

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

Board Meeting Part One
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Title of paper	Ebbsfleet Living
Prepared by	Ian Piper, Chief Executive Kevin McGeough, Head of Strategy and Placemaking
Sub-committee	Not applicable

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

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

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Community building activities and events during June 2019

1. On 10 June 2019, members of the **Swanscombe and Northfleet Local History Groups** visited the Springhead Bridge construction site. Attendees were given an overview presentation by the site team and were updated about progress to date on site, together with an introduction to some of the exciting finds that have been uncovered during the construction period.

The History Group were able to walk out on to the pontoon which currently sits on the River Ebbsfleet. EDC will be working with this group and other interested community organisations to raise awareness of local history and heritage connected to the river valley and to integrate finds with our future community infrastructure provision.



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- The **Edible Ebbsfleet Garden at St. Peter and St. Paul's** Community Centre officially opened on 30th June 2019 with attendance by a wide section of residents from new and existing communities. The garden has transformed derelict space around the community centre which can now be used by a wide range of local people and interest groups from the scouts to the older persons lunch club.

Construction and funding of the Edible Garden was a great example of partnership working with seed funding from EDC attracting further investment from Henley Camland and Jackson's Construction, illustrating how local people can get social value from the growth around Ebbsfleet Garden City.



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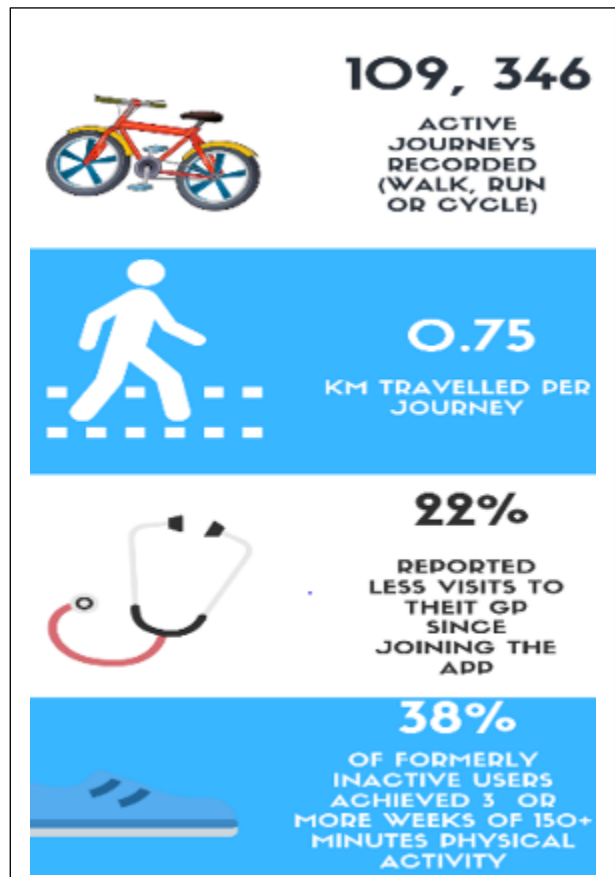
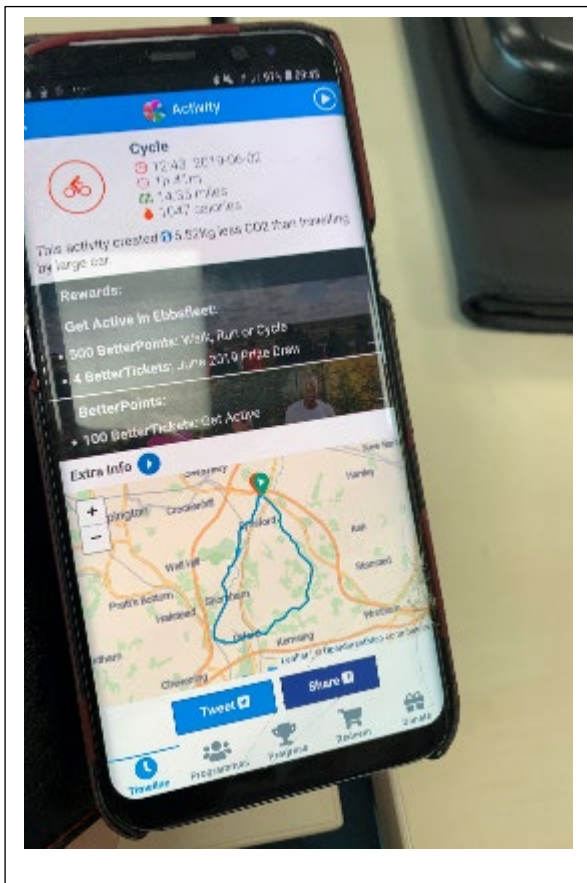
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3. June has been a great month for our **'Get Active in Ebbsfleet'** campaign. A targeted 'refer a friend' campaign by Better Points saw us exceed our target of 1000 active users for the first time. Use of 'Better Points' across Dartford and Gravesham, including at Ebbsfleet Garden City continues to be one of the most successful and sustained uses of the application nationally.

The lucky 1000th user and their friend received £100 of Eurostar vouchers, with a similar amount being donated to their favourite charity.

