People United acts as a practical laboratory, testing out and professionally evaluating creative social programmes that can be replicated and shared. Our work takes place in high streets, schools, residential homes and offices. All our work is participatory and creative. From intergenerational understanding and social behaviour, to volunteering and corporate ethics; our work lays the foundations for a responsible, caring and happy society.

Stage Spiders

Stage Spiders is a volunteer children's theatre company at the University of Kent who enjoy working with children in a variety of settings. We are completely run by volunteers with a committee who help run things and lots of members who are involved as frequently as they wish.

President: Sway Grantham

E-Mail: stage_spiders@yahoo.co.uk

T:24 Drama Society

T:24 is a student drama society based at the University of Kent. We put on 4 shows a term as well as social events.

Publicity Officer: Hannah Lloyd

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The Word

To engage a wider audience in poetry and the spoken word, specifically youths.

Secretary: Toby Collin

E-Mail: tobyadcollins@hotmail.co.uk

Theatrecraft

Amateur dramatic group based in Herne Bay.

Business Manager: Susan Anderson

Tel: 0772 109 3767

E-Mail: theatrecraft@btopenworld.com

Wantsum Morris Men

We perform Morris dances that originated in the Cotswolds. Our members are all male but we often meet up with women's and mixed teams. Wantsum is a member side of the Morris Ring of England.

Contact/Squire: David Stephens

Tel: 01843 591701

E-Mail: david.stephens@ukgateway.net

Whitstable Brass

Band Secretary: Sheila Holness

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Whitstable Music Society

We organise 7 Chamber Music Concerts each season which are held at the Methodist Church Argyll Road starting at 7.30pm.

Chairman: John Walker

Tel: 01227 700987

E-Mail: johnwalker111@hotmail.com

Whitstable Oyster Festival Association

WOFA was formed from the Whitstable Oyster Festival Advisory Group that worked in conjunction with Festival Co-ordinator Art Hewitt and the Events department of Canterbury City Council in providing the highly successful 2006 Oyster Festival.

Secretary: Brian Baker

Tel: 01227 792 259

E-Mail: secretary@wofa.org.uk

Children, young people and families

Canterbury and District Early Years Project

Through community groups and home visiting the Canterbury and District Early Years Project seeks to develop and enhance the education of children by providing a range of services and resources which support both parents and children.

Project Manager: Nicolette Cole

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City View Pre-school and Nursery

full day care provision for babies and pre-school children on a term time basis.

Manager: Mrs Dawn Williams

Tel: 01227 784694

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Family Welfare Association Whitstable & Herne Bay Family Support Service

FWA Whitstable & Herne Bay Family Support Service aims to provide a range of community based family support services that can be easily accessed by families with children aged from 5 to 11 years in the above areas.

Project Manager: Jane Nice

Tel: 01227 370987

E-Mail: whitstable@fwaprojects.org.uk

Girlguiding Canterbury City

Being a Rainbow (5-7), Brownie (7-10), Guide(10 - 14) or member of the Senior Section (14-26) opens up a world of opportunities that will last a lifetime. It provides a safe, girl-only space to explore the activities, issues and possibilities that are available to girls today.

District Commissioner: Michelle Ingledew

Tel: 01634 892246

E-Mail: meesch@quiche5.freemove.co.uk

Greenhill "Friday Club"

A club in Greenhill for children aged 5 to 11 years. Runs every Friday, 4.30 to 6.15pm, at the Briary Primary School, Greenhill Road, Greenhill. A £1 subscription charge per session per young person applies.

Chair: Ann Edwards

Tel: 01227 365111

Greenhill Youth Club

A youth club in Greenhill, runs every Thursday evening, 7pm-9pm, for boys and girls aged 10 to 18, resident anywhere in Greenhill. The venue is the 2nd Herne Bay Scout Hut, in Herne Drive (next to/behind St Peter's Church).

Chair: Ann Edwards

Tel: 01227 365111

KCHT Breakthrough

Breakthrough is a service for children and young people and their families, where they are encouraged to look for solutions to their difficulties. Family mediation; school clinics; support groups; confidential advice and support.

Volunteer Co ordinator: Philip Moore

Tel: 01227 813600

E-Mail: philip.moore@kcht.org.uk

Kent Union

Kent Union Volunteering places hundreds of students in the local community, supporting the needs of third sector and charity organisations. We are an IIV (Investing in Volunteers) accredited organisation, ensuring that students who volunteer with us receive the highest standard of care.

Volunteering Manager: Rebecca Cripps

Tel: 01227 824232

E-Mail: rsc7@kent.ac.uk

Kran Riverside Project

Life skills training for young asylum seeking children aged 16-18.

Projects Coordinator: Reverend Kenneth Berkin

Tel: 07854 409771

E-Mail: ken.berkin@ntlworld.com

Littlebourne Youth Group

Youth Group for age 9 - 19 meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in term time only (excluding bank holidays). A Fun evening to be enjoyed by the young people of Littlebourne

Youth Worker: Viv Spratt

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Prince of Wales Youth Club

A youth club based in Northgate, Canterbury offering activities for young people aged 6-19.

co-ordinator: Joey Wicks

Tel: 01227 767849

E-Mail: joeywicks@aol.com

Riverside Children's Centre

Children's Centres are part of a Government initiative to combine early education with day care and a number of other services for families with young children under one roof.

Save the Children in Canterbury

Fund raising in aid of Save the Children, an international charity.

Chairman: Carol Reed

Tel: 01227 451192

E-Mail: carol.reed@care4free.net

SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory & Activities Project)

Local charity that provides services for disabled children aged 0-19 and their families

Project Manager: Carrie Wood

Tel: 01227 367555

E-Mail: info@snaap.org.uk

The Crypt Club

Youth club for disabled teenagers and young disabled adults (learning disability).

Chair: D.T. Doyle

Tel: 01227 283548

E-Mail: deborahtdoyle@btinternet.com

VSU Youth In Action

We are a charity that encourages young people to volunteer in schools and in the community, also providing accreditation for doing so.

