



Margate Charter Trustees

Date: 1st September 2026

Dear Member

You ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Charter Trustees of the Town of Margate, on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.00pm **Via Teams**, for the purpose of considering and passing such Resolutions as may be deemed necessary or desirable in connection with matters set out in the agenda below.

Louise Gransden

Louise Gransden MA, FSLCC

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held 6th July 2026. ([Minutes](#))
4. Mayor's Report
 - a. [Diary Update](#)
 - b. [Forthcoming events](#)
 - c. AOB
5. Finance Report ([Appendix A](#))
 - i. Budget Update to 31st August 2026 (attached)
 - ii. Budget Variance Report (attached)
 - iii. Confidential Salary Report (attached)
6. Premises update ([Appendix B](#))
7. Margate Shadow Town Council ([Appendix C](#))
8. Approval for the use of the Town Crest ([Appendix D](#))
9. Mayor's Fund & Applications ([Appendix E](#))

MINUTES OF THE CHARTER TRUSTEE MEETING MONDAY 6th JULY 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Leo Britcher., Cllr Heather Keen., Cllr Rob Yates.,
Cllr Harry Scobie., Cllr John Edwards., Cllr Ruth Duckworth.,
Cllr Darren Oxborrow., Cllr Jack Packman.,
Cllr Martin Boyd.,

MINUTE 76 APOLOGIES Cllr Katie Pope, Cllr Helen Whitehead, Cllr Alan Currie

No Apologies Received; Cllr John Dennis., Cllr Barry Manners, Cllr Alysa D'Abbro., Cllr Cedric Towning, Cllr Marc Rattigan

MINUTE 77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received

MINUTE 78 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13th APRIL 2026

The minutes of the 13th April 2026 were approved. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Cllr Heather Keen

Seconded: Cllr Jack Packman

Passed nem con

MINUTE 79 MAYOR'S REPORT

- i. The Mayor, Cllr Leo Britcher, gave an update and confirmed that he had already attended over 20 events throughout Thanet and across Kent, since becoming Mayor.
- ii. Specifically he mentioned attending the litter picking on the beach with Rise Up Clean Up and a visit to Brightlingsea.
- iii. The Mayor noted future events including the Civic Service on 26th July and the Charter Day Walk.

MINUTE 80 HR UPDATE

The proposal that Ingrid Spencer becomes the Transition Officer until 31 March 2027, retiring on this date, rather than at the end of July as initially planned. Hours to reduce from 1 September 2026 to two days per week and from 1 January 2027 to one day per week. Members recognised the importance of retaining Ingrid's knowledge and experience during the transition period, particularly in relation to protecting and securing Margate's civic assets and interests. It was noted that she was uniquely placed to carry out this work, avoiding duplication of effort, and delivering value for money throughout the transition process. Proposed by Cllr Heather Keen, seconded by Cllr Ruth Duckworth and passed.

MINUTE 81 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 9TH June 2026 were proposed by Cllr Martin Boyd, seconded by Cllr Heather Keen and passed with 1 abstention.

MINUTE 82 **FINANCE REPORT**

- i. The Cash Book to 30th June 2026 was approved.
 - a. Proposed; Cllr Harry Scobie
 - b. Seconded: Cllr Heather Keen

MINUTE 83 **PREMISES UPDATE**

Members of the Executive Committee viewed two potential properties, and a report was presented on the merits of each. Following discussion, it was agreed that a more prominent and visible location would be preferred if suitable terms could be agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Harry Scobie and seconded by Cllr Jack Packman, and passed unanimously, to progress the option at The Centre, while keeping the second option in abeyance.

MINUTE 84 **APPLICATIONS TO THE MAYOR'S FUND**

Funds available circa £200.00

Sunken Gardens Society	£500 Amount Requested	Deferred
An Individual from 1 st Garlinge Scouts	No specific amount	Deferred

It was proposed by Cllr Jack Packman and seconded by Cllr Darren Oxborrow to defer both applications until the meeting in September when further funds were expected.

