

Sheppey Area Committee Meeting

18th September 2025

Sheerness Revival Project Update

Project 1: Beachfields:

- Demolition and strip out work have been completing at pace and reconfiguration of the internal space is coming along.
- Minster GP and Sheppey Matters continue to operate from alternative locations while the leisure operations remain 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 was an escalation in ASB at Beachfields over the summer. 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.
- This will include some multi-agency work involving the police to address the issues beginning in September.
- 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 has exceeded expectations, with over a thousand visitors taking on the challenging course each week, since opening in July.
- Early design work has begun on TAG Active and Soft Play activities due to come forward next year.

Project 2: Sheppey College:

- The building is being made weather tight with windows currently being installed
- Internal works is expected to commence in the coming weeks along with the remaining finishing touches.
- The programme of works is expected to complete in December and will be open to students from January 2026.

Project 3: Masters House:

- A milestone event to mark the start of the refurbishment work took place in August.
- Works are ongoing around the structure of the building, installation of the roof and steel and glass frontage.
- Expected completion of works by mid-November.

Communications and Engagement:

- Officers are currently pulling together 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.
- Social media activity across a variety of platforms continues to increase with improved public engagement.