The Better Points application at Ebbsfleet has also been shortlisted for a prestigious 'Kudos Award' by Kent Sport, for its innovation and success in engaging some of the most inactive residents in physical activity. Residents have recorded over 100,000 KMs in activity to date, and 22% of them have said that they have visited their GP less often since joining the application.

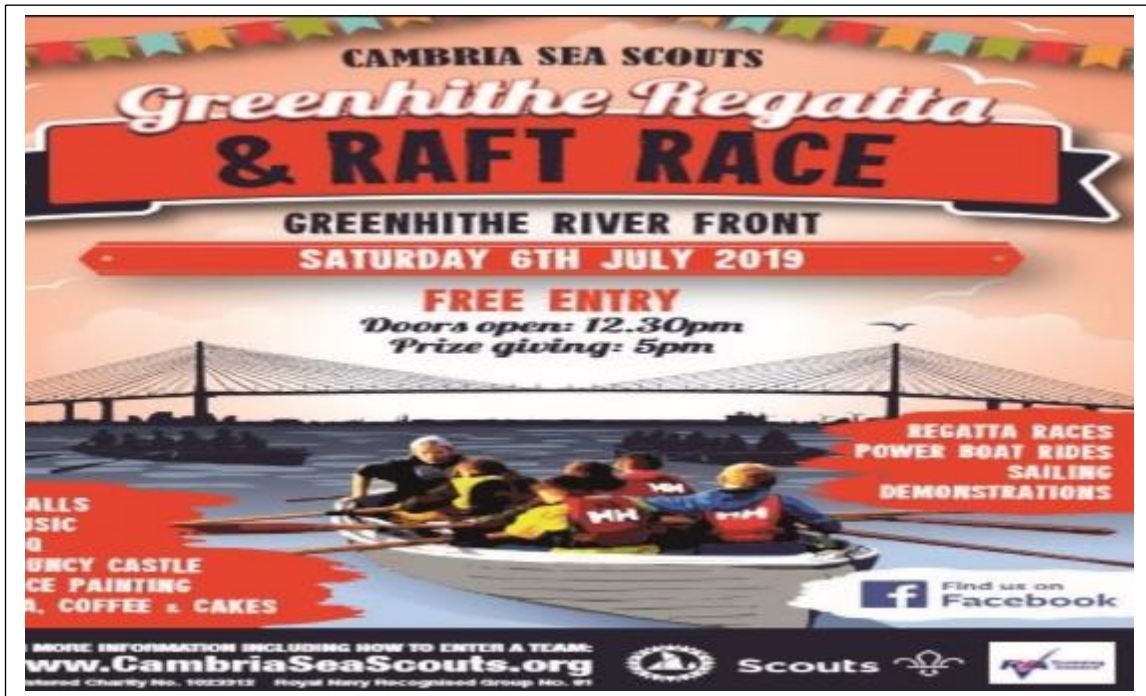


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4. Thanks to an investment from EDC's Community Investment Fund, the **Cambria Sea Scouts** in Greenhithe can see a bright future, with a new boat currently under refurbishment. The group held a regatta on 6th July and spent the 2 weeks prior to this engaging with the new residents of Ebbsfleet Garden City to ensure they were aware of and felt welcomed to the event.



5. During June, EDC welcomed a group of year 12 geography students from Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School in Rochester as part of their studies around regeneration. Students visited Castle Hill, Swanscombe and Northfleet; including a visit to the viewing platform at the Observatory.

Students then attended a workshop with EDC staff where they helped us to explore ideas around new community infrastructure provision for a garden city. EDC, values working with local schools and those from across the wider Kent area as a great way both to share what we are doing or planning to do, and to have a fresh perspective from the workers and potential residents of the future.

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6. Forward look

- The Cherry Orchard School Fair will take place in the school grounds on 12th July 2019
- The Dartford Festival will take place on the 13th and 14th of July in Central Park, Dartford. This free festival is one of the largest and most successful in the local area.
- The latest of our Healthy Walks, as part of the ‘Get active in Ebbsfleet’ campaign will take place in Castle Hill on 19th July – this is free to attend, and everyone is welcome.
- The Northfleet Gathering will be held at The Hill, on 10th August 2019.
- The Ingress Park Annual Family Fun Day will be held on 13th and 14th August in Ingress Park.
- The Castle Hill Community Fair will be held on 30th August 2019, this will be facilitated by EDC but will support local ideas and ambitions.

Events in EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY

12 July 2019
Cherry Orchard School Fair

13-14 July 2019
Dartford Festival

19 July 2019
Healthy City Walk – see Miriam for details

19 July 2019
Hive house library fun day, The Hive, Northfleet 2.30-4.30

10 August 2019
Northfleet Gathering 11-2pm, The Hill, Northfleet

2,3,4 August 2019
Waterfront weekend, Gravesend Town Pier Square

4 August 2019
Penn Park 1pm (Springhead) picnic - hosted by Eastgate

30 August 2019
Castle Hill Community Fair (delivered by EDC) 1-6pm at Cherry Orchard school

September 2019
Ebbsfleet Green Community Fair delivered by EDC 6pm

Mid September 2019
(date TBC) Healthy City Walk no2

And watch out for

October Edible Ebbsfleet Harvest Festival

November Ebbsfleet festival of light

December a Christmas Gathering