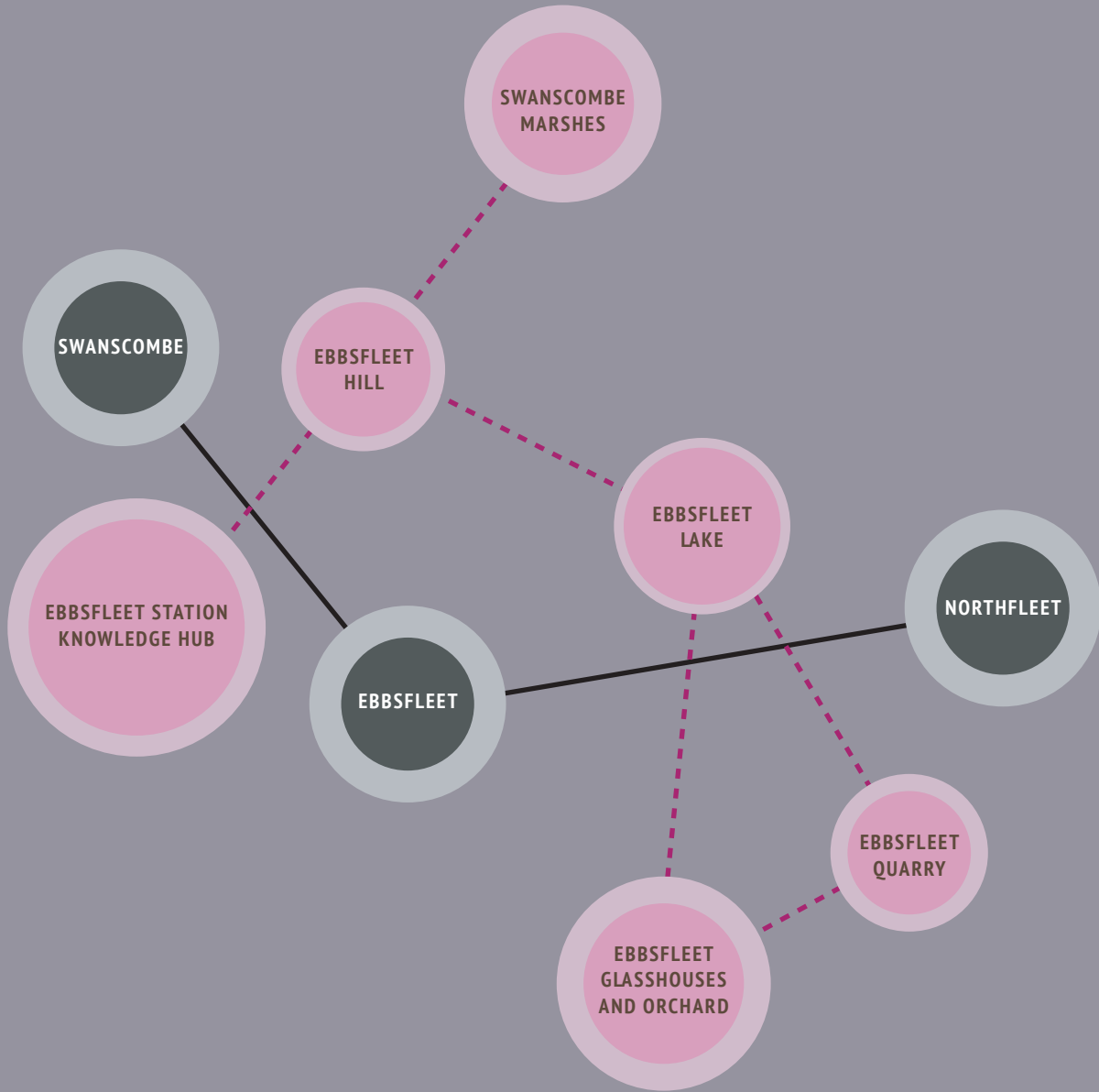


# YOUR EBBSFLEET

2019





Residents of Ebbsfleet, Swanscombe and Northfleet, welcome to the first edition of 'Your Ebbsfleet', a programme of events for you and your families, part of the Ebbsfleet Agenda Campaign.