Coordinator: Rebecca Stotesbury

Tel: 07984 620911

Westbere Playgroup

We are a pre-school playgroup providing care and education for children aged from 2 years.

Supervisor: Elaine Troth

Tel: 07703 752378

E-Mail: eatroth@aol.com

Churches and faith organisations

All Saints Church Canterbury

Church of England Parish - Northgate area Canterbury. The church is next to the Royal Mail sorting Office in Military Road.

Parish Priest: Reverend Michael Stace

Tel: 01227 478000

E-Mail: ms-allsaints@btconnect.com

Canterbury Diamond Way Buddhist Group

The Canterbury group provide two guided meditation classes open to the public every week on Monday and Thursday.

DWB Canterbury: Steve Morris

Tel: 07710 039146

E-Mail: canterbury@dwbuk.org

Canterbury Vineyard

The Vineyard is a non-religious community of real people following Jesus into the 21st century. We have a relational emphasis and would love to welcome anyone who is curious about how to "live well."

Team Leaders: Jim & Korenne Denison

E-Mail: info@canterburyvineyard.com

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is the official development agency of 39 churches in the UK and Ireland.

Area Coordinator - Kent: Holly Ellson

Tel: 01273 470 504

E-Mail: southeast@christian-aid.org

Friends of Franciscan International Study Centre

Methodist Churches, North-east Kent Circuit

The North-east Kent Circuit includes churches in Whitstable, Herne Bay, Beltinge, Marshside, Sturry, Westbere and Bridge. 3 are united with the Anglican or United Reformed church.

Webmaster: Cynthia Merriman

Tel: 01227 265349

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St Alphege, Seasalter

St Alphege, Seasalter, part of the Anglican Team Ministry in Whitstable.

Team Rector: Revd. Steve Coneys

Tel: 01227 276795

E-Mail: vicar@stalphegeseasalter.org

St John's Methodist Church

The Methodist Church in Whitstable is part of the North-east Kent Circuit of the Methodist Church. There are many activities on all days of the week, for groups linked to the church and others who use the buildings.

Webmaster: Cynthia Merriman

E-Mail: nekent@btinternet.com

St Nicholas Church & St Faiths, Thanington

Parish Churches of Thanington, Canterbury

The Vicar: Rev Ian Aveyard

Tel: 01227 464516

St Peter's Methodist Church

This church is situated in the heart of Canterbury and has a large congregation for morning worship. This attracts families with young children, students and older people. There is also a quiet evening service and once a month this unites with a local Anglican congregation to share worship.

Minister: The Rev'd Philip Barker

Tel: 01227 459449

E-Mail: circuitsuper@btinternet.com

Tankerton Evangelical Church

A lively God centred church, active in the local community.

Pastor/Team Leader: Mr Chris Izzard

Tel: 01227 272885

E-Mail: chris.i@btclick.com

The City Church Canterbury

A friendly Christian church with a warm welcome.

The Friends of St Nicholas Church, Ash

The Friends of St Nicholas Church in Ash are a registered charity which exist to raise funds for the maintenance of this historic & important church.

Treasurer: Hazel Howard

Tel: 01304 813087

E-Mail: hazel@howard177.freemove.co.uk

The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Holy Ghost Zone, Canterbury

The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Holy Ghost Zone, Canterbury is a pentecostal Church. For further information, visit our website; www.rccghgzcanterbury.org

Pastor: Ebenezer

Tel: 07863160714

E-Mail: rccghgzcanterbury@yahoo.co.uk

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a Church and a registered Charity.

Captain: Paula Carre

Tel: 01227 372511

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The Salvation Army, Canterbury Corps

The Salvation Army is an international Christian church working in over 110 countries worldwide. It is also one of the largest, most diverse providers of social welfare in the world.

Commanding Officers (Pastors): Majors Chris and Mandy Sands

Tel: 01227 472781

E-Mail: chris.sands@salvationarmy.org.uk

The Spiritualist church of Love.Light and Truth

We are a Church, but we are not a Religion for whilst we share the basic tenets of all religions, which is the belief in the great loving power that we all call God, and the love for our fellow men and of everlasting life, we differ from them in that we do not share any of their creeds or dictates, nor do we have any hierarchy either within, or outside of this Church, and we have no paid servants. We are a Church run by the people, for the people, and give a warm welcome to all who wish to attend. We do not question your religion or try to convert you to our way of understanding, nor do we say, or do, anything to offend your beliefs, for our way of serving God is not by preaching or promoting religious doctrine but by serving our fellow men through love, healing and compassion, regardless of their race or religion, for we understand, and accept, that we are all part of God's family whatever pathway we have chosen through this life

President: Kenneth Dash

Tel: 01227 360286

E-Mail: ken.dash@talktalk.net

Community centres and village halls

Ashford Road Community Association

Community Hall providing facilities and clubs for the use of the Thanington Parish and beyond

Secretary: Margaret Nicholson

Tel: 01227 453019

E-Mail:

Barham Village Hall

An attractive and useful venue, suitable for most usage from organisation meetings to weddings, parties, dances and theatrical productions.

Booking Secretary: Mrs. Sheila Rose

Tel: 01227 831498

Bossingham Village Hall

Village Hall with playing field and large car park <http://www.upperhardrespc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=1238>

Chartham Village Hall

Chartham Village Hall is a newly refurbished Village Hall equipped to the highest calibre and can cater for up to 160 people. It is suitable for a Wedding Venue, meeting place for local groups and also for corporate events.

Booking Secretary: Emma Bull

Tel: 01227 731483

E-Mail: emma.bull123@tiscali.co.uk

Conrad Hall

Attractive hall with all amenities, including central heating, with children's play equipment beside it as well as a large grassed area for all sorts of activities.

Bookings secretary: Judith Mitchell

Tel: 01227 830645

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Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

Hersden Neighbourhood Centre offers services, activities and social events to its community. The centre is run by a management committee and aims to provide opportunities to local people to enable them to gain increased quality of life.

