

Thanet funding panel gives green light to eight parish and town council projects

The Pride in Place Impact Fund (PiPIF) is a £1.5 million capital funding programme aimed at delivering visible improvements to places valued by local communities. While the main strategy prioritises investment in Margate and Broadstairs, Thanet District Council committed to supporting smaller-scale local initiatives through a dedicated grant programme for Town and Parish Councils, with a total allocation of £100,000.

At a meeting on Friday 24 July 2026, the council's Pride in Place Impact Fund Panel unanimously agreed to support all eight project proposals submitted by local Town and Parish Councils, subject to final statutory permissions and signed grant agreements. In addition, the panel recommended increasing the original grant allocation to cover the projected total cost of the eight projects (£137,470).

The full list of agreed projects and their respective grant allocations, is as follows:

Council	Project	Grant allocation
Acol Parish Council	Acol Recreation Ground play area renewal	£19,600
Birchington Parish Council	Birchington place and belonging project	£20,000
Cliffsend Parish Council	Cliffsend heritage trail	£13,370
Manston Parish Council	Pride in play: Manston Park upgrade	£20,000
Minster Parish Council	Replacement of artificial grass pitch mat	£20,000
Monkton Parish Council	Community Hall redevelopment	£19,500

St Nicholas and Sarre Parish Council	Community road safety enhancement	£5,000
Westgate-on-Sea Town Council	Lymington Road skateboard park – phase 2	£20,000
Total grant funding allocated		£137,470

Cllr Ruth Duckworth, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property at Thanet District Council said: "Local spaces are the heartbeat of Thanet's communities, and every town and parish deserves facilities that people can be proud of. By approving all of the submitted projects, we are ensuring that people living across Thanet will benefit from the Pride in Place Impact Fund.

"This funding is about creating real benefits that residents can see and enjoy in their everyday lives."

All individual awards remain subject to meeting standard statutory permissions, due diligence, and the signing of a formal council grant agreement.

The £1.5 million Pride in Place Impact Fund (PiPIF) is designed to deliver visible capital improvements to high streets, public realm spaces, and community facilities by March 2027. The main fund focuses on major assets, including investment towards the Margate Museum and Old Town Hall in Margate, and Pierremont Park and the Sarah Thorne Theatre in Broadstairs.

Final scheme recommendations will be presented to the council's Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet for consideration in autumn 2026.

For more information on the Pride in Place Impact Fund, please visit [thanet.gov.uk](https://www.thanet.gov.uk)