

# Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

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<b>Title of paper</b>	<b>Ebbsfleet Living</b>
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<b>Sub-committee</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>

<b>Purpose of Paper and Executive Summary</b>	
To update EDC Board on progress and activities related to community building in Ebbsfleet Garden City during May 2019.	
<b>EDC business plan and KPIs</b>	Matters covered will impact on some or all of the priorities within the business plan and associated KPIs
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>  The Board is asked to <b>NOTE</b> the update
<b>Annexes</b>	None
<b>Delegation</b>	Not applicable

<b>Financial impact</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Legal impact</b>	There are no legal implications associated with this paper.
<b>Stakeholder impact</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Sponsor impact</b>	Not applicable.

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## 1. Community building activities and events during May 2019

To conclude the 'Chalk and Cheese project' which was part of 'the Gathering' programme, funded by NHS England Healthy New Towns, we held two extra workshops during April and May, with Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services, in Northfleet. Both workshops were both fun, yet pushed participants into doing new, or more experimental processes than they were used to. One workshop focused on the use of fabrics, flowers and natural dyes and the other on the use of petals, leaves and herbs. The groups included both carers and people living locally with dementia.

We will continue to work with local artists and community groups to promote the use of arts and culture to activate new and existing communities and to develop new skills and interests and to build on the experience from our Healthy New Town projects and programmes.



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2. During May, EDC welcomed Year 7 students from **Ebbfleet Academy** to visit us at the Observatory as part of their studies around regeneration and gaining a better understanding of their local area. We also facilitated a design workshop with the students to involve them in designing a new park for the Garden City. Students really enjoyed working in teams to think about who would use parks, what facilities they would need and how parks can function as community spaces.

As we develop the new Ebbfleet City Parks going forward we will continue to develop this work with local young people in order that new parks spaces deliver on their aspirations and hopes for future spaces in the Garden City.



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3. EDC have successfully partnered with Kent County Council Library Services to secure funding from Arts Council England to develop creative practice in early years settings. The Hive House in Northfleet is one of four libraries across Kent taking part in the pilot where children face the greatest challenges. Pre-school children & families are being supported to embrace arts and creativity in order to:
- increase awareness of the positive impact of creativity & that interactive creative play is vital for the healthy development of young children
  - overcome barriers to access quality art & culture
  - encourage families & practitioners to develop confidence & skills in using creativity with their children, strengthening communication & family bonding

A series of weekly artist-led activities for pre-school children and their families are being hosted with 113 children and their parents have attended the Northfleet project to date. The project will act as a pilot to inform the development of a larger programme exploring the impact of creativity in early years and will contribute to the development of childcare facilities in the Garden City.



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4. The Community Investment Fund will be supporting **Cambria Sea Scouts** in Greenhithe to refurbish a new boat that they have recently acquired. The Sea Scouts will be promoting their upcoming Summer Regatta in the new communities in the Garden City in the coming weeks and their new vessel will increase their capacity to introduce local people to all of the great leisure opportunities that the River Thames gives.



## 5. Forward Look

EDC is planning 2 **neighbourhood 'street party'** style events in Ebbsfleet Green and at Castle Hill Village Centre during the Summer. The events will be developed with local community champions to encourage new residents to meet their neighbours and to promote social cohesion between neighbourhoods and with existing communities, whilst showcasing local talent within the Ebbsfleet area. The events will consist of a range of physical activities, local food and music. Existing community groups have been invited to join the fun and showcase the activities that they're running across the Garden City

The **edible garden at St Peter and St Pauls** church in Swanscombe will be open on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The annual **Northfleet Carnival** will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019.