Clerical Assistant: Christine Smith

Tel: 01227 712 040

E-Mail: hnca@btconnect.com

Kent Enterprise House Conference Centre

Modern Purpose built Conference Centre on the outskirts of Herne Bay.

Business Development Officer: Helen Connelly

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E-Mail: info@enterprisetrust.org

Northgate Ward Development Group (NWDG)

A voluntary organisation based in the Northgate Ward of Canterbury with the aim of improving the lives of the local residents.

Petham Village Hall, Petham

Petham's newly built village hall is located in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The hall is a sought after venue for wedding receptions, private parties and arts performances.

Chairman: Fay Dickeson

Tel: 01227700818

E-Mail: delfay@waitrose.com

St Stephens Community Centre

This is a purpose built building for community use situated in the heart of the Hales Place Community in Canterbury. The Centre comprises three main areas : 1) The Community Association which hosts events, clubs, societies and residents meetings - Membership is £3.75 per year for singles and £2.75 for senior citizens. 2) The Bar Club which is open from 11am - 11pm weekdays and midnight at weekends. There is live music on Saturdays and everyone has to register as a member and pay the due membership fee of £16 per couple , £11 for singles and juniors and £5.50 for unwaged / low income / pensioners etc...3) Sure Start building annexed to the main Centre which hosts its own activities for young families in the area.

Secretary: Cheryl Sladden

Tel: 01227464676

E-Mail: ssca@btconnect.com

Swarling Manor

Wedding and function venue - licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships. Restored barn ideal for ceremonies or functions and parties of any kind. Gazebo on the formal lawns for summer weddings outside.

Wedding and Events Co-Ordinator: Elizabeth Stanley

Tel: 01227 700 377

E-Mail: info@swarlingmanor.com

THANINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE

A purpose built community resource centre; serving the Thanington estate and surrounding area, catering primarily for families and children. See us at www.thaningtonnrc.co.uk.

Manager: Paula Spencer

Tel: 01227 767720

E-Mail: paula_tnrc@yahoo.co.uk

Tyler Hill Memorial Hall

Tyler Hill Memorial Hall offers a superb blend of location, space and facilities - at an affordable price. It has been consistently improved over recent years.

Bookings clerk: Mrs. J S Taylor

Tel: 01227 471322

E-Mail: nbtaylor@btopenworld.com

Westbere Village Hall

New refurbished Village Hall with disabled facilities in the lovely village of Westbere. Suitable for bookings of up to 90 people. Limited parking available opposite the church and otherwise in the village.

Booking Secretary: Mrs Anne Mead

Tel: 01227 713079

E-Mail: robin.peters@reeves-neylan.com

Whitstable Youth & Community Centre

Fully accessible centre with car parking. Large foyer, main hall with tables and chairs 80 seated, 150 standing. Kitchen facilities. Ideal for groups, training, parties etc. For hire weekends and day times.

Centre Bursar: Sue Agolini

Tel: 01227 275178

E-Mail: sue.agolini@kent.gov.uk

Disabled services

Canterbury and Herne Bay Shopmobility

Shopmobility is a service which allows anyone with a mobility problem, whether temporary or permanent, to become mobile and get out and about - eg to do shopping or visit the City. We provide electric scooters and wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs on an hourly, daily or weekly basis.

Senior Co-ordinator: Peter Jackson

Tel: 01227-459889

E-Mail: cshopmobility@tiscali.co.uk

Dial Kent

Dial Kent is a free impartial and confidential service giving information and advice to the disabled people of Kent. Dial also has a short term wheelchair lone service.

Chairman: Sue Relton

Tel: 01227 771155

E-Mail: enquiries@dialkent.F9.co.uk

VITALISE essential breaks for disabled people and carers

Vitalise offers essential breaks for disabled people enabling their carers to have a break from their vital care role and provides inspirational volunteering opportunities.

Registered and Administration Office: Vitalise

Tel: 0845 345 1970

Education and training

Business Link Enterprise Gateway Service

Free advice and guidance for anyone wanting to go self-employed or starting a new business

Coordinator: Caroline Brett

Tel: 01304 827446

E-Mail: caroline.brett@businesslinkkent.co.uk

Canterbury College offering FREE courses!

Want To Get Back To Work? FREE courses to help you get that job! All at your local community centre. Get help to find the right job Get help with application forms Build your self confidence Help with interview skills Write a CV

Project Coordinator: Emily Ghassempour

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E-Mail: e.ghassempour@cant-col.ac.uk

Canterbury Steiner School Theatre and facilities

We provide the only tried and tested international alternative education curriculum in the UK. There are over 1000 such schools and institutions world wide, with over 40 in the UK. We have the children from 3 years old until they sit their GCSE exams. We also offer a part time Steiner teacher training. Our beautiful 200+seat, fully rigged theatre and facilities are available for hire.

Teacher, hall manager and college member.: Larry klatzko

Tel: 01227738285/01227731917

E-Mail: lklatzko@canterburysteiner.co.uk

East Kent Federation of WIs

Exhibition of Members' work to be displayed at a Two Day Event

Press & Publicity Officer: Doreen Clark

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Learndirect

Concorde International is a learndirect centre that offers free and impartial help & advice to voluntary and community organisations in the Kent area. We can come to you, and help you work out your staff, volunteer, and your service users' training needs. There's no hard sell or hidden agenda, and my time won't cost you anything. To get some advice on your training needs, or even arrange a free visit, please contact me, Ken, on 01227 451035, or email me at ken@concorde-int.com.

Learndirect Centre Manager: Ken Baughan

Tel: 01227 451035, extension 210

E-Mail: ken@concorde-int.com

Petham Adult Studies & WEA Petham Branch

A variety of adult studies classes and activities are organised in Petham Village Hall under the auspices of Petham Adult Studies (a not-for-profit organisation) and the Petham Branch of the WEA (Workers Educational Association, a national charity). These are open to all, whether or not they live in Petham.

