

SANDGATE SEA & FOOD FESTIVAL 23 & 24 AUGUST



SATURDAY 23rd (8-10pm)

Live music & stalls and our annual free firework display from the beach.

CASTLE ROAD CAR PARK MARKET 8-10pm

Wide range of food and drink from around the world.

SELECTED SEAFRONT MARKET STALLS 8-10pm

FIREWORKS FROM THE BEACH AT 9PM

Our spectacular firework display provided by Jubilee Fireworks and sponsored by the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust will take place at 9pm.

LIVE MUSIC

GRANVILLE PARADE RDH CHARITABLE TRUST STAGE

- Big Flava Band (8-10pm)

CASTLE ROAD CAR PARK ACOUSTIC STAGE

- Duncan Morris (8-9pm)

- Alex McNeice (9-10pm)

Please visit the shops, pubs, restaurants & cafes in the High Street, and the Boat House on Granville Parade. **Mimosa**, **Nepali Kitchen**, **The Ship Inn**, **Royal Norfolk Hotel & John Dory** offer food menus Saturday & Sunday. **Providence Inn** (47 SHS) and **Docker Bar** (96 Sandgate High St) open throughout the Festival. On Sunday, **Natalina's Italian Deli** (97 SHS) & **The Sandgate Deli** (88 SHS) are open 10am-4pm with delicious food & drink to eat in or take-away, and **Workshop 29** (99 SHS) and **Noyce** (90 SHS) open for shopping and browsing.

FREE PARKING IN ENBROOK PARK

Courtesy of Saga, free parking in the main SAGA car park from 7-10.30pm on Saturday 23rd, 9-5pm on Sunday 24th.

Please **ONLY** park in the car park.

Sponsored by The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, Prater Raines & Sandgate Parish Council.

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AUGUST**

**FREE
FIREWORKS
DISPLAY
9pm Saturday
23rd
August**

SUNDAY 24th (10am onwards)

Fun day for all the family with live music, stalls and entertainment along Granville Parade & throughout Sandgate.

FREE Under 10's DISCO 10-1pm

In Sandgate Library. Booking required as numbers limited. Get free tickets at [facebook.com/sandgatepc](https://www.facebook.com/sandgatepc)

SEAFRONT MARKET 10-4pm

Stalls along Granville Parade including arts, crafts, food, drink, local organisations, charities and more.

ARTS AND CRAFT MARKET 10-4pm

In the Chichester Hall (70 SHS). Wide range of arts and crafts from local artists & cafe from the Dog House.

CASTLE ROAD CAR PARK MARKET 10-4pm

Wide range of food and drink from around the world.

LIVE MUSIC (Sunday)

GRANVILLE PARADE RDH CHARITABLE TRUST STAGE

Live music right on the seafront from 10am - 3.30pm in the middle of the beachfront market.

CASTLE ROAD CAR PARK ACOUSTIC STAGE

Singers and musicians from across the district!

THE SHIP INN

Steel And Strings Steel Band right on the seafront next to the restaurant (from 4pm til the Party ends!).

THE PROVIDENCE

Swing Rat Joe singing live in the pub from 5pm.

SANDGATE MEMBERS CLUB

Donna Sings from 7pm. Non-members welcome all weekend (TV Sports and keen drink prices!).



Sandgate Parish News

News and Information from Sandgate Parish Council

August 2025

More online at www.sandgate-pc.gov.uk and www.facebook.com/sandgatepc

Use YOUR Library!



Parish Chair Tim Prater at Sandgate Library on Sandgate High Street

Sandgate Library is YOUR local library, and we'd love to see you there!

The library is located at James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street (across the road from the Saga main entrance).

Open 6 days a week, Sandgate Library has a wide range of books (including large print books), audio books and CDs to borrow, and **new books arriving all the time!**

Our range includes an extensive selection with Sandgate and Folkestone connections, including on HG Wells who lived in Sandgate.

The library also has a large range of books for children from the very earliest picture books to an extensive teen reading section.

The library has flat access from Sandgate High Street and no steps within the library. There is a wheelchair accessible public toilet and baby change facilities.

