

Sheppey Area Committee Meeting

22nd July 2025

Sheerness Revival Project Update

Project 1: Beachfields:

- RIBA Stage 4 (detailed/technical design) was finalised in April and the Delivery Management Agreement (DMA) was signed shortly afterwards with the contractor, allowing the council to formally enter into contract for the main construction works to begin on site.
- Since then, demolition and strip out work has progressed at pace in preparation for the reconfiguration of the internal space.
- Minster GP and Sheppey Matters are currently operating from alternative locations while the leisure operations have decanted into temporary facilities on site with activities continuing alongside the programme of works.
- The team are working to keep as much of the leisure offer available around the work programme as possible and keep disruptions to a minimum.
- There have been several incidents of ASB, attempted theft and break in onsite. As a result, additional security has been put in place. Officers are working with the contractors and local community partners to engage young people by sharing information on the project to encourage more positive involvement and highlight the benefits of the project to their specific demographic in an effort to instil a sense of pride of place.
- Officers continue to work with NHS/ICB consultants and Minster Practice around the fit out of the GP provisions to ensure compliance and to install a fully functional and equipped surgery to deliver improved health facility for the community.
- Work is planned to install a new outdoor gym and multi-use games area as well as a refresh to the tennis court and paddling pool area.
- Adventure Golf soft opening on 18th July and formal opening on 23rd July, just in time for the school summer holiday. This activity has been designed and built to a high standard and sets the benchmark for the variety of new leisure offers coming forward, such as TAG Active and Soft Play and will hopefully become a valuable asset that the local community in Sheerness can be proud of.
- The wider Beachfields project remains on track to complete in May 2026.

Project 2: Sheppey College:

- The steel frames to the extension are in place as the building begins to take shape.
- The site currently has several college students on work experience and participating in construction of the brick work.
- Work to the internals is expected to commence in the next 6 weeks.
- The programme of works is expected to complete in December and will be open to students from January 2026.

Project 3: Masters House:

- The refurbishment contract was signed in May followed by mobilisation in June and set up and start in site in July.
- A milestone event to mark the start of the refurbishment work will take place in August.
- Works begin onsite in July with expected completion by end of October.

Communications and Engagement:

- Earlier this year officers engaged local school students in the design of the Adventure Golf course where their feedback and suggestions resulted in an historically themed course that celebrates the Island.
- A survey was also conducted to engage residents on the Adventure Golf activity and, a shortlist of the suggested names was shared with members and internal officers for consideration. Sheerness Shipwreck Adventure Golf was chosen as the most suitable.
- Since then, the opening event has taken place for the Adventure Golf and gave members, students and stakeholders alike, the opportunity to experience the course first hand before its official opening on 23rd July.
- Officers are currently working on a programme of engagement activities over the coming months and into 2026 that includes: -
 - Information stalls at careers fairs to promote work in the construction and engineering industry
 - Assemblies within secondary schools to help promote women and girls within STEM
 - Activities to engage 'hard to reach' young people to support efforts to combat ASB and vandalism in Sheerness
 - Local business forums to engage the Highstreet and independent business owners to showcase the Sheerness Revival project and highlight its potential to contribute positively to the local economy
- Overall, we have increased social media activity across a variety of platforms with improved engagement from residents.
- We are also embracing the opportunity to utilise Sheppey FM radio as an additional platform in promoting the projects to further broaden our engagement reach and messaging across the island.