Secretary: Anne Wickham

Tel: 01227 700434

E-Mail: medical.input@dsl.pipex.com

The Canterbury Campus

The Canterbury Campus is an educational institution for all ages. We provide conference facilities for those wishing to hold meetings and training courses. We have a large hall suitable for large events for 100+ people. Our venue is also suitable for receptions and parties.

Booking and Events Co-ordinator: Rachel Elcombe

Tel: 01227 463971

E-Mail: relcombe@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

The Community College Whitstable

The Community College Whitstable is situated at the top of Millstrood Hill overlooking the Bay of Whitstable with outstanding sea views. It is easily reached by road with free parking available on-site and is within 5mins walk of Whitstable train station.

TNG Ltd (Training Network Group)

TNG trains and supports unemployed people and those who have been made redundant back into work.

Business Manager: Karen McChesney

Tel: 01843 750250

E-Mail: Karen.McChesney@tng.uk.com

Health and well being

All Seasons (Kent) Ltd

Domiciliary Community Care Workers

HR Recruitment Officer: Maureen Hawkes

Tel: 01227 265899

E-Mail: m.hawkes@enterprisingopps.org.uk

Art Of Living Foundation

The Art of Living Foundation is an international non-profit, educational, charitable and humanitarian NGO, dedicated to creating peace and fostering human values. As a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), the Foundation works in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, participating in a variety of committees and activities relating to health, education, sustainable development, conflict resolution and disaster relief efforts. Founded by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, our innovative personal & social programmes aim to eliminate stress, create a sense of belonging, restore human values, and encourage people from all backgrounds, religions, and cultural traditions to come together in celebration and service in the global community. The organisation has developed at an exceptional rate. Regarded as the fastest growing NGO by the United Nations, the Foundation is also one of the largest volunteer based organisation in the world. In just 25 years, 20 million people have benefited from its programmes which are conducted in over 145 countries across the globe.

Volunteer Teacher: Dr Jaymini Chouhan

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Breast Friends

Breast Cancer Support Group

Macmillan Breast Care Nurse Specialists: Penny Price and Suzannah Fitzgerald

Tel: 01227 864087 or 01227 864039

E-Mail: penny.price@ekht.nhs.uk

Cancer Care Club

A club for anyone 'touched' by cancer whether patient, family, friend or working in the field of cancer. Two meetings a month with coach outings arranged and opportunities for theatre experiences.

Club Secretary: Francis Attree

Tel: 01227 751326

E-Mail: fan@fattree.fsnet.co.uk

Canterbury & District Mental Health Forum

An independent registered charity which aims to give a voice to users of mental health services; To make community care work; helping to shape mental health services into as comprehensive and socially useful a service as possible; & To educate the public in, and promote awareness of, mental health problems.

Co-Ordinator: Mark Kilbey

Tel: (01227) 788211

E-Mail: caff@btconnect.com

Canterbury Advocacy Project

A charity providing one-to-one advocacy for people with learning disabilities

Canterbury and Coastal Rethink - severe mental illness carers' support group

This voluntary self-help local carers' support group was set up 30 years ago to help carers of relatives or friends with a wide variety of mental health problems, to access help and information and to provide comfort and support on a regular basis. We welcome anyone who has a relative, partner, friend or neighbour with a severe mental illness and who lives in Canterbury, Herne Bay, Whitstable, Faversham or the locality.

Joint Voluntary Co-ordinators: Cheryl and Chris Ives

Tel: 01227 760707

E-Mail: rethinkcanterbury@dsl.pipex.com

Canterbury and District Enterprise Trust - CADET

Trust/charity offering training, employment, volunteering and community involvement in gardening and conservation. We own Hambrook Marshes near Toddlers Cove and will be developing this as a community resource over the next few years. We also run Appleseed Landscapes and we are recruiting gardening volunteers to work with young people on gardening projects.

Project Manager: Becky Richards

Tel: 01227 265 899

E-Mail: b.richards@enterprisetrust.org

Canterbury and District Hard of Hearing Club

A club for hard of hearing people to meet and socialise with others.

Secretary: Gwen Boyce

Tel: 01227 760046

E-Mail: G.Boyce@hikent.org.uk

Chaucer Homecare Limited

Chaucer Homecare Limited provides Community Support and Vocational Rehabilitation Day Services to adults with mental illness. We also provide a Floating Support Service enabling vulnerable individuals to sustain their tenancy. This is funded by Kent County Council Supporting People Team.

Community Support Manager: Di Killian

Tel: 01227 451834

E-Mail: dkillian@chaucerhomecare.co.uk

Crossroads Care East Kent

CARERS HOME BASED RESPITE SERVICE

Chief Executive Officer: Lorraine Williamson

Tel: 0845956700

E-Mail: eastkent@crossroads.org.uk

Epilepsy HERE

Registered Charity 1079172 established in 1999 to provide information about epilepsy and support for those who have the condition or care for those who do.

Chairman: Monica Kendall

Tel: 01227 749095

E-Mail: herebay@aol.com

Friends of Whitstable Hospital and Healthcare

Fundraising for equipment and amenities. Voluntary services at the hospital. Visiting and befriending support services in the community.

Committee member: Marian Ahern

Tel: 01227 274077

E-Mail: anthony.ahern@btopenworld.com

HEADWAY EAST KENT

Head Injury Support.

Chief Executive Officer: Linda Kerley

Tel: 01227 783002

E-Mail: linda.kerley@ekht.nhs.uk

Herne Bay Branch Cancer Research UK

We are a committee of 13 who work very hard to raise funds

Chairperson: Rita Moore

E-Mail: rita.moore@tesco.net

Hi Kent

Registered Charity to help deaf and hard of hearing people in Kent.

Chief Executive: John Clayton

Tel: 01622 691151

E-Mail: enquiries@hikent.org.uk

KAB Whitstable & Tankerton Club

Whit & Tank club of the Kent Association for the Blind.

Club leader/Treasurer: Michael Peak

Tel: 01227 275731

E-Mail: mikepeak@yahoo.com

NHS Blood and Transplant

Someone YOU know could need blood...