5 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions – the motion passed.

There being no further matters, the meeting ended at 7.50pm

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Events Attended by the Mayor

Jul-26

Friday	3	Mayor of Deal Ceremonial Evening
Friday	10	Lord Warden Reception
Saturday	11	Ethel-Athel Alleyway Garden Community day
Sunday	12	Lord Warden Picnic
	12	Sea Sunday - St. Johns Margate
Friday	17	Yoakley House Garden Party
	17	Private View Reframing Zulu Collection - Quex
Friday	24	Mayor Folkestone - Quiz byo -
Saturday	25	Margate School of Art - Graduation - few words Shakespeare on the Beach
Sunday	26	Civic Service
Wednesday	29	Margate Charter Day - Walking Tour
	30	Deal Carnival

Aug-26

Sunday	2	Margate Soul Weekender - Closing Speech
Wednesday	5	Mayor of Maidstone - Garden Party -
Saturday	15	Mayor of Tenterden - Town Hall re-opening
Wednesday	19	Hythe Ventian Festival
Saturday	22	St. Johns Community Kitchen visit
	22	Mid-summer Nights Dream - C'ville
Friday	28	Cinque Ports Ceremony & Mayor Deputies Dinner -
Saturday	29	All Saints Church Fete - Margate

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Forthcoming Events

25-Oct	Greek Sunday Lunch	Fundraising	£30pp
08-Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Civic	N/A
20 th Nov	Christmas Tree Lights switch on and carol service	Civic / Community	N/A
11-Dec	Hornby Visit	Fundraising	£30pp
29-Jan	Mayor's Quiz	Fundraising	£6pp
First 2 weeks of March (before pre-election period commences)	Margate Celebration	End of.... celebration and exhibition	N/A
International Women's Day	Mayoress Event	Fundraising	tbc

Proposed Exhibition:

MARGATE: OUR HISTORY. OUR STORIES. OUR FUTURE – **Looking back to look forward**

It is proposed that the Charter Trustees work in partnership with the Margate Digital Campus and Thanet District Council's Museum Officer to develop a modern exhibition to mark the conclusion of the Margate Charter Trustees. The exhibition would celebrate Margate's civic history, using the role of the Mayor of Margate as the golden thread through which the story is told.

The exhibition is proposed to be held at the Margate Digital Campus during the first two weeks of March 2027, prior to the commencement of the pre-election period.

Recommendation: Approval is sought to proceed with developing the partnership and exhibition proposal.

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Finance Report – 7th September 2026

This report sets out the finance matters requiring consideration by the Charter Trustees.

1. Budget Update @ 31/08/26

The Budget Update Report to 31/08/26 and Budget Variance Report, attached separately.

Recommendation: To note and accept the Budget Update and Variance Reports

2. Deposit Account

The sum of £150,000 is currently held on deposit. It is proposed that this amount be placed on deposit for a further six-month period to 31 March 2027. Interest earned during the previous six-month period was £2,500. The current interest rate is 3.34%; however, this may reduce to 3.18%, subject to confirmation.

Recommendation: To agree that £150,000 be placed on deposit for a further six months to 31 March 2027.

2. Online Banking Access

Members are asked to note that Louise Gransden has been added to the HSBC online banking account.

Recommendation: To note the update to the HSBC online banking mandate.

3. Internal Audit Appointment

For the purposes of the 2026/27 financial year and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), Members are asked to review and agree the appointment of Auditing Solutions Ltd as the internal auditor. The appointment provides the required personal, financial and professional independence for the internal audit process. This will be the last year for their services, as a new internal auditor will be sought for Margate Town Council.

Recommendation: To approve the appointment of Auditing Solutions Ltd as internal auditor for the 2026/27 financial year and confirm their full independence.

4. Pay Increment

Please note the separate Confidential Salary Report.