As part of the Ebbsfleet Agenda Campaign, this booklet sets out a programme of events for you and your families, set in unique locations, many of which are not accessible to the general public, from January to December. Events range from guided walks at dawn along the Swanscombe Marshes, to film nights at the Quarry, to a light festival culminating with fireworks on our floating jetty at the Lake. There is a map at the back of this booklet for the locations of all the events.

Parallel to this, in association with the Edible Ebbsfleet community initiative, a social enterprise food production scheme in which we have partnered up with local farmers to work together to grow food at subsidised costs, reducing food airmiles and packaging and create connections between what we eat and where we live. The food is grown at the Glasshouses and is sold at subsidised costs to you as residents.

For more information, or to meet other residents and get involved, pop along to the Knowledge Hub at Ebbsfleet Station, or contact our organisers. We look forward to seeing you.

**The Ebbsfleet Agenda Team**

ORAL  
HISTORIES  
DAY

JANUARY



## WHAT

Interviews with local residents as part of  
National Oral Histories

## WHEN

First Saturday of the Month

## TIME

10 – 4pm (10 minutes per interview)

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Station Knowledge Hub

## WHAT TO BRING

Anything you like to help tell your story  
(ideas might include newspaper articles, photos or  
diaries)

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We want to collate your histories and stories, about your family, community and the place you live. We are looking for residents that went to school locally and have relatives who have worked on the Thames or in the current and former industry here. These oral histories will be collated and archived at the National Oral Histories Collection. All participants will be invited to a special opening day, and featured stories played as part of the Oral Histories Exhibition at Ebbsfleet Station.

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ECOLOGY**



**FAMILY &  
WELLBEING**



**HISTORIC &  
CULTURAL**



OBJECT  
CASTING  
DAY



FEBRUARY

## WHAT

We will be casting your memories into public art pieces for Ebbsfleet, Northfleet and Swanscombe high streets

## WHEN

First Saturday of the Month

## TIME

10 – 4pm

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Station Knowledge Hub

## WHAT TO BRING

A small non-degradable object that can be cast into concrete

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We want to collate your memories about your family, community and the place you live. If you are a resident in Swanscombe, Northfleet or Ebbsfleet, please join us. The intention is to cast your objects into public art pieces, and create our own archaeological records, storing objects from the past and present, for archaeologists of the future to uncover.

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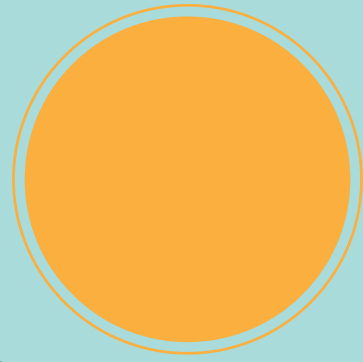
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WELLBEING**



**HISTORIC &  
CULTURAL**



SPARTAN  
RACE



MARCH



## WHAT

A challenging obstacle race, 2 / 5 / 10km course

## WHEN

First Saturday of the Month

## TIME

8am and 1.30pm starts

## WHERE

Swanscombe Marshes

## WHAT TO BRING

Appropriate clothing and footwear

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Spartan's mission is to 'rip 100 million people off the couch'. They believe that people need strong minds and bodies and that you can't grow without pressure. These races aim to build resilience and keep people motivated. This is one of over 200 events in over 30 countries, sign up via the organiser's website and see you at the Swanscombe Marshes! This date has been selected to avoid the sensitive bird breeding season and main wintering period. There are choices of 2km / 5km / 10km routes depending on your fitness level and ability.

