



Maidstone Climate Action Network

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New Bikes From Old



In August, 29 abandoned bikes stored at the Maidstone West railway station, were transferred to the charity shop, Making A Difference Maidstone (MADM) by Maidstone Climate Action Network, Station Adopter of Maidstone West Station.

The bikes were checked & most of them will be sold straight away by MADM, but 7 bikes will be refurbished by Alex Jibb, the bike repairer at Maidstone Repair Cafe, seen here with daughter Maggie. Taylor Edwards from Southeastern railway and Vincent Jasper, Maidstone CAN are seen taking a break after moving the bikes.

Thanks to the Kent Community Rail Partnership for helping to arrange this.

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Repair Cafe



LAST EVENT STATS

On 6th of September we hosted our latest edition of Maidstone Repair Cafe. Footfall was excellent with 302 people visiting, this is the second highest ever number of visitors 305.

97 - Total items brought in
58 - Fixed
27 - Repairable
12 - End of Life

The biggest thank you as always, goes to the amazing group of Repairers & Volunteers who dedicate their time to the Repair Cafe. Their level of skill & problem solving is amazing.

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The next Maidstone Repair is on Saturday 1st November
NOTE, WE DO NOT HAVE AN OCTOBER EVENT.



181st Maidstone West Station Anniversary

Maidstone CAN will deliver a presentation to Kent Community Rail Partnership to mark the 181st anniversary of rail services to Maidstone West Station. Maidstone CAN recently became the station adopter at the station and is implementing plans to improve biodiversity and the environment.

We are very happy to ask that you open your diary and save the date and time, 25 September 2025 14:00 - 16:00, to attend a short celebration commemorating the 181st Anniversary of the inauguration of rail service at Maidstone West Station.

The celebration will take place in the Ticket Office at Maidstone West from 14:15 where a presentation will be made by Maidstone Climate Action Network, the new station adopter, together with Kent Community Rail Partnership.

You are invited to take refreshments, tea or coffee, after at the Lockmeadow entertainment complex where we will have the opportunity to get to know one another better and talk about future plans. We expect the event will finish around 16:00.

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How Clean is Our Water?

Litterpicking and Water testing, together these actions can protect our RiverMedway. How clean our water is can be determined by testing and is linked to what goes in it. Come and join us to help care for our local environment and meet a lovely group of volunteers! Bring sturdy shoes, gloves and a Litterpicker if you have one. (gloves and litterpickers can be provided if you don't have them).

21st September 2025 meet at 10:00 outside Maidstone Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone ME168LW finish about 12:00..See you there!

Burns Road Community Bulb Planting

John Knowles approached MCAN re this project and is very active in his local neighbourhood around Burns Road in Maidstone and with other resident volunteers he is seeking grant funding for a bulb planting exercise to brighten the locality and enhance recent tree planting that has been undertaken by the council. MCAN is involved by supporting the project to ensure it meets KCC processes for this type of activity. Apart from providing traceability for the money we will back up the grant application with our constitution and business bank account which are all necessary to meet KCC guidelines. In addition, we will support the project via our Public Liability Insurance.

Glyn recently walked the various proposed streets with John and other community volunteers, as well as a KCC representative to seek the appropriate permission for where the planting is to take place. There have been numerous trees planted in the verges recently and in most cases the planting will enhance this aspect with KCC providing their input on exactly where the bulbs can be planted and in what size area. Also, what type of plants so they don't cause problems with visibility for motorists.

A method statement and risk assessment have been produced by us for their use as there will be a full age range of volunteers. On this front any volunteers from MCAN would be warmly welcomed and there are tea and biscuits on the day! We do not know the date yet as until the grant funding is available and bulbs purchased, that cannot be finalised, but hopefully when it is some of us will be able to assist in this project.

A worthwhile project and nice to see local residents taking an active interest in enhancing their local area.

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Ideas for Maidstone CAN?

Ideas for Maidstone CAN Projects

Despite the fact there is so much going on, Maidstone CAN is always looking for new ideas and initiatives that it can introduce as part of the programme. Any ideas, please make a note of them here.

[Link to Form](#)

Events Coming Up



Maidstone CAN Chat Monday 15th September

7:00pm for a 7:30 start at the Craft Brewed Market Buildings.

Maidstone CAN Chat, A discussion about what we can do in Maidstone for the environment. See Facebook for more details.



Great Big Water Blitz 19-22nd September

Great Big Water Blitz, a twice yearly check of the health of our rivers and water courses, **You need to sign up for a kit as soon as possible here:** <https://earthwatch.org.uk/greatukwaterblitz/#register>



Litterpick followed by Water Testing Sunday 21st September

A Litterpick and Water Testing event will start at Lockmeadow Market Hall at 10 a.m. followed by testing the Water with WaterBlitz kits.



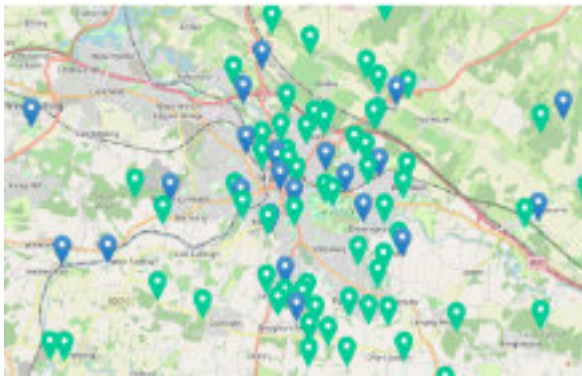
**People Planet Pint
24th September, The Yeoman, Ashford
Road Bearsted ME14 4BT 19:00**

An informal chat about the environment & climate over a drink. Book via Eventbrite: [EventBrite](#)



**Presentation to the Kent Community Rail
Partnership - Maidstone West Station.
Thursday 25th September 14:00 - 16:00**

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**Big Day Out - Looking forward to 2026
Saturday 27th September 17:00 - 19:00,
Lockmeadow Foodhall.**

**The Big Day Out next year is, Saturday
13th June 2026**

Everybody who was involved with the 2025 big day out or would like to talk about how we get everybody in Maidstone out into their local green spaces in 2026 is welcome to attend. The event will be informal, food and drink will be available from the streetfood area of Lockmeadow.



**Litter Picking
Sunday 28th September**

10:00am at Market Hall Lockmeadow

We will cover the area around Lockmeadow and along the river. Bags and equipment are provided.



**Green Homes Safari
Saturday 18th October, 2:00pm,
Memorial Hall, ME144DB**



Local homeowners have the opportunity to meet installers & learn more about energy efficiency, upgrades such as insulation, solar PV and heat

pumps.



**Maidstone Repair Cafe
Saturday 1st November**

Starting at 10:00am, finishing at 2:00pm, Market Hall Lockmeadow.

All your small household items repaired plus repair events for young people and the Maidstone CAN Zone exhibition for the environment.



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