The Local Government Association (LGA), acting on behalf of the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services, has announced that agreement has been reached on the 2026 pay award for local government employees. The settlement provides for a 3.3% increase in pay rates and allowances with effect from 1 April 2026.

The agreed pay award covers the period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, and employers are being encouraged to implement the increase as quickly as possible.

Recommendation: To consider the Confidential Report on salary increases and agree any updates to be back dated to 1 April 2026.

National Joint Council for local government services

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Naomi Cooke

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To: Chief Executives in England, Wales and N Ireland
(to be shared with Finance Director and HR Director)
Regional Employer Organisations
Members of the National Joint Council

24 August 2026

Dear Chief Executive,

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2026

Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

Agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from **1 April 2026** (covering the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027). The new pay rates, each increased by 3.30 per cent per annum, are attached at **Annex 1**.

All locally determined pay points above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer, should also be increased by 3.30 per cent, in accordance with Green Book Part 2 Para 5.4¹.

The new rates for allowances, uprated by 3.30 per cent, are set out at **Annex 2**.

Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2026

If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2026 to the employee's last day of employment.

When salary arrears are paid to ex-employees who were in the LGPS, the employer must inform its local LGPS fund. Employers will need to amend the CARE and final pay figures (if the ex-employee has pre-April 2014 LGPS membership and / or underpin protection) accordingly.

See the [employer resources section](#) of www.lgpsregs.org for more information including FAQs on backdated pay awards.

Yours faithfully,

Naomi
Cooke

Naomi Cooke

W. Dalton

Will Dalton

M. R. Short

Mike Short

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Premises Update

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Charter Trustees with an update on the current premises position, temporary office arrangements, associated costs, and the status of longer-term accommodation options.

2. Current Position

The request to rent one office within Thanet District Council's building remains outstanding. The latest correspondence received was from Natalie Beldin on 4 August, confirming that she was chasing the request. Nothing further has been forthcoming.

A temporary office has therefore been secured at 6 Cecil Place. The space is sufficient to accommodate three desks and is available at a cost of £600 per calendar month, plus electricity. The move to the temporary office took place on Monday 17 August.

All belongings were moved from the Media Centre on Monday 17 August. Most items were placed into storage at Pettmans at a cost of £95 per week. The cost of the move was £1,750.

3. Longer-Term Premises Options

1–3 The Centre

Works required to bring 1–3 The Centre into reasonable order have been estimated at £400,000. The landlord is not willing to meet this level of expenditure, which is understandable given the scale of works required. The building is not fit for purpose without those works being undertaken and, as a result, this option cannot be pursued further.

Mill Lane House

Correspondence in July regarding Mill Lane House received from the solicitors suggested that the landlords were not satisfied with the arrangement for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the lease and asked for a more robust option. However, they have subsequently come back and confirmed that it would now be satisfactory.

Although there is not currently a valid second option, my recommendation would be not to pursue MLH. Charter Trustees may however, wish to proceed with this choice.

Randolph House

Randolph House was viewed as a further option by Cllr Pope and Ingrid. However, it has currently been let on a two-year licence to a church organisation until March 2028. There is an opportunity to discuss this option during that period.

The Media Centre

The Media Centre has been included on Thanet District Council's disposal list and it is understood that there is current interest in the building.

Old Town Hall

The Old Town Hall could potentially be an option for offices. The town council could pursue a community asset transfer at a nominal value of £1, although this should be regarded as a medium to long term option.

4. Financial Implications

- Temporary office at 6 Cecil Place: £600 per calendar month, plus electricity.
- Storage at Pettmans: £95 per week.
- Move from the Media Centre: £1,750.

5. Recommendations

To agree the following:

- **Recommendation:** To note that 1–3 The Centre was not considered to be viable by the landlord due to the scale and cost of required works.
- **Recommendation:** To consider whether to proceed with Mill Lane House, as the only remaining identified option, or to rule it out and await a more suitable alternative.
- **Recommendation:** To note the temporary office provides short-term continuity.

