

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

Local Produce Partnership

Is the new community food growing project on the railway side of St Peter's Footpath, at Dane Valley Allotments, Margate

Grant Funded By

Big Lottery Fund, Local Food Programme

The Windmill Community Allotment Project (WCAP) is pleased and excited to announce that it has been successful in its application for funding to the Big Lottery Fund, Local Food Programme.

The 3 years of funding is to deliver a new project in partnership with a variety of local organisations including children's centres, food growers, colleges and training providers.

The **aim** is to create a new community Market Garden on a 1 acre previously derelict allotment site). The Local Produce Partnership (LPP) will make local, sustainably produced, affordable food available to the Thanet community through a box scheme and other community distribution networks, whilst delivering training, volunteering, work experience placements and employment opportunities and stimulating local economic activity.

The Site

The land, owned by the Thanet District Council (TDC) and leased by WCAP is situated at the end of St Peter's Footpath, near to Draper's Mill School. The rear of the land backs onto the railway line and the entrance faces the cycle path and Dane Valley Allotments.

The ground has been cleared and green manures (vetch and rye) have been sown. Native hedge planting was started last winter and plans to be completed this winter.

The rest of the site infrastructure, including installing a polytunnel and 2 steel storage containers is hoped to be completed over the winter, ready for spring sowing and planting.

Job Recruitment

Please see Job advertisement and details for a Box scheme/food distribution coordinator on the 'working at Millmead pages'

Volunteer opportunities

(see flyer)

Quote from Averil Schram , Director of MCCPL

“The Local Produce Partnership presents a fantastic opportunity to maximise local skills and aspirations to grow local organic produce for the local community for sale from accessible pick up points. This will both create jobs and strengthen the local economy whilst improving the health of our local community”