



**Kent Children  
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# Reconnect Kent



**What's on this Summer  
with Reconnect**



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Coming again Summer 2022...

# Reconnect free bus pass

Printed  
or digital  
versions  
available



## Family pass

For all families with children

VALID: 23rd July to 31st August 2022

**Family  
Bus Pass**



## Young person's pass

For all young people in years 6 – 13

VALID: 23rd July to 31st August 2022

**Young Person's  
Bus Pass**



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Fill your summer  
with Reconnect's  
fun activities  
and adventures  
challenge...



**Big Summer**

# **FUN**

## **CHALLENGE**

From building a den to solving riddles, there are up to 40 activities to complete. The more you complete the more chance you have of winning up to £250 of vouchers\*\*

**Get started today!**

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**\*\*See website for T&C's**



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# Reconnect Leisure Centre offers are back!

Over 40 leisure centres across Kent are working with us to provide Kent's children and young people with fantastic offers so they can enjoy sports and leisure.

Most leisure centres are running universal offers with something for all under 18s. Each leisure centre has its own offer so look out for their adverts on social media and at centres near you!

Find out what's on at your local leisure centre



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# Mental health support for children and young people

Sometimes the holidays and time away from school can be hard, especially if everyone around you seems to be having a great time and doing lots of things. The websites below are full of loads of useful tools, activities, advice and support to help you when you need it.



**MOOD  
SPARK**

## Mood Spark

The Moodspark website is for young people aged 10 to 16 to learn to look after their emotional and mental health.



**NHS**  
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KCHFT

## Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT)

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) offer a range of resources, information, advice and guidance including how to access counselling support.



**Kent  
Resilience  
Hub**

## Kent Resilience Hub

Visit Kent Resilience Hub where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.



**kooth**

## Kooth

A site for 10 to 25 year olds to get free, safe and anonymous support.



Cypmh in Kent  
run by NELFT  
[@kentandmedway  
camhs](https://www.instagram.com/kentandmedwaycamhs)

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# Nutritious food and enriching activities



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in Kent provides healthy, nutritious food and exciting, enriching activities for children and young people during the school holidays.

Families of children aged 4 to 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, can access these opportunities in the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays for free.

The HAF Programme aims to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Kent, encouraging them to engage in interactive and fun activities and provide them with access to nutritious food.

This programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide support for eligible families in Kent to access these holiday activities for free.

Find out more about the programme and see if you are eligible.

[tinyurl.com/HAFKent](https://tinyurl.com/HAFKent)



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## SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS TO DO AT HOME



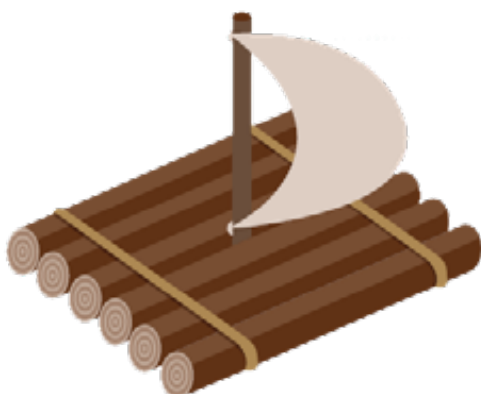
Are you looking for some exciting science experiments this summer? Thanks to the Reconnect Programme, children can access free experiments through the CREST Awards.

Backed by the British Science Association, the CREST Awards introduce children to learning through their own science experiments. The hands-on investigations are fun, easy to

understand (no science knowledge needed from adults!), use common resources found in the home, and each one only takes 45mins to 1 hour to complete.

Once 8 challenges are completed, child is awarded a CREST Award, consisting of a certificate celebrating their achievement and a patch to recognise their hard work.

You can download the FREE experiment booklet (complete with explanations for the adults) on The STEM Hub website, <https://thestemhub.org.uk/crest-awards>.



# To find Reconnect activities in your local area:

This summer is set to be bigger and better than ever.  
Many organisations are gearing up to promote their events  
and activities supported by Reconnect.