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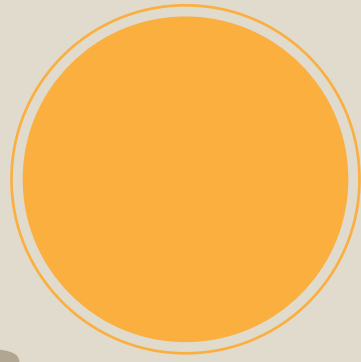
### FAMILY & WELLBEING



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REDISCOVERING  
THE RIVER  
EBBSFLEET



APRIL

## **WHAT**

A historic walk through Ebbsfleet, following the River Ebbsfleet

## **WHEN**

First Saturday of the Month

## **TIME**

8am and 1.30pm starts

## **WHERE**

Meet at Ebbsfleet Station Knowledge Hub

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Comfortable walking shoes and water

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April is National Stress Awareness Month and being outdoors exploring nature is a great way to combat stress. Studies show that spending time outdoors in nature can reduce mental distress and anxiety. We invite you and your families to join us on an enjoyable exploration of Ebbsfleet, unearthing the history of the River Ebbsfleet and its relationship to the Thames and local communities. Our historian and ecologist will give you a unique view of the way that Ebbsfleet has evolved and the interesting wildlife that is associated with the landscape.

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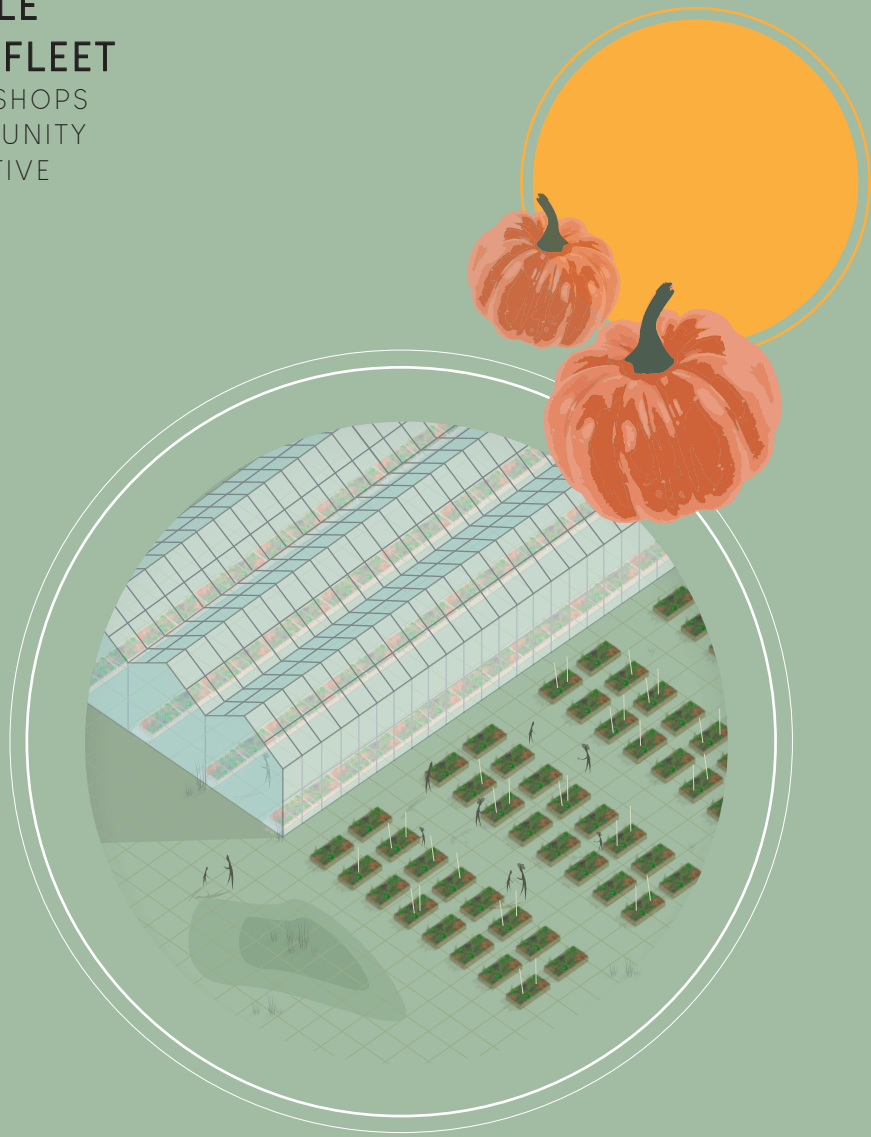


