

# Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

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<b>Title of paper</b>	<b>Ebbsfleet Living</b>
<b>Presented by</b>	<b>Kevin McGeough, Head of Strategy and Placemaking</b>
<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 January / February 2020	
<b>EDC business plan and KPIs</b>	Matters covered will impact on some or all the priorities within the business plan and associated KPIs
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>
<b>Annexes</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Delegation</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Financial impact</b>	Activities funded by EDC are from within existing approved budgets
<b>Legal impact</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Stakeholder impact</b>	Paper records community activities and events across the Ebbsfleet Garden City, including those delivered directly or funded by EDC.
<b>Sponsor impact</b>	Supports EDC delivery of our Garden City objectives.

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## 1. Introduction

1.1. This paper sets out community building activity across the Ebbsfleet Garden City area over the January / February 2020 period.

1.2. This paper will distinguish as far as is possible activities and events which have been:

- Delivered by EDC directly
- Delivered by the community, or local stakeholders themselves with EDC Funding
- Delivered by the community or local stakeholders themselves without EDC intervention.
- Delivered by EDC partners or through a partnership with EDC for the benefit of local with EDC or third-party funding

## 2. Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board

2.1 Following a call for interest from local people to join the Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board, EDC have appointed 7 resident members to join the advisory board to EDC Board. The resident members live across the Garden City, including Castle Hill, Ebbsfleet Green and Springhead Park.

2.2 The first meeting of the Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board will take place 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Cherry Orchard School, Castle Hill.

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## 3. Community Activity during January / February 2020

### 3.1. Activity delivered directly by EDC

In January EDC officers have attended a meeting of an emerging Residents Association on Springhead Park. Discussion revolved mainly around the day to day operation of Springhead Bridge and officers will attend a future meeting of the Association along with the team from the bridge to feedback and answer residents' questions.

EDC Officers gave an update to Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council. Key topics for discussion included primary health provision, construction traffic, parks and open spaces, schools and Alker den Barn on Whitecliffe. Conversation also focused on the Town Council's aspirations for Swanscombe Heritage Park.

Following previous feedback from local residents, EDC Officers now produce a monthly poster to be displayed in key locations across the Garden City, highlighting a variety of events and activities happening in Ebbsfleet in the month ahead.

**FEBRUARY IN**  **EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY**

**THE WINTER GATHERING**  
CASTLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE & CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY  
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY  
17:00 - 20:00

**PARENT & TODDLER SPACE PARTY**  
GRAVITY, BLUEWATER  
SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY (09:00 - 10:00, 10:00 - 11:00)

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
YE OLDE LEATHER BOTTEL, NORTHFLEET  
SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY (19:30 - 23:55)

**FREE NETWORKING EVENT**  
KENT SPACE, SPRINGHEAD ENTERPRISE PARK  
WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY (17:30 - 20:00)

**GRAVESEND FLOODLIT 10K & 5K SERIES**  
CYCLOPARK, GRAVESEND  
THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY (19:30 - 22:00)

**FEMALE BUSINESS MASTERCLASS**  
JOHN LEWIS, BLUEWATER  
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY (10:30 - 12:30)

**KARAOKE WITH DOUBLE D**  
YE OLDE LEATHER BOTTEL, NORTHFLEET  
SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY (20:00 - 23:30)

**FUNKY FRIDAY OVER 30S NIGHT**  
SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE LEGION SOCIAL CLUB  
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY (19:00 - 00:00)

**ZUMBA CLASS EVERY MONDAY**  
Eastgate Community Centre (18:15)

*keep your eyes peeled for*  
**THE OPENING OF SPRINGHEAD BRIDGE**  
Spring 2020

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## 3.2. Community activity funded by EDC

### Creative Ideas Fund

The Creative Ideas Fund, our small grant programme for community-led creative projects and groups continues to be popular. So far we have funded a range of activities including: Street Dance for Early Years at Northfleet Veterans Club; Art and play sessions for children with autism and their parents at Swanscombe Church Hall; a Book Club at Castle Hill; Community Yoga classes for toddlers & parents, using singing, dancing, & stretches at Eastgate Community Centre; and 4 Community Film Screenings – the first of which is Toy Story 4 at Castle Hill Community Centre.

Many of the recipients of Creative Ideas funding will also attend the Winter Gathering to promote their new activities.