[Click to search the  
What's on guide](#)



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## Sports clubs

- Baypoint Basketball Club
- Total Sports Coaching
- Confidance
- All Shade of Life CIC
- Weald Coaching
- Ember skateboarding lessons
- Thanet Mustangs American football



## Youth groups, clubs, libraries, children's centres

- PlayPlace Youth Services
- Kent Youth Summit
- Dover Big Local
- Kent libraries
- Kent children's centres



## Disabled children's support

- SNAAP
- We are Beams
- Nova
- Umbrella club



## Creative activities

- Horsebridge Arts Centre
- Arts & Crafts Group
- Beach Creative CIC
- Pie Factory Music



## Education

- Invicta National Academy
- Playground
- Summer Reading Challenge
- CREST Awards



## Country parks

For all summer activities  
and events at Kent's  
Country Parks visit  
[kent.gov.uk/  
countryparks](https://kent.gov.uk/countryparks)



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## Culture Camps is a Kent wide programme in partnership with Screen South, Lv21 and Pillar.

The 4 organisations will be running a series of Culture Camps over the next two months, with activities including drama, art, music, animation and much more.

They have been designed to bring young people back together and allow them to gain confidence, experience and try new activities in a safe and fun environment. Some are only bookable through schools, but 9 Culture Camps are available for the public to book onto.



### Gravesham

LightVessel21, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend  
15th – 19th August

[Click to learn more](#)

[Book here](#)



### Tonbridge

Tonbridge School, Tonbridge  
6th and 7th August

[Click to learn more](#)

### Tunbridge Wells

Skinner's Kent Academy,  
Tunbridge Wells  
13th and 14th August

[Click to learn more](#)

### Maidstone

YMCA Community Centre,  
Maidstone  
20th and 21st August

[Click to learn more](#)

### Sevenoaks

Weald of Kent Grammar School,  
Sevenoaks  
30th and 31st July

[Click to learn more](#)



### Folkestone

Screen South Digital Hub, The  
Glassworks, Folkestone  
26th – 27th July  
9:30 – 17:00

[Click to learn more](#)

### Dover

Betteshanger Sports and Social  
Club, Cavell Square, Deal  
4th – 5th August  
9:30 – 17:00

[Click to learn more](#)

### Thanet

Pie Factory Music, Ramsgate Youth  
Centre, High St, St Lawrence,  
Ramsgate  
10th – 11th August  
10:00 – 16:00

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### Canterbury

Westgate Hall, Canterbury  
17th – 18th August  
9:30 – 17:00

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**Reconnect  
Presents**

# FESTIVALS



Reconnect Presents is a series of events to provide entertainment and fun for young people this summer.



## Herne Bay Festival 2022

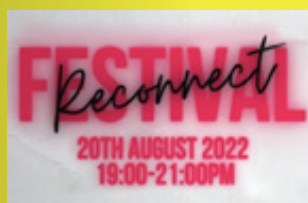
**29th July to 31st August | Across Herne Bay**

Herne Bay Festival is a charity run by local people to advance the prestige of the town by bringing an annual festival of high-class events during the month of August.

This year the theme is "Try Something New", so please join in and give it a go. There is something for everyone including Wild Geese Theatre, storytelling, foraging, music at the Clock Tower Plaza, Creative Writing, Baytastic in the Memorial Park, Herne Bay Carnival, Beach finds Artwork, Painty Things, Jazz and Swing on the Pier, Cartoonist weekend, Workshops, Exhibitions, Wrestling, Markets, seashore safari, etc., and of course the Grand Fireworks Finale.



[Click to learn more](#)



## Reconnect Festival

**20 August, 7pm | Quarterhouse, Folkestone**

A free live music festival for 14 to 17 year olds in Kent. There will be 5 bands from across Kent, free popcorn, a free photobooth, a free festival wristband a DJ and much more.



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# Summer Events

at Brockhill Country Park

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

25 July



28 July

29 July

1 Aug



4 Aug

5 Aug

8 Aug



11 Aug

12 Aug

15 Aug



18 Aug

19 Aug

22 Aug



25 Aug

26 Aug

29 Aug



**£7  
PER CHILD**

**TICKETS MUST  
BE BOOKED IN  
ADVANCE**

**NOISY NATURE**



**Poo Pioneers**



**Bugs At Brockhill**



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# BUSHCRAFT SUMMER COOK UP

30th August

LEARN HOW TO LIGHT  
A FIRE USING FLINT AND  
STEEL AND LEARN HOW  
TO COOK FOOD  
IN A NATURAL WAY IN  
THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING  
OF LULLINGSTONE  
COUNTRY PARK

