**Press Release from Broadstairs Town Team**

**Date :** 18.3.14

**Subject :** Broadstairs Town Team personnel changes - at the Town Shed and on the Executive Committee.

**Intro :** Claire Shelton has joined the Broadstairs Town Shed as project coordinator. Fiona Crawford is standing down, as Town Team Chair and also from the Town Team Committee.

**The Shed:**

A new paid member of staff, Claire Shelton, has joined the Broadstairs Town Shed, as coordinator. The Broadstairs Town Shed is set to open its doors in May and Claire’s role is one of the things that the People’s Millions £50,000 funding award, to set up the Shed, has made possible. Claire’s responsibilities will include day to day management and ongoing fundraising for the Shed so that the project can continue beyond 2014. The Shed Team are all working very hard to complete the refurbishment of a disused building in Pierremont Park, provided by Thanet District Council for the first year of operation

**Event :** ‘Meet the Shedders’ Saturday 19th April 2014 from 11.00 am

**Quotes :** Claire said :

*‘It’s such an exciting and worthwhile project to be involved with. The team have done an excellent job so far, and I know we’ll go from strength to strength. We’d love anyone interested in joining us, or to see how the plans and refurbishment have developed so far, to pop in for a cuppa on Saturday 19th April’*

Kerry Millett from Broadstairs Town Team added:

 *‘Claire is a real find, and will give massive support to the very dedicated group of volunteers that have got us this far. We are so lucky to be able to establish a great new place to meet for older people, right in the heart of Broadstairs.’*

**Summary paragraph :** Come and meet Claire, the New Shed Co-ordinator and the rest of the team at The Shed, while visiting the Broadstairs Easter Food Festival in Pierremont Park.

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**The Committee:**

Founder Town Team member, Fiona Crawford, has decided to stand down, as Chair and from the Town Team Committee. Fiona has been a leading light and given a huge amount to the Town Team from the beginning, but has now decided the time is right to focus on her other commitments, including her own business, Helter Skelter, which last week won an award for being Britain’s Friendliest Business.

The remainder of the Committee will continue with current members: Julie Marson, Karen Cleverdon, Kerry Millett. Seth Proctor, Lorraine Williams and Wendy Carr. The Town Team warmly welcomes any new potential volunteers to get in touch.

Julie Marson, who has been Vice Chair, now takes on the role of Interim Chair and a new Chair will be appointed in due course.

Julie said:

*“Fiona has been an energetic and enthusiastic chair, with an unrivalled passion for Broadstairs. She has lead on several Town Team projects, including Brush up Broadstairs which have made such a difference to our town and helped bring everyone together. We wish her every ongoing success with everything else she is working on.”*

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Photo of Claire Shelton, New Broadstairs Town Shed Coordinator