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Margate Shadow Town Council

Councillor Recruitment Events – KALC’s Draft Proposal

KALC will run events to support local people to stand as councillors with the 2027 elections in mind. This would be particularly helpful in areas going through Community Governance Reviews, where there will be a need to build awareness, explain the role of the new council, and encourage a strong field of candidates from the local community.

The campaign could be supported by KALC, the district and councillors and clerks from the relevant local area, who could help promote the events and share first-hand experience of what local council work involves. KALC could also invite political parties, where appropriate, to attend the sessions so that prospective candidates can understand the wider democratic context and the different routes into standing for election.

The recruitment campaign will include a mix of in-person and online events to make the sessions as accessible as possible. For Margate, these events could be scheduled during September and October, with a small programme of local sessions supported by one online event for those unable to attend in person.

The events should clearly explain the role of a councillor, including the time commitment involved in attending meetings, reading papers, engaging with residents, taking part in training and supporting the work of the new council. It would be important to give potential candidates a realistic understanding of what the role involves before they decide to stand.

The campaign should also set out the benefits of becoming a councillor, including the opportunity to make a positive difference locally, gain valuable experience, develop skills, build confidence, and strengthen a CV or career profile. The messaging should answer the question “what is in it for me?” by highlighting the personal development, community leadership and continuing professional development opportunities that can come from serving as a councillor.

Recommendations

To agree the following recommendations:

- **Recommendation:** To work with KALC on local events to promote recruitment.
- **Recommendation:** To note the draft recruitment campaign proposal (attached separately)

- **Recommendation:** Set up a working group to:
 - a) oversee a town councillor recruitment campaign and promotion of elections
 - b) work up a list of proposed assets to request to TDC for transfer for approval of Charter Trustees

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Approval for the use of the Town Crest

Fr Leigh has requested use of the Town Crest within the new signage for St John the Baptist Church.

Recommendation: To approve the use of the Town Crest

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Funding Applications

Funds available: £600

Application Date	Name	Request	Notes
November 2025	An Individual from 1 st Garlinge Scouts	Any	Previously deferred
July 2026	Sunken Garden Society	£500	Previously deferred
July 2026	Staklife CIC	£500	New application
August 2026	Co-Relate Communication CIC	£435	New application
August 2026	Saturday Kitchen w St John the Baptist Church Margate	£500	New application

Redacted applications below for information

Recommendation: To approve the distribution of £600 from the Mayoral Charity Fund.

**Application for Funding from
The Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund**



Company/Charity/Organisation: Co Relate Communication CIC

Address: Marine Studios, 17 Albert Terrace, Margate CT9 1UJ

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

Please give details of project requiring funding, including any fund -raising activities undertaken or planned to aid funding, including applications made to other bodies for funding. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

We intend to host a community screening of the People's Emergency Briefing at Ark, Cliftonville. Several community members have come together to host this event including Co-relate, Margate Commons and Ark. We will host a community lunch, followed by a screening. We will then have a facilitator guide a conversation at each of our ten tables. We have designed the event to be a safe and accessible space for all members of the community to become familiar with the facts around the climate crisis and to start understanding what their role in the community effort can be. We intend to undergo training with our very experienced lead facilitator. We will also give the community the opportunity to network and connect afterwards and continue to engage with everyone who wants to be involved. Lunch will be made by a local provider.

A breakdown of project costs:

Lunch at £5 per serving (total 80 servings) = £400

Venue hire: £200

Furniture hire: £30

Printing costs: £15

In order to ensure our audience is representative of all our local communities and the event is highly accessible, we would like to reserve at least 35 of our 70 tickets to give for free. We will charge £6 for the rest of the tickets, bringing in £210 total.