Children must be accompanied  
by an adult

Sessions last 1 hour

CHILD £10 ADULT £2  
INCLUDES A HOT DRINK

AGES  
3+

for bookings visit: [kent.gov.uk/countryparks](http://kent.gov.uk/countryparks)

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# SUMMER TRAIL

Pre-book online or drop in between 10am - 4pm  
Running daily from 22nd July - 4th September

Pick up one of our summer holiday trail sheets from  
the Visitor Centre

Follow the clues to find out what animals, birds,  
insects and plants you can find at  
Lullingstone Country Park on our self-led activity  
trail. All trails will receive a small Prize

£3 Per Trail

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# FOREST FRIDAYS

JOIN US FOR A SHORT WALK THROUGH OUR  
ANCIENT WOODLAND WHERE WE WILL DO SOME  
BARK RUBBINGS FOLLOWED BY A  
NATURE BASED CRAFT ACTIVITY

5TH AUGUST &  
26TH AUGUST

£6 PER CHILD £1 PER ADULT



All craft materials will be supplied  
Suitable for children aged 4-10 years. Children  
must be accompanied by an adult.

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# RIVER RANGERS

17 August

Join our experienced Ranger to gather materials to make a  
model raft. A series of toy woodland creatures need to make  
their way down the river and they are hoping that your raft can  
carry them! Will your raft float, sink or capsize?  
1 hour Sessions. Children must be accompanied by an adult

£8 per child  
£2 per adult



Book online at  
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# MEDITATION IN LULLINGSTONE COUNTRY PARK

**10TH JULY & 14TH AUGUST**

We invite you to experience meditation at  
Lullingstone Country Park  
We aim to improve your mental, physical and spiritual  
health through mindfulness practise in the beautiful and  
natural setting of Lullingstone Country Park.

1400pm - 1530pm

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**£8 PER PERSON**

use phone to scan QR code

book at: [kent.gov.uk/countryparks](http://kent.gov.uk/countryparks)

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# Pond Dipping

Join our experienced Ranger and discover the  
exciting aquatic wildlife found at Lullingstone  
Country Park. Sessions last 1 hour

**Tuesday 2nd August**

Time Slots available:  
10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am  
13:20pm, 13:50pm, 14:20pm and 14.50pm

**£5 per child**

Children must be accompanied at all times  
For more information and booking please see:  
[kent.gov.uk/countryparks](http://kent.gov.uk/countryparks)

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# Playground Summer Activities

Playground will be attending several local festivals in Kent this Summer. So come along with your little ones (under 5s) and join the Playground artists on a gentle sensory journey creating a magical experience for you to share with your children.



## Dartford Family Festival

**Saturday 16 July 10am – 4pm**

**Location:** Dartford Park (beside library)

[Click to learn more](#)

**Playground sessions:** 11am, 12.30pm, 2.15pm FREE  
No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times.

## Ebbfleet Family Festival

**Saturday 30 July 11am-5pm**

**Location:** Platinum Jubilee Park

**Playground sessions:** 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.15pm FREE

No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times.

## Gravesham Pride

**Saturday 13 August**

**11am-5pm**

**Location:** Fort Gardens

[Click to learn more](#)

**Playground sessions:** 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.15pm FREE

No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times

## bOing! International

### Family Festival

**Sunday 28 August 9am – 5pm**

**Location:** University of Kent, Canterbury

[Click to learn more](#)

**Baby Playground (Age 0-24 months)**

Playground Bell tent

**Sessions:** 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm

**Family Playground (All ages)**

**Outdoors Sessions:** 11am, 4pm FREE

**Booking recommended:** Due to limited capacity at bOing! we strongly recommend booking in advance and we may have to restrict the number of adults to one per baby. **To book online visit:**

[Click to learn more](#)

## Maidstone Mela Sunday

**11 September**

**Location:** Mote Park

[Click to learn more](#)

**Playground sessions:** 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.15pm FREE

No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times.

# FAMILY FUN DAYS

Free family fun for all including garden games, sports, craft and music.