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**EDIBLE  
EBBSFLEET**  
WORKSHOPS  
COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVE

**APRIL**



## WHAT

Talks and workshops on growing food

## WHEN

Third Saturday of the Month

## TIME

10am and 1.30pm starts

## WHERE

Meet at the Ebbsfleet Glasshouses

## WHAT TO BRING

Your cameras, notebooks, and questions

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April is also National Gardening Month. Meet us at our new social enterprise Glasshouses and learn from talks from local farmers about food production. In association with the Edible Ebbsfleet community initiative, the Ebbsfleet Glasshouses are where the local community and local farmers work together to grow food at subsidised costs, reducing food airmiles, educating our community on how to reduce food waste and creating a stronger connection between what we eat and where we live. Join us for the workshops and sign up to volunteer on a regular basis. The food we grow in the Ebbsfleet Glasshouses is sold at subsidised costs to you as residents. Come along to find out more.

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WELLBEING**



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CULTURAL**



DAWN  
CHORUS  
DAY WALK



MAY

## WHAT

A dawn walk to appreciate bird song

## WHEN

First Sunday of the Month

## TIME

Dawn

## WHERE

Meet at the Swanscombe Marshes

## WHAT TO BRING

Comfortable walking shoes

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Being outdoors in nature is one of the best ways to unwind from a busy week. The first Sunday of May is the International Dawn Chorus Day. We believe that the best way to generate support for nature conservation and to understand the importance of the natural world to human wellbeing, is to get people to experience the wonders of their local wildlife first-hand. So come along to greet the morning sun and enjoy nature's daily miracle with our well-renowned ornithologist and guide who specialises in marshland birds.

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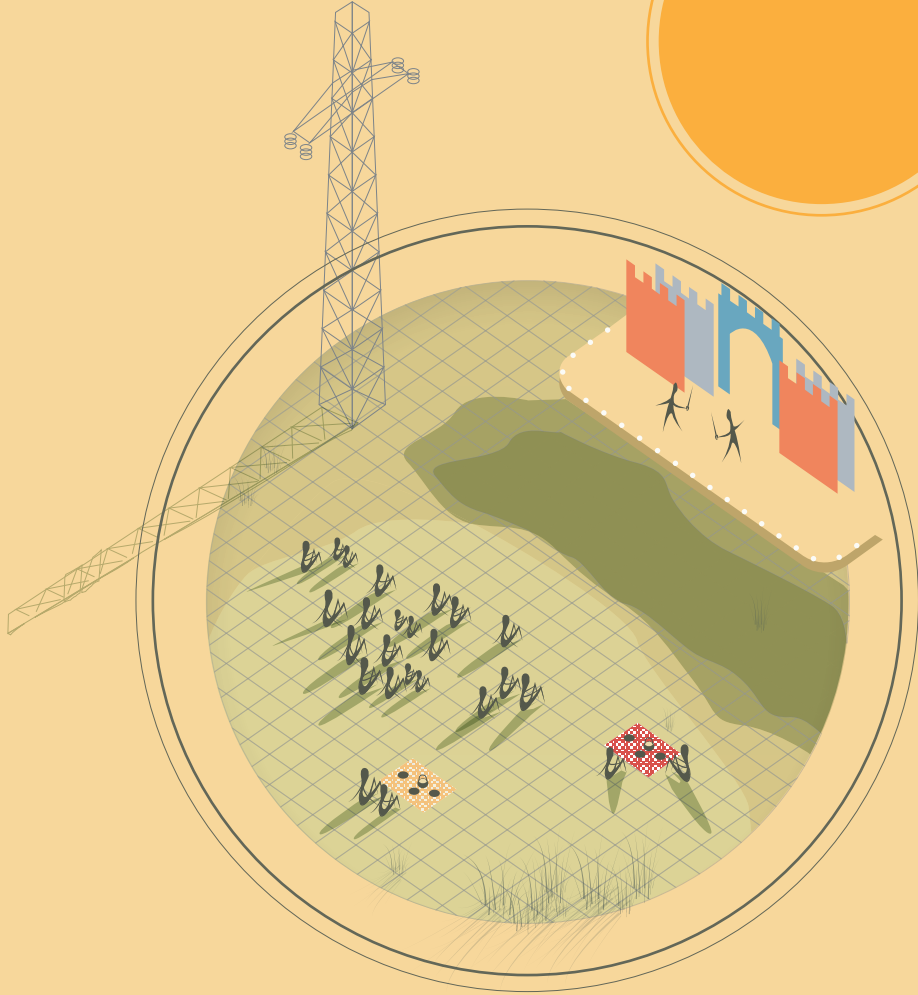
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WELLBEING**