Anticipated overall cost of Project: 645

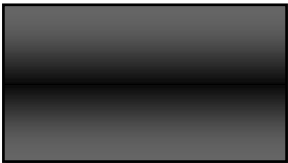
Amount of Funding Requested: 435

Should your application be successful, please indicate to whom the cheque should be made payable or provide BACS details.

Co-relate Communication CIC
Unity Trust Bank

If you need help completing this form please contact the Mayors Office 01843 448590



Signed:		Date:	5.8.2026
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A copy of your most recent audited accounts (where appropriate) must be enclosed with your application. The Charity Trustees will not consider an application without sight of the accounts.

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**Application for Funding from
The Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund**

Company/Charity/Organisation: Sunken Garden Society

Address:

The event will take place at the Sunken Garden, Royal Esplanade, Margate CT9 5EJ

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

Please give details of project requiring funding, including any fund -raising activities undertaken or planned to aid funding, including applications made to other bodies for funding. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Sunken Garden Eco Fair - Sunday 20th September 2026, 11.30 am to 4pm

A gathering of around 40 stalls showcasing sustainability, biodiversity, wildlife preservation, water saving and general awareness.

Presentations and workshops.

Open to all - free entry - families welcome.

Shared to local community groups and schools.

It will be a day filled with fun workshops, inspiring talks and eco ideas for all.

Anticipated overall cost of
Project:

£9,750

Amount of Funding Requested:	£500
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Should your application be successful, please indicate to whom the cheque should be made payable to:

Sunken Garden Society

Signed:		Date:	16 July 2026
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Application for Funding from The Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund

Company/Charity/Organisation: Staklife CIC

Address	
Contact Name	
Telephone	

Please give details of project requiring funding, including any fund -raising activities undertaken or planned to aid funding, including applications made to other bodies for funding. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Who are STAK.life CIC

STAK.life CIC is a neurodivergent-led, not-for-profit social enterprise founded in February 2024 following the loss of Stefan Kluibenschadl, our son, an autistic teenager, to suicide. We improve outcomes for neurodivergent people through training, advocacy, support and suicide prevention. Four of our five directors are neurodivergent, so lived experience shapes our neuro-affirming and evidence-led work. Our projects include the Kent Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt, which shares the stories behind lives lost; My Neurodivergent Self, helping adults understand identity, masking, burnout and self-advocacy; StakChat, giving families SEND advice; and creative workshops that build connection and confidence. We also train professionals and counsellors, support families and influence practice across Kent. Although our reach is significant, we remain a small community organisation led by unpaid directors and volunteers. Our approach is simple: By Community, For Community, turning lived experience, trust and kindness into practical support that local people can access when systems fall short.

Current project - SafePoint

SafePoint is STAK.life's planned free rapid-access counselling and wellbeing service for neurodivergent young people aged 13–18 in Thanet. It is designed for autistic and ADHD young people, including those who are self-identified, awaiting assessment or on a diagnostic pathway. Support will be neuro-affirming, child-led and adapted to communication, sensory, trauma and processing needs.

The service will support young people approaching crisis, before distress becomes emergency harm. Young people will be able to self-refer, giving them greater autonomy and reducing barriers created by adult-led referral routes. Professional referrals will also be accepted. Registered counsellors will offer flexible in-person or online sessions, with access targeted within seven days.

Why SafePoint is necessary

Children seeking NHS mental health support face an average wait of 392 days, and many wait longer. Waiting is not neutral: anxiety, isolation, self-harm risk, school absence and family pressure can all intensify while support is unavailable. For neurodivergent children, the eventual offer may still be unsuitable because standard talking therapies are not always adapted for different communication styles, sensory needs, alexithymia, trauma or verbal processing.

SafePoint will not replace NHS services. It will fill a dangerous local gap by offering earlier, specialist help and by using the capacity of experienced specialist private counsellors trained in neurodivergent practice. Choice may include adapted talking therapy, CBT-informed approaches, art, play and other creative methods. The aim is engagement, safety and recovery, not forcing every child through the same therapeutic doorway to support often unsuitable and inaccessible to those who experience the world in a very different way.