Parkinsons Disease Society Canterbury Branch

We are a branch of the national PDS whose aim is to support people with Parkinsons, their families and friends through fundraising, research, disseminating information, therapies, activities and social events.

Branch Welfare Officer: Beatrice Shire

Tel: 01227 766782

E-Mail: b.j.shire@kent.ac.uk Branch Welfare Officer

The Migraine Trust

The Migraine Trust is the health and medical research charity for migraine in the United Kingdom.

Events & Press Officer: Kate Scurr

Tel: 020 7462 6606

E-Mail: events@migrainetrust.org

The Stroke Association Family and Carer Support Service

Family and Carer Support is a visiting service that gives practical information and emotional support to the families and carers of people who have had a stroke. The service also helps people who live alone.

Family and Carer Support Coordinator, The Stroke Association: Margaret Willson

Tel: 01227 783023

E-Mail: margaret.willson@stroke.org.uk

Older people

AGE Concern Canterbury

AGE Concern Canterbury cares about the elderly in our community.

Age Concern Herne Bay

Age Concern Herne Bay provides a variety of services to older people, their families and carers. Some services are free, for others a reasonable charge is made. Some services are provided direct to a person at home, others are provided at one of our two centres in the town.

Office Manager: Brenda Kemp

Tel: 01227 360494

E-Mail: brenda.kemp@ageconcernhernebay.org

Age Concern Volunteering Scheme

I am recruiting volunteers to help in a wide variety of roles at all the local Age Concern centres

Age Concern Volunteer Recruitment Officer: Gill Ball

Tel: 01227 772248

E-Mail: agecorecruiter@whitstablevc.org.uk

Age Concern Whitstable

Age Concern Whitstable cares about the elderly in our community by promoting their well-being and helping make their life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

Manager: Jan Perfect

Tel: 01227 272055

E-Mail: agecowhitstable@aol.com

Canterbury and District Pensioners' Forum

A voluntary group campaigning on behalf of pensioners.

Citizens Rights for Older People

A home visiting volunteer based service for people over 60 in Kent

Branch Co-Ordinator: John Newell

Tel: 01227 789777

E-Mail: canterbury@cropkent.org.uk

Community Information & Liaison Service- Age Concern

For the District of CANTERBURY Are you an older adult? Or caring for an older adult? Do you have a problem / need? Do you need information about services or groups in your area? Would you like to explore your options?

Community Information & Liaison Assistant: Kevan Atkins

Tel: 01227 272055; 01227 275421 (Direct line)

E-Mail: agecokevan@aol.com

Northgate Ward Over 60's Community Service

This Service is for people who are aged 60 years or over and for residents of Northgate Ward, City Centre and the Rural areas.

Project Manager: Mrs Ann Bradley

Tel: 01227456616

E-Mail: northgateward@oversixties.fsnet.co.uk

Parish councils

Adisham Parish Council

Chartham Parish Council

We aim to be an informative Parish Council and through our website actively seek parishioners contributions online, which in turn, enables growth and demonstrates a strong community focus.

Parish Clerk: Paul Hornibrooke

Tel: 01227- 738110 or 0775 9263725

E-Mail: paul.hornibrook@btconnect.com

Chestfield Parish Council

Chestfield Parish Council works to serve the local residents in the parish, providing services and activities for all age groups living within the community. The Parish Council works alongside the City and County Council and other authorities such as the Police and other local organisations. Some of the services and activities we provide are : Responding to consultation on planning applications, which are available for viewing prior to the start of the monthly parish meeting Help with highways and environmental concerns. Improve and extend local facilities. Seek external funding to improve the local area. Provide youth activities and sport sessions. Provide information relevant to the parish via our quarterly magazine and on our website:- www.chestfield.net The Parish Council is here to serve the local community

Clerk to the Council: Linda Livingstone

Tel: 01227 773121

E-Mail: chestfield.gov@tiscali.co.uk

Chislet Parish Council

The Parish Council is a statutory body comprising 9 Councillors which represents the views of the electors of Chislet, Highstead ,Boyden Gate and Upstreet. The Parish Council meets monthly (normally 3rd Thursday) . Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. There is also an annual Parishioners meeting each April.

Clerk to Chislet Parish Council: Mr G C Eaton

Tel: 01227 264340

E-Mail: geoff.eaton@virgin .net

Cllr. Vivienne Spratt

Littlebourne Parish Council is a pro-active Council working for the well being of the community, making sure the provision of all facilities are in place for them.

Chairman: Littlebourne Parish Council

Tel: 01227722088

E-Mail: vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com

Fordwich Town Council

The Town Council is consulted on a wide range of issues which affect life within the community, such as local planning applications, highway matters and tree preservation. If you have a problem or issue that you think a member of the Town Council can help with, then please contact that Councillor or the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk: Geoffrey Castle

Tel: 01303 273510, 07866 723777

E-Mail: townclerk@fordwich.net

Harbledown and Rough Common Parish Council

The Council is made up of eleven members who conveniently live in all three of our villages, Harbledown, Upper Harbledown and Rough Common. We are ably assisted by a salaried Clerk. We meet on the last Monday of each month except for August and December. We try to meet in all three villages in turn for your convenience. An annual parish assembly takes place every year in April. This is your chance to come and meet the councillors, ask us about the year's activities and give us your views.

Clerk: Gillian Jones

Tel: 01227 730375

E-Mail: seymoursinkent@hotmail.co.uk

Herne & Broomfield Parish Council

Herne & Broomfield Parish Council is a Quality Council and works to serve local people in the parish, providing services and activities for all age groups living within the community.

Parish Council Clerk: Monica Blyth

Tel: 01227 742 700

E-Mail: hbparishcouncil@lineone.net

Kingston Parish Council

The Parish Council has seven elected councillors, supported by a part-time Parish Clerk.

