

Sheppey Area Committee Meeting

3rd February 2026

Sheerness Revival Project Update

Project 1: Beachfields:

- Site was closed over the festive period with onsite security provisions, and few issues around ASB.
- Landscaping continues to progress including the opening up of the area near McDonalds and the sculpture reinstated for completeness.
- The new access paths have been carved out with tarmacking commencing in January.
- New windows are being installed and will remain protected via netting for the duration of the works.
- Unforeseen structural challenges that resulted in delay to the programme have now been resolved, with a solution around fire protection now being implemented.
- Changes to leisure provisions with studio classes relocating to the poolside and the health suite being moved to a temporary location will continue while construction works progress. Both provisions will move to their new permanent location once the works are completed.
- Sheerness Shipwreck Adventure Golf continues to be well used including during colder off-peak times.

Project 2: Sheppey College:

- The new building is nearing completion with the ground floor fully fitted and operable. Students were welcomed to the space in January allowing for practical studies to take place.
- Due to fire protection requirements to the internal structure, the first floor is still undergoing works and is due to be completed in February.
- External works continue to progress well.
- Final completion of the project is expected at the end of February, with the official opening event planned to take place in March.

Project 3: Masters House:

- All three garages and welfare unit were completed end of December.
- Installation of the door shutters, minor snagging and cosmetic enhancements carried out in early January.
- To support the deterrence of ASB, anti-climb paint has been added to the low/sloping roofs in the courtyard and defence guard strips have been installed at the rear of the garage roof. Two planters are in place between the main building and the water

tower to deter parking at the entrance.

- The building was handed over to Launch It as part of the official opening event on 21st January.

Communications and Engagement:

- Interviews were held with the Etec group to select 2 work experience brick laying students. Feedback was given to all students who attended the interviews. The successful 2 students commenced their placement on 21st January.
- Following the relocation of the health suite, an engagement session was held to update users on the progress of the healthy living centre and next steps. Users were able to ask questions and meet the design team.
- Opening of Masters House: Makers Studios took place on 21st January. Swale Borough Council hosted an event to mark the completion of works. This included the phase one renovation of the main building and the phase two conversion of the three garage space into Makers Studios.
- Engineering students were welcomed to the ground floor of the new extension at EKC Sheppey College. Final touches are taking place to ensure the first floor is ready to welcome students to their new learning space in February. An opening event is scheduled to take place at the college to showcase their new facilities in March 2026.
- Ahead of the festive season, Etec Group worked with council officers to make a donation to two local charities in Sheerness. A £400 toy donation was made to the Salvation Army to support families, helping ensure that children of all ages were able to receive a gift over the festive period. A £300 food donation was made to Fair Share food bank.
- Workshops took place with local primary school students to create a time capsule within the walls of the healthy living centre. Students were given a brick to paint which will be placed within the brick work of the new extension. These bricks will be laid by work experience students from the college.
- College students placed a time capsule of 2025 within the grounds of the new extension at EKC Sheppey College for future students studying on the campus to find.
- Further social value contributions will see Beachfields contractors, Etec, working with the local Pyramid Project to support the local hospital to redecorate some of the rooms.