Thanet delivery and phased growth

The service will operate in Thanet, directly benefiting children and families in Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs. Pilot schools have been identified in all three towns and are eager to work with STAK.life. The first phase will test referral pathways, safeguarding, engagement and outcomes before extending access across the whole district.

The full annual ambition is to support almost 100 children, with up to 12 wellbeing and counselling sessions according to need. Detailed first-year planning budgets for approximately 85-100 full 12-session places. 1,020 counselling hours, while allowing the service to reach more children where shorter interventions are clinically appropriate.

By Community, For Community, A proven and sustainable model

This is not a service designed at a distance. STAK.life is neurodivergent-led, trusted locally and built from direct family and community experience. Children, families, schools, counsellors, community groups and local businesses are helping to create it. By Community, For Community is therefore a delivery principle: local people identifying a local gap, pooling skills and resources, and building a response that children can trust.

SafePoint is based on the Elliott Holmes Memorial Fund (EHMF) model in Gravesham, created after Elliott's death by suicide. EHMF is now in its fifth year and has received the King's Award for Voluntary Service for its contribution to the community. Its experience shows that rapid, community-funded counselling can achieve high engagement, identify safeguarding concerns and prevent escalation. STAK.life is adapting and building upon that proven model specifically for neurodivergent young people in Thanet.

This project is not a one-off intervention with a hard finish. The intention is to operate SafePoint year after year through a blended model of grants, donations, community fundraising and responsible business partnerships. First-year costs include one-off foundations, particularly secure referral software, contracts, policies and setup, which should reduce in later years. Evidence from delivery will support future funding and continuous improvement.

How the service will work

Eligibility: neurodivergent young people aged 13–18 who live or attend school in Thanet, including those awaiting assessment.

Access: child-led self-referral wherever possible, with professional referrals also accepted and rapid contact targeted within seven days.

Support: up to 12 sessions matched to need, delivered in person or online by appropriately registered and insured counsellors.

Adaptation: neuro-affirming approaches responsive to communication, sensory, cognitive, trauma and emotional-processing differences.

Safeguarding: clear policies, information-sharing arrangements, risk escalation and appropriate safeguarding intervention.

Quality: clinical supervision, progress measures, young-person feedback and ongoing review of engagement, recovery and planned endings.

Value to Margate & wider Society

Margate children will be among the first to benefit through the selected local pilot school and wider Thanet referral route. A £500 award from the Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund will almost secure one young person's core support block. It is a tangible, local result: one child seen sooner, one family less alone and one opportunity to prevent distress becoming crisis or death..

The wider social value is substantial. EHMF's neurodivergent-client data estimated approximately £22 of social value for every £1 invested, through improved wellbeing, clinical recovery, earlier support, crisis avoidance and safeguarding. SafePoint will measure its own Thanet outcomes rather than assume identical results, but the comparator gives strong reason to expect significant value.

For perspective, The two-day inquest into the death of my son, Stefan, is likely to have cost in the region of £150,000–£200,000 once the costs of the Coroner's Court, coroner and court staff, legal representation for the NHS, local authority and school, witness preparation, solicitors, barristers and administrative support are taken into account. This figure relates solely to the inquest process itself and does not include the far wider societal, healthcare and economic costs arising from Stefan's death.

Research commissioned by the Department of Health and undertaken by the Personal Social Services Research Unit at the London School of Economics estimated the average societal cost of a single suicide at approximately £1.67 million (2010/11 prices). The analysis found that around 70% of this cost—approximately £1.17 million—related to the impact on those bereaved, including reduced quality of life, mental ill health and wider social consequences for family and friends. This estimate is widely cited in UK suicide prevention policy. However, it is likely to underestimate the true lifetime cost of a child or young person's suicide, as it does not fully capture the long-term impact on bereaved families, ongoing NHS care, counselling, education, social care and wider public services. Adjusted to current values, the overall societal cost of a child or young person's suicide is likely to exceed £2 million.