Clerk to Kingston Parish Council: Mrs Val McWilliams

Tel: 01227 832028

E-Mail: val.mcwilliams@btopenworld.com

Littlebourne Parish Council

Littlebourne Parish Council

Chairman: Vivienne Spratt

E-Mail: vivienne.spratt@virgin.net

Sturry Parish Council

Clerk to Sturry Parish Council: Liliana Jokic

Tel: 01227 710443

E-Mail: sturrypc@btconnect.com

Waltham Parish Council

We are a small rural parish with approximately 500 residents. There is a village hall and church in our community. The village hall hosts regular whist drives, table tennis sessions and social afternoons, as well as quiz nights and parties.

Parish Clerk: Lynnette Gosling

Tel: 01227 700781

E-Mail: l.gosling@waltham.org

Residents and community action groups

Collins Road and Rowland Drive Residents Association

A Residents Association

Chair: Ann Edwards

Tel: 01227 365111

Friends of Herne

Friends of Herne are trying to find people who have lived in Herne for many years, and can give a story about their lives in the village, IE St Martin`s Church, The Cherry Orchard, Strode Park (before it was Strode Park Foundation)The local school etc

Creator: Malcolm Harlin

Tel: 01227 741247

E-Mail: friendsofherne@hotmail.co.uk

Friends of Prospect Field

Prospect Field is an area of scrub and grassland habitats off Joy Lane. The site is a haven for wildlife and offers panoramic views across the coast.

Outdoor Leisure Officer: Rosemary hoare

Tel: 01227 862 577

Friends of the Memorial Park

The Friends of the Memorial Park (Herne Bay) aim to improve the park for the users by supporting a bid with Canterbury City Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funders.

Interim Chairman: Dick Eburne

Tel: 01227 743201

E-Mail: aicck01@yahoo.co.uk

Hales Place Residents' Association

Hales Place Residents' Association (HPRA)represents over 2,000 residents feom a rich and diverse community of Social Housing -(Council & Housing Association), Leaseholders, Private Home Owners, and Student HMOs.

Chair: Jo calvert-Mindell

Tel: 07792656225

E-Mail: jocalmin@btinternet.com

Herne Bay and District Residents' Association

The Herne Bay and District Residents' Association is a campaigning group aiming to improve Herne Bay for the benefit of residents, traders and visitors. It tries to work with Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council and other organisations to give a Herne Bay perspective to consultations; to monitor planning policies and decisions; and to give input to the decision making procedures at all levels. It works with other organisations beyond its defined area on matters of mutual interest.

Chairman: Dick Eburne

Tel: 01227 743201

E-Mail: dickeburne@yahoo.co.uk

Herne Bay Philanthropic Society

Promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Herne Bay and the neighbourhood by the protection of health and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

Secretary: Mrs Mary Littlejohn

Tel: 01227 375047

Sea View Road and Cliff Avenue Action Group - Herne Bay

The Residents' Committee and Action Group serving the Sea View Road and Cliff Avenue Community- Herne Bay

Chairman: Gordon Burrows

Tel: 01227-374739

E-Mail: circuitbase@yahoo.com

SMACS St Mildreds Area Community Society

"SMACS is the ST MILDRED'S AREA COMMUNITY SOCIETY which represents residents living in the south-west area of Canterbury, from Bridge Street to the railway line. It was originally set up as a conservation society to protect Castle Street from the 1960's bulldozers, but extended its remit in 2000 to cover all quality of life issues faced by the city dweller.

Hon Secretary: Hilary Graves

Tel: 01227471068

E-Mail: hilarygraves@hotmail.com

SOUTH CANTERBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The residents' association for people living in South Canterbury.

Communications Secretary: Dick Vane-Wright

E-Mail: dickvanewright@btinternet.com

Spring Lane & Barton Residents Association

A friendly Residents Association based at the Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre. We welcome anyone interested in local issues from anywhere in the local area especially the housing estates. We have guest speakers on a variety of issues of interest including from SERCO, the Housing Options team, Street Scene, Police & Councillors.

Secretary: Peter Thomson

E-Mail: sabra.200818@yahoo.co.uk

St Peters Association

St Peters Association

Mr N McKernan: 9 King Street

E-Mail: spa@stpetersassociation.co.uk

St. Dunstan's Residents Association

St. Dunstan's Residents Association is a campaigning and social organisation serving part of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Kent with the intention of creating and maintaining strong neighbourhood bonds and of preserving this attractive area. Our blog can be found at: <http://stdunstansresidentsassociation.blogspot.com/>

Studd Hill Property Owners Association

A Company Limited by Guarantee , not having a share capital , and with objects to promote the interests of persons who are Owners of Land and/or Buildings upon Studd Hill Estate , Herne Bay .

Telephone House Residents Association

The name of the organisation is Telephone House Residents Association. THRA was set up in August 2008. It covers the apartments, situated on Bingley Court and St. Andrews Close, off Rheims Way, Canterbury, Kent. It looks after the welfare of 1500 plus residents, of all ages. We have different professionals of many different ethnicities. The residents come from Asia, Europe, Africa and North America. There are over 200 kids on site, many students, single parents, families, owners, part-owned owners and Housing Association residents.

CHAIRPERSON: PAMELA WHITE

Tel: 01227 453795

E-Mail: telephonehouse-residents@hotmail.co.uk

Whitstable Umbrella Community Centre

Whitstable Umbrella Community Centre is open to all for activities, and for hire. Nearly 40 activities take place every week, in our hall, meeting rooms and computer suite. And our noticeboards are filled with information about activities at our many sister organisations. Our big secret is our Town Garden and Heritage Room Café where you can get fresh, great value meals, snacks and drinks. One of our interests is in mental health and helping people cope with the pressures of life so we are home to the Parasol mental health support group, and their wide range of activities.

Centre manager: Janet Cowell

Tel: 01227 274880

E-Mail: wucc@btclick.com

Specific interest groups

Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)

The Campaign for Real Ale is the campaign for choice for beer drinkers. In the early 1970s CAMRA coined the term "real ale" to make it easy for people to differentiate between the bland processed beers being pushed by the big brewers and the traditional beers whose very existence was under threat.

