

Romney Marsh Partnership Presentation – supporting local futures

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About the Romney Marsh Partnership

- A strategic collaboration formed in 2012 to mitigate the effects of the Nuclear Decommissioning and to support sustainable growth across the Marsh
- Partners involved from local councils, industry partners, businesses and community groups
- Working toward ensuring this distinctive landscape has a strong resilient future

The Five Pillars

- **Maximise opportunities in the nuclear, tourism and high value sectors**
- **Improve accessibility to enable better workforce & community mobility**
- **Encourage & support business development**
- **Realise the local workforce potential through skills development**
- **Enhance infrastructure**

Projects supported by the RMP

- ▶ Romney Marsh Business Hub
- ▶ The Marsh Bee Project
- ▶ Coast Drive
- ▶ Mountfield Road
- ▶ Romney Marsh Visitor Centre





Romney Marsh Business Hub

- A £2 million business centre with 12 units located at Mountfield Road
- A joint venture between FHDC and EKSDC, with support from the NDA socio-economic programme
- Employment for 43 people located within the hub
- Co-working space
- The business hub delivers business support workshops

The Marsh Bee Project



A dedicated community transport service supporting the local community to attend their GP and hospital appointments



Nearly 250 members of the scheme in 2025



2 vehicles, operating up to 5 times per day



The project has recently received a NHS Kent Health Watch award

Coast Drive

Project Funded by F&HDC & the NDA through NRS

- ▶ A new visitor centre & café
- ▶ Improved water sports facilities
- ▶ 93 beach huts
- ▶ 120 car parking spaces
- ▶ Electric car charging points,



Mountfield Road

- ▶ £3.5 million Getting Building Fund to fund new roadways and infrastructure up to plot boundaries
- ▶ 10.7 acres of land
- ▶ The site will create in excess of 500 jobs over the next 10-year period.
- ▶ 9 plots all with prospective buyers



Romney Marsh Visitor Centre

- F&HDC owned, located within the Romney Warren Country Park
- Project to re open as a visitor centre, with commercial café & sustainable operation
- Community operations to support people who live & work in the area
- Connect with the Visitor economy/destinations in district



Future Priorities for the RMP

- ▶ Development of the Romney Marsh Economic Action Plan
- ▶ Identifying and supporting employment opportunities
- ▶ Improve Infrastructure
- ▶ Improve Transport Links
- ▶ Develop local Skills
- ▶ Growth of the Visitor Economy



3 - Year Economic Plan

The Development of a 3-Year
Economic Plan

Stakeholder Engagement

Identify key economic
opportunities

Prioritise key projects to be
delivered by the RMP in the
next 3 years

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Summary

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