Expected outcomes and social value

Improved mental health, coping, stability and recovery, measured through appropriate before-and-after wellbeing tools.

Children receiving timely, adapted help who might otherwise remain unsupported on long waiting lists.

Earlier identification of risk and appropriate safeguarding intervention.

Reduced self-harm, suicidal distress and escalation to emergency or crisis services.

Improved engagement with education and reduced risk of persistent absence, exclusion and later NEET status.

Better engagement and fewer missed sessions through flexible, child-led and neuro-affirming support.

Immense savings and reduced pressure on families, schools, health services and the wider community.

Immeasurable value in terms of human cost

Funding raised and community support

STAK.life has already raised over £60,000 towards SafePoint. Funding has come from STAK.life community events, ticketed fundraisers, individual donations, sponsored challenges, school non-uniform days and support from local business clubs. Applications and approaches have also been made to community bodies including Round Table, Rotary and the mayoral funds across Thanet.

Donations have ranged from £10 to several thousand pounds. Every penny has moved the project closer to launch, and every £550 raised secures enough funding for one child's core counselling support. This collective effort is exactly what By Community, For Community means: no gift is too small to contribute to a potentially life-changing outcome.

Direct counselling: 1,020 sessions for approx. 85 -100 full 12-session places	£56,100
Lean delivery coordination: one part-time administration role	£14,040
Insurance, safeguarding/contract setup, secure referral system, training, publicity and essential overheads	

Anticipated overall cost of Project:

	£56,100
	£14,040
	£5,800

Amount of Funding Requested:	£500 - almost enough to fund one young person's core block of specialist mental health support.
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Should your application be successful, please indicate to whom the cheque should be made payable or provide BACS details.

Cheque payable to STAK.life CIC, or BACS details available on request

Signed:		Date:	27/07/26
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A copy of your most recent audited accounts (where appropriate) must be enclosed with your application. The Charity Trustees will not consider an application without sight of the accounts.

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Application for Funding from The Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund



Company/Charity/Organisation: [REDACTED] - 1st Garlinge (Powells) Scouts

Address: 1st Garlinge Scout Hut, Hartsdown Park, Margate

Home address: [REDACTED]

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Telephone No: [REDACTED]

Please give details of project requiring funding, including any fund-raising activities undertaken or planned to aid funding, including applications made to other bodies for funding. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

My name is Thomas [REDACTED] and I am a 12-year-old Scout from 1st Garlinge (Powells) Scouts group here in Margate. We met briefly after remembrance parade last weekend and I am writing to you today because, as we discussed, I've been selected to represent Thanet and the UK at the 26th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in Gdańsk, Poland, in 2027.

The World Scout Jamboree is the largest educational event for young people globally, held only every four years. It brings together over 50,000 Scouts and Guides from nearly every country in the world for three weeks of activities focused on international peace, sustainable development, and global citizenship.

To attend this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, each participant is required to raise their own funds for the trip, which includes travel, training, equipment, and a contribution to help Scouts from less-developed nations attend. My total fundraising target is £3,600, which I'll need to raise through various fundraising activities over the next 20 months.

I am reaching out to you and the Margate Charter Trustees, for assistance in two key areas:

- **Financial Support:** I respectfully request consideration for a contribution from the Mayor's Charity Fund or any local initiative dedicated to supporting youth in Margate. Any donation, large or small, would be hugely appreciated and directly contribute to ensuring Margate is represented on the world stage.

- **Publicity and Endorsement:** Your official endorsement would be invaluable. I would be honoured if you might consider mentioning my fundraising journey in a civic newsletter, on the Mayor's official social media channels, or through an introduction to local businesses that are keen to support youth ambassadors from Margate. You also very kindly said you'd consider attending some of my fundraising events in the future, an offer which I'd really like to take you up on.