Festival Organiser: Gill Keay

Tel: 01227 463478

E-Mail: gillandgerrykeay@btinternet.com

Canterbury Photographic Society

A club for anyone interested in photography

Honorary Secretary: Mike Peak

Tel: 01227 275731

Crab and Winkle Line Trust

The Crab and Winkle Line Trust, a registered charity, was established in 1997 to bring public access to the old Canterbury to Whitstable Railway and to raise awareness of the history of the line within the district.

Chairman: Marcial Boo

Tel: 01227 831546

E-Mail: www.crabandwinkle.org

EAST KENT CIGARETTE CARD CLUB

PROMOTING THE HOBBY OF CIGARETTE CARD COLLECTING

AUCTIONEER: GEORGE ROGERS

Tel: 01227 860772

E-Mail: TADDYCLOWN@HOTMAIL.COM

East Kent National Trust Association

The East Kent Association is a voluntary association of National Trust members and volunteers founded in 1973 to promote and support the work of the National Trust in the area of East Kent around Canterbury.

Membership Secretary: Mr. Derek Tee

Tel: 01227 463903

East Kent Rambling Club

We are a walking club of some 250 members, affiliated to the Ramblers' Association. We were founded in 1958 and have been active in East Kent since then. visit our website: www.eastkentramblingclub.org

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Jim Trafford

Tel: 01227 451831

E-Mail: jtrafford@mac.com

Herne Bay Beach Hut Owners Association

Chairman: Andrew Cook

Tel: 07767 338400

E-Mail: hernebaybeachhuts@yahoo.co.uk

JCJ Herne Bay

Indoor Bootfair to be held at the Drill Hall, William Street, Herne Bay, Saturday 12th May'07, lots of stalls, including plants & cards. Raising money to assist the Army Cadets.

Treasurer: Carol Dilnot

Tel: 01227 364836

E-Mail: jymorris@btinternet.com

National Coastwatch Institution

NATIONAL COASTWATCH Registered Charity Number 1045645 Eyes along the Coast The National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) was set up in 1994 to restore a visual watch along the coast. Many small coastguard stations had been forced to close down but when two fishermen lost their lives off the Cornish coast directly below the abandoned coastguard lookout at Bass Point on the Lizard local people became concerned. Together they raised money to reopen the abandoned watch station and NCI was born. Today there are 30 operational Stations around the British coast from Cornwall to Wearside. The Herne Bay NCI station is situated on Eastern Esplanade approximately 200 yards to the east of Herne Bay Sailing Club. It is manned by a team of fully trained volunteers, keeping watch at Weekends and Bank Holidays, during most daylight hours. The Station is equipped with telescopes, telephone, weather instruments, up to date charts and radar. Watchkeepers are the eyes and ears along the coast, keeping a visual watch, monitoring radio channels and providing a listening watch in poor visibility. Our NCI watchkeepers are trained to deal with emergencies and report directly to the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA). A log is kept of all activities and local weather conditions passed on to those requiring them. The Herne Bay NCI station is aiming to acquire Declared Facility Status in order to become an integral part of the National Search and Rescue Organisation. Our Watchkeepers offer a wide variety of skills and experience and full training ensures that the high standards set by both the NCI and MCA are met. A regular commitment is essential and there are currently 28 volunteers (20% of them women) keeping watch. NCI offers around 1,800 hours of organised coastal surveillance per year at no cost to the public! The National Coastwatch Institution is a completely voluntary organisation. It does not receive any funding from Government, Local Authorities or central funds. Each branch is responsible for raising its own funds for the purchase of equipment, charts and running costs of the Watchstation. The Herne Bay Branch is actively seeking new volunteers in order to increase our watch keeping days to 4 per week. If you are interested and would like to come along and see what we do, please contact Ivor Hathaway on the number quoted

Membership Secretary: Ivor Hathaway

Tel: 01843 847921

Saxon Community Group

Saxon Community Group is a friendship network for people live, work or have connections in Herne Bay.

Publicity Officer: June Spanier

Tel: 01227 363074

E-Mail: june.spanier@talktalk.net

The Duck Inn

Public House and Restaurant available for venue hire and also as a meeting place for local special interest groups.

Managers: Dave or Jon

Tel: 01227 830354

E-Mail: theduckinn@hotmail.co.uk

Whitstable Giants Association

Independent group arranging for the attendance of Captain Sam the Whitstable Giant together with Dollar Dan the Diver & Bobbin the Whitstable Seahorse at events to publicise Whitstable

Chairman: Roger Annable

Tel: 01227 281726

E-Mail: giant@whitstablecastle.co.uk

Whitstable Improvement Trust

The Trust is an independent Charitable Company established in 1989.

Whitstable Society

The amenity group for Whitstable (CT5) area.

Support and advice

Action with Communities in Rural Kent

works with local communities to help them to develop community let plans and also on other rural issues such as affordable housing. Offers funding to community groups and parish councils

CaDVAS

CaDVAS is a Local Infrastructure Organisation providing support services to frontline Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCOs) across the Canterbury district.

Development Officer: Sue Tucker

Tel: 01227 452381

E-Mail: info@cadvas.org; membership@cadvas.org

Canterbury & District Ethnic Minority Independent Council (EMIC)

EMIC is an independent consultation and community engagement meeting made up of diverse local community members and their representatives who meet quarterly and set their own Agenda. EMIC provides Canterbury Police and Canterbury City Council, together with other partners an opportunity to communicate with local minority communities.

Chair: Michael Bukht

Canterbury Housing Advice Centre (CHAC)

CHAC is a housing advice centre covering Canterbury, Herne Bay, Whitstable and the rural areas inbetween.

Manager CHAC: Linda Jenkins

Tel: 01227 762605

E-Mail: canthac@gotadsl.co.uk

District of Canterbury Credit Union

community not for profit savings and loan organisation offering a safe home for savings and reasonable cost loans to all residents of Canterbury City Council area

East Kent Enterprise Gateway

Offer one-to-one support to anyone thinking about starting a social enterprise or business. Also offer support to social enterprises less than three years old.

