

From GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL & DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL:

COLLECTIVE ENERGY SWITCHING SCHEME

Dover District Council in conjunction with 3 other Local Authorities (Gravesham, Tunbridge Wells & Dartford) are about to launch a Collective Energy Switching Scheme. Residents from the areas can register free of charge and without obligation. The idea of the scheme is to take the hassle out of switching. The Council's together with an intermediary will collate the registrations, and then take it to auction. At the 'reverse' auction energy companies will bid to secure the business, the company offering the lowest bid will be chosen. Therefore, the more households who join, the stronger the bargaining power (i.e. the more attractive to energy companies). The scheme launches on 22 April 2013, and the registration period will run until the end of May 2013. For more information or to register see DDC website <http://www.dover.gov.uk>

GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS IN FORMER COALFIELD AREAS

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is announcing funding of £23,750 for the Level 1 Programme for community groups in the local area for 2013/14. Grants are provided to support a range of projects based in an eligible coalfield community, or able to show clear and immediate benefits for an eligible community. Examples of projects that the Level 1 Programme could support include Improvements to a community facility, Setting up a new or supporting an existing social enterprise, Getting people involved in physical activity or addressing a local health issue, The establishment of a much needed new service or activity in a community and more. Successful projects will have to target the former coalfields wards of Aylesham, Barham Downs, Eastry, Eythorne and Shepherdswell, Little Stour and Ashstone, Middle Deal and Sholden, Mill Hill, North Deal and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe. For more information, please contact Una Mills in the Communication and Engagement Team at DDC on 01304 872274 or e-mail una.mills@dover.gov.uk

FLOATING SUPPORT 0300 333 5433

Kent County Council commissions floating support services in Kent that support vulnerable people with their housing problems. The service is free and covers every district and borough in Kent. Floating support can help for up to a year those people whose housing situation is vulnerable. Floating support can also help with applying for welfare benefit, budgeting, accessing help or other services, finding work/training and settling into the community. It doesn't matter where or how they are living in Kent; whether they are renting, own their own home or are lodging with relatives, even if they are sleeping rough, we can help. www.kent.gov.uk/supportingpeople and go to "How to apply" or go along to your local Gateway where staff will be pleased to help. One of our highly skilled providers will work with the person or family for up to a year to achieve their goals, and leave them better able to manage their own affairs.