



# YOUR HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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## HOMES FOR UKRAINE

We fully support the Government's approach and tenants who wish to help those affected and will help where we can. Just a few things to remember in relation to complying with your tenancy agreement with Medway Council should you wish to register via the Government's website.

### **If you're thinking about supporting a family, please be aware**

- You will need to seek written permission from the council.
- We will need to check that your home will not become overcrowded.
- You will need to provide the council with the names of who is staying with you.

- You must continue to pay your rent and any arrears.
- You must not move out of your home and let someone else live there without you.
- You must be able to offer a room for at least 6 months.
- You will be responsible for the behaviour of anyone in your home.
- The Government has advised that there will be an optional £350 a month “Thank you” payment for as long as you sponsor a family. This will be paid in arrears. This payment should not affect any benefit entitlement or Council Tax Single Persons Discount.

Tenants should check the details of the scheme and Government advice:

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/?msclkid=d3ca935eae9911eca6ead70a8abdb14a>

## **TENANCY TEAM PERFORMANCE**

Every month we share our performance with you, reporting on the work that we've done. This infographic shows how the Tenancy Team performed in February!

Tenancy Team Infographic  
1 February – 28 February 2022



## TALK TO MEARS

Do you have a repairs question or issue? Mears will be at Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR on Thursday 7th April between 4pm - 7pm to talk to you! Please book your slot for this session by emailing [tenant.participation@medway.gov.uk](mailto:tenant.participation@medway.gov.uk) or calling 01634 337533.






Have a repairs question or issue? Come and speak with Mears.  
To book your slot, please email [tenant.participation@medway.gov.uk](mailto:tenant.participation@medway.gov.uk).



**THURSDAY 7 APRIL**  
4PM - 7PM



**GUN WHARF,**  
**DOCK ROAD**

## EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

We are working with the Sunlight Development Trust to bring you a FREE Family Fun Day on Thursday 7th April at the Sunlight Centre in Gillingham! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 11am, Free Lunch Buffet at 12pm and then a Make a Windchime session from 1pm to 3pm. Children of all ages are welcome to join and get involved. No need to book, just come along!

**sunlight**  
development trust

**Medway**  
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No need to book!

# Family Fun Day

Thursday 7th April  
Sunlight Centre, Gillingham

EASTER EGG HUNT	11AM	MAKE A WINDCHIME	1PM -
FREE LUNCH	12PM		3PM

## FREE KIDS EASTER ACTIVITIES

A promotional graphic for MedwayGo Easter activity clubs. The background is purple. On the left, the text 'MedwayGo' is in a white, stylized font, followed by 'Book now!' in a larger, bold white font. Below that, it says 'Easter holiday activity clubs for 5-16 year olds' in a smaller white font. At the bottom left, a white box with a blue dotted border contains the website 'go.medway.gov.uk'. On the right, a black and white photo of a young girl with a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt and a wristband, is shown holding a tennis racket. She is surrounded by colorful Easter flowers (yellow, red, blue) and a series of concentric blue circles.

Now booking – FREE kids’ Easter activities!

MedwayGo holiday activity clubs start on Monday 4th April. Choose from fun activities, including sports, dance, drama and arts and crafts! Activities are free if your child is aged 5 to 16 year olds and has benefits-related free school meals.

For more information, visit [go.medway.gov.uk](http://go.medway.gov.uk).

## E-CIGARETTE MYTH BUSTING

### Are e-cigarettes regulated?

E-cigarettes are regulated under the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 and must meet minimum standards of quality and safety.

### E-cigarettes contain nicotine, are they harmful?

Nicotine is the reason people become addicted to smoking. However, evidence shows that nicotine causes minimal risk of harm to health. It is the thousands of other chemicals in tobacco smoke that cause the most harm to health.

E-cigarette vapour does not contain tar or carbon monoxide which are the most harmful elements in tobacco smoke. E-cigarettes are not risk free but are far less harmful than cigarettes. Take a look at this video to see the difference - [click here](#)

### **Is exposure to e-cigarette vapour harmful to bystanders?**

Current evidence has found no identified health risks of passive vaping to the health of bystanders. The vapour does contain some chemicals also found in tobacco smoke, but at much lower levels!

Medway Stop Smoking Service is an e-cigarette friendly service. To help you quit your way, why not get in touch with us and take a look at the FREE support options we have available.

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