**FLIX  
IN THE  
STIX**

**FREE SCREENING  
TOY STORY 4**

**FREE POPCORN!**

**AND WHY NOT DRESS  
UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE  
TOY STORY CHARACTER?**

**JOIN US AT 6PM  
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH**  
CASTLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHERRY ORCHARD RD

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET ONLINE AT  
FACEBOOK.COM/BLUEPRINTFILMFOUNDATION**

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY, PLEASE VISIT EBBSFLEETDC.ORG.UK

Blueprint Film Foundation Ebbsfleet

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## Community Investment Fund

The EDC Community Investment Fund has supported the Ebbsfleet Academy Junior Archers to attend a national archery competition and to purchase new equipment which will allow them to grow their group and support their participants to progress as archers. We wish them the best of luck at the competition.

The Community Investment Fund also agreed to fund equipment for a youth TV production club, Boom TV, which is based in Castle Hill. The group will be writing their own scripts and learning to use all the equipment. Recruitment of the local community cast to act in a pilot sketch show is in progress.

**CASTING**

**Sunday 9th February 2020  
at Ebbsfleet Academy**

Boom TV is a Production Team made up of young aspiring Script Writers and Film Makers and we are looking for budding actors with great comedy skills to be in our Pilot Sketch Show.

**We are looking for the following:**

**Adults**  
Aged 25+  
(no age limit)

**Children**  
Aged 4 to 11

**Please email [talent@theboomacademy.com](mailto:talent@theboomacademy.com)**

You will be sent full casting details, an allocated casting time (between 12pm and 5pm) and a sample of script to practice beforehand.

*Please note we are looking for ALL shapes, sizes, ethnicities and backgrounds, you do not have to have any acting experience but if you would like to be a part of this exciting project then get in touch.*

**The BOOM ACADEMY**

**Ebbsfleet DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**BOOM TV**

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### 3.3. Directly delivered community and stakeholder activity

Ebbsfleet Academy held a careers fair during January which was well attended by both parents and students. EDC and a number of our partner developers and contractors attended to raise awareness of the careers opportunities that are emerging at Ebbsfleet Garden City, particularly with construction skills and careers in mind.

EDC would like to express our gratitude to Countryside Properties, Ebbsfleet International and Network Rail, Erith Earthworks, Barton Willmore, The Learning Shop at Bluewater, Balfour Beatty and the Arcadis team at Springhead Bridge for their help in staging a successful event.

EDC also had a presence at the Northfleet Technology College Careers Fair, also in January.



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## 3.4. Partnership community activity

### Winter Gathering

The Winter Gathering took place at Castle Hill Community Centre and Cherry Orchard Primary School on 7<sup>th</sup> February. The city-wide event attracted between 400 and 500 local residents from the Garden City and attracted significant interest from neighbouring communities also.

The event was curated by local arts organisation LV21 in collaboration with local schools and stakeholder groups. The event combined magical outdoor illuminations and installations with creative hands-on 'have a go' indoor activities across artforms, and a tasty warming food and drink offer focused on local recipes and produce. Local artists, communities, volunteers and young people are being invited to share ideas and were enabled to show their work alongside professional artists.

The event was also used to engage with local people about their ambitions for future events which will report back to EDC Board at a future date.