Director: Dorothy Thom

Tel: 07795494781

E-Mail: dorothy.thom@businesslinkkent.com

East Kent LGBT Network

The East Kent LGBT Network (EKLGBT) meet quarterly and have an independent Chair from the Community. The meetings take place in Gay or Gay Friendly premises such as local pubs and alternate between Canterbury and Thanet.

Community Liaison Officer: Kath Mole

Tel: 01227 744787

E-Mail: kath.mole@kent.pnn.police.uk

East Kent Rapeline- supporting women

Helpline and face to face counselling service for women who have experienced rape, sexual violence or childhood sexual abuse.

Elements Community Counselling

Elements Community Counselling. Charity Number: 1114524

Trustee: Mark Fenn

Tel: 07989287839

E-Mail: mark.c.fenn@btconnect.com

Kent & Medway Social Enterprise Network

An umbrella organisation to support all kinds of Social Enterprise development in Kent & Medway.

Director: Steve Ralf

Tel: 01843 221212

E-Mail: steve.ralf@focustowork.co.uk

Kent Refugee Help

GIVE THE GIFT OF FREEDOM Kent Refugee Help supports detainees in the Immigration Removal Centre in Dover.

Chair: Marion Walter

Tel: 01227 462491 or 07981 854843

E-Mail: kentrefugeehelp@aol.com

Necessary Furniture

Necessary Furniture is a charitable organisation set up to provide furniture and household goods for the disadvantaged within the community. In addition Necessary Furniture (in partnership with the relevant agencies) provides work experience for unemployed people. A further benefit of our work is the reduction in the volume of useable furniture entering the waste-stream and ending up on landfill.

Manager: Richard Caplan

Tel: 01227 712680

E-Mail: necessary_furniture@hotmail.com

Porchlight

Porchlight is a Kent based charity that works to change people's lives for the better. We help the most vulnerable and isolated people in our communities access housing and related support services.

Communications and Press Officer: Mark Parry

Tel: 01227 760078

E-Mail: media@porchlight.org.uk

Relate East Kent

Relate East Kent provides a relationship counselling service based in Canterbury for all Canterbury and District residents. Relate counsellors work with couples married or not and includes same sex couples. Clients may attend alone or with a partner.

Manager: Christine Hutchings

Tel: 01227 766094

E-Mail: appointments.ekrelate@gmail.com

Samaritans

Samaritans provides confidential emotional support, 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide. You don't have to be suicidal to call us. We are here for you if you're worried about something, feel upset or confused, or you just want to talk to someone.

Skillnet Group Community Interest Company

Skillnet Group Community Interest Company is a social enterprise (not-for-profit organisation) working with people with learning difficulties.

Chief Executive: Jo Kidd

Tel: 07968 105862

E-Mail: jo.kidd@skillnetgroup.co.uk

Thanet O.W.L.S.

A confidential telephone listening organisation.

The Canterbury & Districts Mediation Service

Our objective is to provide high quality mediation and develop non-violent conflict management practices across the Canterbury and East Kent areas.

Project Manager: Jayne Douch

Tel: 01227 773512

E-Mail: jdouch@themediationservice.co.uk

The Scrine Foundation

Our services are designed to tackle the causes of social exclusion, including addiction, mental health issues, and discrimination, and are complemented by our supported housing which helps to address some of the inequalities inherent in the housing market.

Volunteer Co-ordinator: David Bolsover

Tel: 01843 571887

E-Mail: volunteer@scrine.org

The Whitstable Echo-Talking Newspaper for the visually impaired

The provision of a free weekly audio local newspaper and magazine for the blind and visually impaired. This paper is delivered by Royal Mail and provides as much local news and information for the visually impaired as possible. At present on audio cassette.

Chairman: Geoffrey Hughes

Tel: 01227-273108

E-Mail: irishvillage @tiscali.co.uk

Umbrella Centre of Herne Bay

The Umbrella Centre of Herne Bay provides support for people in the Herne Bay community and surrounding areas who are experiencing mental health and/or associated learning disabilities.

Manager: Lynn Cambridge

Tel: 01227 370200

E-Mail: lynnguthrie@umbrella.plus.com

Victim Support East Kent

Victim Support Kent is a registered charity which helps people living in Kent cope with the effects of crime by providing confidential support and information to victims of crime and to witnesses attending local courts. Services are free, independent of the police and courts, and available to victims of any crime, whether or not it has been reported and regardless of when it happened. Volunteers for the work are also usually needed - training is free and comprehensive.

Volcare - Canterbury & Thanet Area

Volcare offers a home based respite care service for Carers, providing occasional respite breaks for Carers which can be for a day or longer.

Manager: Kate Gollop

Tel: 01227 749400

E-Mail: volcare@aol.com

Waymark Trust Counselling Service

Waymark Trust offer a professional counselling service at affordable rates.

Administrator: Paula Shilling

E-Mail: waymarktrust@tiscali.co.uk

Whistable Business Club

Whitstable Business Club is a locally based networking group of businesses, that meet on a weekly basis to help promote and grow each other's business.

Membership Secretary: Kevin Bodle

Tel: 01227 274374

E-Mail: info@whitstablebusinessclub.co.uk

Twinning associations

Canterbury - Reims Twinning Association

Chairman: John Hunt

Tel: 01227 769 035

E-Mail: johndehunt@tiscali.co.uk

Elham Valley Twinning Association

Find out more at www.evta.org.uk

EVTA Committee: Mark Jenner

Tel: 01227 830019

E-Mail: mark.a.jenner@uk.ibm.com

Herne Bay/Wimereux Twinning Association

Secretary: Ros Clark

Tel: 01227 373035

E-Mail: rosawill@hotmail.com

Whitstable Twinning Association

Chairman: Mr R Annable

Tel:

E-Mail: rlm@annable.vianw.co.uk

Volunteering

The Canterbury & Herne Bay Volunteer Centre

Providing advice, assistance and projects related to volunteers, volunteering and volunteering involving organisations.

Director: Alex Krutnik

Tel: 01227 452278

E-Mail: alex@chbvc.org

Whitstable Volunteer Centre

Manager: Denise Taupin

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E-Mail: whitstablevc@care4free.net

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