

Appendix 3 Recovery and Renewal Action Plan

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES					
<p>Support and Encourage Volunteering in the Borough.</p>	<p>£25,000 Recovery Fund</p>	<p>Jun-21</p>	<p>Oct-22</p>	<p>Increase in the number of volunteers, volunteering in the Borough and as a consequence more community initiatives delivered. Work with Involve to develop an indicator</p>	<p>Volunteering & Funding online event held on 20 July 2023, focussing on supporting VCS organisations with funding opportunities and managing and supporting volunteers. Presentations with information and advice were given by: National Lottery Space Hive & Crowd Fund Kent Refer Kent MBC Community Larder Imago</p> <p>Representatives from the below 14 organisations attended: Involve Street Pastors The Stones Community Trust Maidstone Interfaith Network Headcorn Community Group Hi Kent MADM Tenterden Counselling Maidstone Operatic Society CAB Maidstone WINTER shelters St Martin’s Church Mid Kent Motor Neurone Assoc. The Princess Project Making Miracles</p> <p>Event was well received with interest on this becoming a regular forum. The Next event will be held in November.</p>

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<p>Community Resilience Fund</p>	<p>£150,000 Recovery Fund</p>	<p>Oct-21</p>	<p>Oct-24</p>	<p>30 projects delivered by a variety of community and voluntary sector groups and organisations.</p>	<p>The latest round of funding was to support projects to help improve mental health through a range of activities and therapies across the borough, and to a range of different groups. 45 Projects received funding to the Value of just over £54K.</p> <p>Projects included A mobile sight centre to increase access to community support for those affected by sight loss. Improved community facilities, social groups, support groups for men. Sessions for those experienced or beginners in Fishing to learn a new sport and to chat and animal therapies amongst other projects.</p> <p>Just under £60K remains and discussions have started as to how to maximise the effectiveness of this pot of money.</p>
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<p>Online Community Participation</p>	<p>£15,000 Recovery Fund</p>	<p>Sep-21</p>		<p>Online tool in place and used to successfully engage with the public on projects and initiatives.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Establish Community Compact</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>May-21</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Partnership in place between the community and voluntary sector and the council. Joint projects completed and greater resilience achieved.</p>	<p>Project closed</p>
<p>Love Where You Live and Get Involved.</p>	<p>£35,000 Recovery Fund</p>	<p>Sep-21</p>	<p>Sep-22</p>	<p>8 community environmental projects delivered. Civic Pride increased as measured by the Residents' Survey. Baseline the number of participants in the project.</p>	<p>Complete</p>