My participation is not just a personal adventure; it is an opportunity to bring back valuable leadership skills, global insights, and a commitment to community action to benefit the young people of Margate. I would be delighted to attend a Council meeting or civic event to give a brief presentation on my journey and how it will benefit our town.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the Margate community. I look forward to hearing from your office regarding any way in which you may be able to support my goal.

Anticipated overall cost of Project:

£3,600

Amount of Funding Requested:

I would be grateful for any donation you'd be willing to make.

Should your application be successful, please indicate to whom the cheque should be made payable to:



Date: 16th Nov 2025

A copy of your most recent audited accounts (where appropriate) must be enclosed with your application. The Charity Trustees will not consider an application without sight of the accounts.

The Charity Trustees are bound by the Constitution of the Charity Fund, which states that any funding granted must directly benefit the people of the Town of Margate.

It should be noted that payments from the fund are restricted to a maximum payment of £500.00 per application.

If you need help completing this form please contact the Mayors Office 01843 448590

Application for Funding from The Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund

Company/Charity/Organisation: Saturday Kitchen w St John the Baptist Church Margate

Address: St John The Baptist Church and Community Centre, Victoria Road, Margate, CT9 1LN

Contact Name:	

Telephone No:	

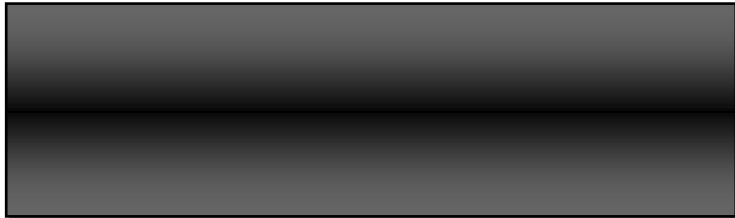
Please give details of project requiring funding, including any fund -raising activities undertaken or planned to aid funding, including applications made to other bodies for funding. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

The Saturday Kitchen started off as a small soup kitchen over the winter months to help those out in the cold with a warm place to sit and a hot meal. It soon evolved into a full service of hot food, cold food and sweet treats. Not only physical nourishment is provided but we also provide means for spiritual and mental well being for anyone who needs it. There is always someone to serve you a hot meal with a smile and also someone to talk to about your life struggles. This is where we are now. All of this is delivered by a dedicated team of volunteers who buy all the ingredients, prepare the meals and serve them out of their own time. We wish to expand these services of course by which we intend to gather volunteers with skills such as barbers/hairdressers, councillors for citizen advice and ideally anyone who has a service they can offer to those who are struggling would benefit from. We are also looking at starting a cooking class for those who wish to partake. To learn a new vocation, gain some confidence, learn to make budget friendly and nutritional meals, put time into something constructive rather than destructive and change lives. I myself got well from addiction with help from exploring my own creativity in a kitchen and I firmly believe that instilling some purpose, giving trust and offering new opportunity can change the lives of many deeply effected by the drugs and crime in Margate. This could in turn positively affect the rates violent crime, theft and anti-social behaviour in the area. This requires training, new equipment in the kitchen such as; knives, spoons and ladles, chopping boards, hand mixer, food processor and PPE such as disposable gloves and hairnets. This is all estimated to come to around £230-£250. Ingredients become costly of which around £50 a week which has mostly been upkept by the volunteers. The Church has been doing its best to reimburse the volunteers who struggle financially themselves. All in all to keep the kitchen running for 6 months with ingredients comes to around £1200.

Anticipated overall cost of Project:	£1450
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Amount of Funding Requested:	£500
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Should your application be successful, please indicate to whom the cheque should be made payable or provide BACS details.

	
	29/08/2026

A copy of your most recent audited accounts (where appropriate) must be enclosed with your application. The Charity Trustees will not consider an application without sight of the accounts.

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It should be noted that payments from the fund are restricted to a maximum payment of £500.00 per application; furthermore, applications are restricted to one per annum per organisation.

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