## Rosherville Open Space

Northfleet, DA11 9JU

29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August  
10am-1pm

## Stangrove Park

Edenbridge, TN8 5LU

4th, 11th & 18th August  
2pm-5pm

## King Georges Field

Westerham, TN16 1BL

4th, 11th & 18th August  
10.30am-1.30pm

## The Vine Gardens

Sevenoaks, TN16 3UH

27th July, 10th & 17th August  
2pm-5pm

## Woodlands Park

Gravesend, DA11 7LY

26th July, 2nd, 9th & 16th August  
12pm-3pm

## Dartford Central Park

Dartford, DA1 1EU

29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August  
2pm-5pm

## Pitt Park

Temple Hill, Dartford, DA1 5EU

28th July, 4th, 11th & 18th August  
12pm-3pm

## Longfield Community Park

Dartford, DA3 7QP

25th July, 1st, 8th & 15th August  
12pm-3pm

## Vigo Village

Gravesham, DA13 0TD

27th July, 10th & 17th August  
12pm-3pm

7th August  
10am-1pm

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e: [info@playplace.org](mailto:info@playplace.org)  
w: [www.playplace.org](http://www.playplace.org)



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# Connecting families and businesses with capable young people

MyPocketSkill provides a platform for skilled 13-21 year olds to Earn, Save and Learn about money.

## **Online Tutoring**

Academic subjects and Music coaching

## **Digital Skills for Your Business**

Social Media management, websites and design

**Register for FREE at [atmypk.info](https://atmypk.info)**



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# EXCITE AND ENGAGE YOUR CHILDREN



Lyfta's online holiday club package invites children to experience and connect with powerful human stories from 8 different countries, through beautifully crafted interactive scenes and videos. Created by award-winning filmmakers, educators and technologists, Lyfta helps children develop key 21st Century skills in a fun and engaging way.



## WORKS ON COMPUTERS, IPADS AND CHROMEBOOKS

All your child needs to access the Lyfta holiday club package is a computer, chromebook or iPad and an internet connection.



## YOUR KENT RECONNECT DISCOUNT

Lyfta's holiday package is on a special offer of £9.99 for two months' access, for up to 3 children per family.

Kent families in receipt of benefits related free school meals can access Lyfta's Holiday Club package for **just £3.99** by typing in the **16-digit code on their Holiday Activities and Food e-voucher**.

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Please visit [www.lyfta.com/holiday-club](http://www.lyfta.com/holiday-club) for a free trial

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

# GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Join FREE  
from 9 July  
at your  
local library

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



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**This summer Invicta are once again offering four weeks of FREE live, online catch-up maths & English classes.**

**August 1st - 26th every morning 10am.**

**There are classes for all key stages each led by our excellent fully qualified teachers and teaching assistants.**

**Last summer our students showed an average improvement of 6.8% (that's the difference of a whole grade at GCSE!)**

**Classes are free so all you need to do is sign up here:**

**[invictaacademy.com](https://invictaacademy.com)**



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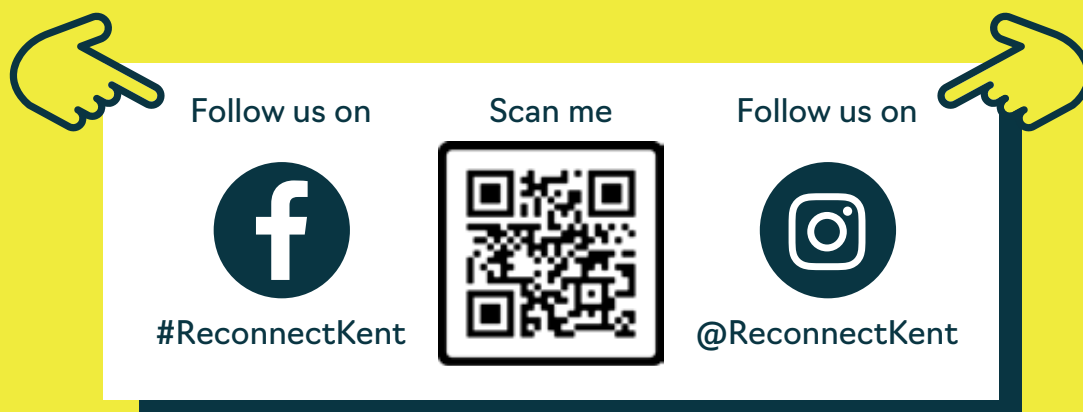
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