The library has two free to use public computers on height adjustable desks. There is also free wifi available.

There is a large meeting table which can be used for work / study / meetings during library hours.

Uniquely in Kent, Sandgate Library is run by Sandgate Parish Council on behalf of Kent County Council, providing a service with extended opening hours and facilities.

The library is FREE to join. Just bring two pieces of ID including one with your full address.

Please contact Gaye Thomas, the Parish Clerk / Librarian, on clerk@sandgate-pc.gov.uk or 01303 248563 if you have any enquiries or suggestions about the library.

Sandgate Library, James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate CT20 3RR

Library opening times

Monday	9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 1pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 1pm
Thursday	9.30am - 5pm
Friday	9.30am - 1pm
Saturday	9.30am - 1pm

See sandgate-pc.gov.uk/library-opening-times/ for our regular Library events and more information.



The Sandgate Farmers and Makers Market is celebrating its 15th year and its longevity is in no small way thanks to the stallholders that support it and **YOU** our community customers.

Held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month at the Chichester Hall, the Market has an array of stalls including bread, cakes, savouries, fruit and vegetables and a range of craft stalls displaying the varied talents of local artisans.

Do support the Market and ensure it will be here for another 15 years.

Thank you.



Party Time!
**23rd & 24th
August.**
See Over.

Sandgate Councillors

Councillors for Sandgate Parish Council are elected until 2027. Below is your team, all of whom are volunteers (Parish Councillors are not paid).

Sandgate Village

Hazel Barrett, Susan Claris, Michael Fitch, Gary Fuller, Kirsty Hogben, Simon Horton, Rosa Morris & Tim Prater.

Sandgate Valley

Peter Hickman, Nicola South & Guy Valentine-Neale.

Parish Council meetings are usually held on a Monday evening in Sandgate Library.

Unless stated otherwise, meetings are open to the public, and most are also live webcast to our Facebook page at facebook.com/sandgatepc

Agendas for forthcoming meetings and minutes of past ones are at sandgate-pc.org.uk/agenda-and-minutes/

You can learn more about our Councillors at:

sandgate-pc.org.uk/councillors-details/

Tim Prater and Gary Fuller are also your Folkestone and Hythe District Councillors for Sandgate and West Folkestone Ward.

Tim Prater is your County Councillor for Cheriton, Sandgate and Hythe East Division.

It's No Yoke.

Sandgate Parish Council is aware of several recent incidents involving raw eggs being thrown from passing vehicles at members of the public.

These acts are distressing and unacceptable: residents are being hurt and scared. We are working alongside our local Police Officer to address the issue swiftly.

To assist Kent Police in identifying those responsible, we urge anyone affected to log the incident using their official reporting form at:

kent.police.uk/ro/report/ and select "Report a crime".

Please also email our Parish Clerk, Gaye Thomas, at clerk@sandgate-pc.gov.uk including as much detail as possible on:

Save a Life: Learn CPR

Sandgate Parish Council owns four defibrillators in / near the Parish:

- On "The Boat House" on Granville Parade sea front;
- On Sandgate Library;
- In the BP Garage on the Esplanade;
- On the Golden Arrow pub in Enbrook Valley.

A defibrillator is a device that gives an electric shock to the heart to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

The equipment is there to save lives. It should only be used in emergencies.

The cabinet is unlocked with a code given during a 999 call.

Knowing how to give CPR and use a defibrillator can save a life.

- Time and date of the incident
- Exact location
- Vehicle description (make/model if known, colour, number of doors, and type—e.g. saloon, estate, hatchback, SUV)
- Any distinguishing features or behaviour
- Whether any photos or footage are available

Your report will help build the evidence base needed for police intervention and prevention.

Sandgate is a proud and supportive community. Together we can ensure this unacceptable behaviour is addressed.



A year ago Harrison was hit by a bus on Sandgate Esplanade. He was very seriously injured. Carl Fraser was one of the first on the scene. With training in CPR he started that and kept going until the emergency services got there.

Without Carl's quick action and skill, Harrison may not be here today.

Would you like lifesaving CPR training including using a defibrillator?