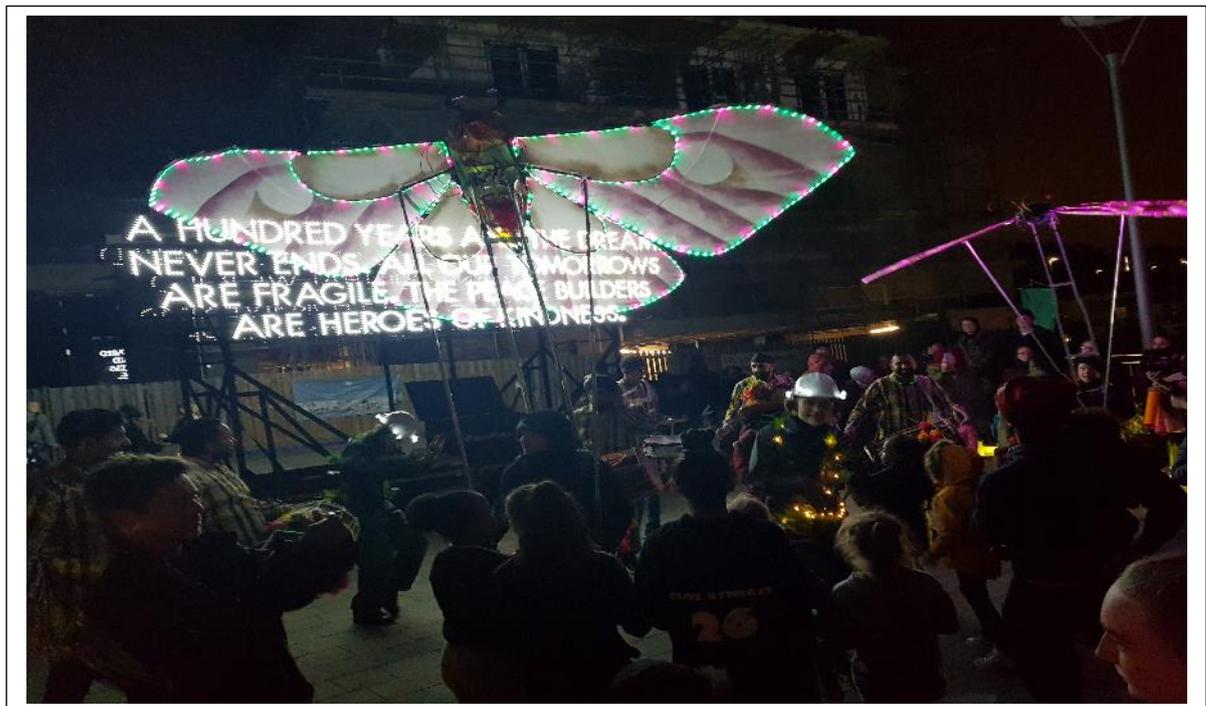
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## The Winter Gathering



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## 4. Forward Look

### **Bridging Communities – ‘party on the bridge’**

EDC have appointed Emergency Exit Arts (EEA) to manage and deliver an event celebrating the opening of Springhead Bridge. The event is provisionally scheduled for Saturday 18th April and EEA will spend this month working to further develop their initial event idea with the local community

### **Think Up! A creative foundation programme for schools in North Kent**

Our creative schools programme is also proving popular with local primary and secondary schools. School meet ups and visits with ‘Think Up’ artists are taking place w/c 2nd March & w/c 9th March along with a Schools and Artist planning and pairing ‘Away Day’ onboard LV21 on Fri 6th March.

Cultural Champion Teacher CPD sessions are booked for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March 4-6pm. The new primary schools due to open September 2020 at Ebbsfleet Green & Springhead are both really keen to explore opportunities for Artsmark, embedding arts and culture within the new curriculum and developing a local cultural learning partnership. Both have signed up for Cultural Champion sessions and further collaboration is planned with Springhead Primary around their mural commission with prospective parents / children in March.

All schools involved in Think Up! have been invited to participate in Kent Music’s Recorder Festival at Eastgate 30<sup>th</sup> March and to develop new work in school.

Conversations and planning for a next phase in partnership with Royal Opera House Bridge’s Trailblazer programme are also taking place.

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# MARCH IN EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY



**Sowing Seeds with Caroline Halfpenny**  
THURS 5 MARCH (10:30 - 11:30)  
Millbrook Garden Centre, Southfleet

**Iron Pier Brewery Tour**  
SUNDAY 8 MARCH (12:00 - 13:30)  
Iron Pier Beer, Gravesend

**Funky Friday Over 30's Night**  
FRIDAY 6 MARCH (19:00 - 00:00)  
Greenhithe Legion Social Club, Greenhithe

**Community Film Screening (Toy Story)**  
SAT 14 MARCH (18:00 - 21:00)  
Castle Hill Community Centre

**Reggae Night with Michael Seraphim**  
FRIDAY 6 MARCH (20:00 - 23:00)  
Ye Olde Coach & Horses Inn, Northfleet

**To the Lighthouse  
A Guided Walk Around the Swanscombe Peninsula**  
SAT 21 MARCH (14:00 - 17:00)  
Swanscombe Station

**International Women's Day 5km Park Run**  
SAT 7 MARCH (09:00 - 11:00)  
CycloPark, Gravesend

**Gravesend Floodlit 10k & 5k Series (Race 6)**  
THURS 26 MARCH (19:30 - 22:00)  
CycloPark, Gravesend

**A Musical Journey Around the British Isles**  
SAT 7 MARCH (19:30 - 21:00)  
Northfleet School for Girls, Northfleet

**Grease vs Dirty Dancing Party**  
SAT 28 MARCH (19:30 - 23:45)  
The Pavilion, Swanscombe