

Some Help for Businesses on Romney Marsh.

Funding.

Marsh Million Business Boost Loan Scheme

- Interest free loans repayable over 5 years
- £2,500 to £50,000
- Up to 50 employees
- Support available from Enterprise First (see below)

www.kent.gov.uk/business/business-loans-and-funding/marsh-business-boost-loan-scheme

Shepway District Council Apprenticeship Grants

- Up to £1,500 per apprentice – varies by sector and location
- Maximum 3 apprentices per business

www.shepway.gov.uk/business/economic-regeneration/shepway-apprenticeship-scheme

Shepway District Council Discretionary Rate Relief

- A business in a priority sector and located in a key employment area will be eligible for up to 100% business rate relief (capped at £40,000)
- A business in a priority sector or located in a key employment area will be eligible for up to 50% relief (capped at £20,000)
- A business not in a priority sector or located in a key employment area may still be eligible for rate relief, if it can demonstrate substantial job creation in 2015/16 (capped at £40,000)

www.shepway.gov.uk/business/economic-regeneration/discretionary-rate-relief-scheme-2015

Kent Downs & Marshes LEADER

- Starting Autumn 2015
- Grants expected to be up to £50,000
 - Contact Huw Jarvis - huw.jarvis@kent.gov.uk - 03000 417 104

Business Support and Advice.

Enterprise First

- Funded by Shepway District Council
- 1:1 sessions for pre-starts and more established businesses
- supports applications under the Marsh Million Loan Scheme
 - Contact Julie Waller - 07523 086 638 – julie.waller@enterprisefirst.co.uk

<http://www.shepway.gov.uk/business/economic-regeneration/start-up-and-existing-business-support>

Visit Kent Tourism Business Advisory Scheme

- All tourism businesses are eligible for a free advice visit
- Shepway District Council contributes to the costs of the service and is keen for local tourism businesses to take it up
 - Contact Peter Birnie - 07939 687 555 - peter.birnie@visitkent.co.uk

Pro-actions Business Briefings.

- Recently started in Shepway
- Free sessions on topics including:-
 - Marketing
 - Business Planning
 - Time management
 - Profit and cash
- Contact Alan Shilling:-
 - allan.shilling@pro-actions.com
 - Tel: 03333 440 517
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 - www.pro-actions.com

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce

- Professional advice, guidance and information for new start-ups and established businesses looking to grow
- Business briefings and other events
- Contact Richard Lavender:-
 - Richard@kentinvictachamber.co.uk
 - 01233 503838
 - www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk/

Kent County Council

- Advice on a wide range of funding and other support
- <http://www.kent.gov.uk/business>

“Finance and support for your business”

- Central government search engine to identify government-backed support and finance for business, including:
 - business support e.g. mentoring, consultancy
 - funding for small and medium-sized businesses and start-ups
 - www.gov.uk/business-finance-support-finder

Romney Marsh Partnership (RMP)

RMP was established in 2012 to support the area's economy, particularly in the context of nuclear decommissioning at Dungeness.

Partners include Magnox, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, EDF, and Dungeness SSG; Shepway, Ashford, Rother, Kent and East Sussex Councils; the Marsh Academy and Romney Resource Centre; Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce; the Rye Partnership and Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

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