Email clerk@sandgate-pc.gov.uk.

Sea Festival Volunteers



The Sea Festival can only happen due to the support of community volunteers from across the area.

Whether acting as stewards for the fireworks display, helping us manage the car parking, acting as a "point person" on market day or joining our litter crew on Bank Holiday Monday for a tidy-up, we need you.

If you could help 23rd August evening, anytime 7am-6pm on Sunday 24th or with a morning litter pick on Monday 25th, we would love to hear from you. Please email clerk@sandgate-pc.gov.uk

More from SPC

We know: who wouldn't want to hear more from the Parish Council?

Join 600+ residents who receive SPC newsletters no more than weekly.

Additionally, post notifications give more regular updates including council agendas, minutes and news.

Subscribe to Sandgate Parish Council newsletter and / or post notifications at:

sandgate-pc.gov.uk/email-updates-and-newsletters/

Speedwatch

Speedwatch is a volunteer scheme to make our roads safer. A group of 3 people use a roadside speed indicator device or handheld speed camera to monitor the speed of approaching traffic.

It acts as a good reminder to motorists to keep to the limit. It also gives Kent Police data to understand if there is a lot of speeding in a certain road, and to target their resources at monitoring them. The Police cannot issue penalties on the basis of Speedwatch data alone, but can issue warnings.



Sandgate Parish Council has a part share in a Speed Indication Device, and our own handheld speed camera. We have been running Speedwatch sessions across Sandgate since early 2024, but to keep doing so we need new volunteers willing to join the team.

Sessions only happen during daylight hours, in Police approved locations, with trained volunteers. You'll never be working alone.

Would you register to get involved in helping our area cut traffic speeds with Speedwatch?

sandgate-pc.gov.uk/join-sandgate-speedwatch/

West & North Road

Our Speedwatch sessions locally have flagged West and North Road as having the highest rates of speeding in the Parish.

The speed limit there is 30mph but regularly being broken, with some cars in excess of 50mph. With more and more houses and people along the roads, this is really dangerous.

We are working with Kent Highways to get "reminder" speed signs along those roads. Kent Police also now know it is a hot spot and are conducting speed check sessions.

Spring Gold!

New this year - the Esplanade wild flower corridor along Battery Point.

Its been a riot of colour, good for the environment, and requires less watering than hanging baskets (so good for the budget too!).

It'll keep coming back each year, hopefully better than ever each time as it self-seeds!

We're delighted with it, and the feedback we've had from many others suggests we're not alone!



Twenty IS Plenty!

Thank you to all residents who have campaigned and supported a 20mph zone through the centre of Sandgate for years. Finally, last year, we got the agreement of Kent County Council to go ahead!

We have been through informal and formal consultations, and cleared both. Detailed plans and costs are now being drawn up.



The Parish Council, and District Councillors Tim and Gary, have found the funding for the scheme, which we hope will be installed in late summer or the autumn.

Many local residents want a larger 20mph zone, but there is a limit to what we can get right now. We hope the success of this scheme will justify its extension.

Granville Parade Survey

Sandgate Parish Council is applying for the beach at Granville Parade in Sandgate to be formally designated as a bathing beach (really - it currently isn't!).

If we succeed, we hope the Environment Agency will then do water quality testing at this location.

Sandgate Parish Council has therefore started a consultation process to get views about our proposal for Granville Parade beach in Sandgate to be formally designated as a bathing water.

We welcome responses from as many local people, organisations and businesses as possible.

Learn more about this project and take part in our consultation at:

sandgate-pc.gov.uk/bathing-water-application-consultation/

Sprucing Sandgate

Volunteers are key to keeping Sandgate beautiful! Our Sandgate Sprucers are local residents who take on small village improvement projects, from planting beds and troughs through to preserving our Imperial cannon!

We were also delighted to have help from teams from Folkestone and MoD contractors Vinci, who recently tackled painting up bins and railings through the area.

If you'd be available for an hour or so a week from time to time and could join some sprucing sessions please drop an email to clerk@sandgate-pc.gov.uk: we'll be in touch!