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CULTURAL**



PICNIC  
AND  
THEATRE



JUNE



## WHAT

An outdoor theatre production of  
Great Expectations

## WHEN

First Saturday of the Month

## TIME

2pm and 8pm starts

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Hill

## WHAT TO BRING

A picnic and blankets

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National Picnic Week takes place in June. This year, we are hosting the Charles Dickens Theatre Company for 2 performances on Ebbsfleet Hill and invite you to join us with your picnics to watch the plays. The views from the Hill and the atmosphere will be wonderful, so get your tickets, grab your baskets out of the cupboards, wrap up warm and come and join us!

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OUTDOOR  
FILM  
SCREENINGS



JULY

## WHAT

Cinema screenings at the Ebbsfleet Quarry

## WHEN

First Saturday and Sunday of the Month

## TIME

8pm start

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Quarry

## WHAT TO BRING

Chairs, friends, family and popcorn

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Ebbsfleet are showing films for 2 nights only, Wall-E and 2001: A Space Odyssey. We are projecting these onto the chalk cliffs to give you a truly post-apocalyptic experience. Join us for this epic adventure, as this space is not open to the public any other time of the year.

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FOOD FESTIVAL  
AND PICNIC



AUGUST

## WHAT

A food festival sampling locally grown produce from the Glasshouse and Orchard

## WHEN

Last Sunday of the Month

## TIME

2pm onwards

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Glasshouse and Orchard

## WHAT TO BRING

Picnic baskets, friends and family

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Join us to harvest vegetables with the Ebbsfleet Glasshouse Community Initiative, wander the stands and get ideas for how to cook the produce, watch demonstrations by chefs, and pick your own fruit from the Orchard. Local farmers and allotment teams will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about growing food in your own back garden. We will also be conducting guided walks by local food foragers, if you haven't tried hedgerow garlic yet, now's your chance...

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### HISTORIC & CULTURAL



FOLK  
FESTIVAL  
ON THE LAKE



AUGUST

## WHAT

An afternoon of live music

## WHEN

Last Sunday of the Month

## TIME

2pm onwards

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Lake

## WHAT TO BRING

Friends, family and sun screen

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Join us for laughter, dancing and a chilled-out day listening to music on our floating stage at the Ebbsfleet Lake. Share the outdoor music experience with your neighbours and community. There will be food stalls serving snacks made from produce harvested from the Ebbsfleet Glasshouse community initiative. The acoustics are stunning on the lake, and the setting unique.

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WELLBEING**



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DOODLE  
DAY



SEPTEMBER



## WHAT

A day of drawing, sketching and doodling

## WHEN

Third Saturday of the Month

## TIME

10am-4pm

## WHERE

Various locations across Ebbsfleet – from the Swanscombe Marshes to Ebbsfleet Hill

## WHAT TO BRING

Just yourselves anything you want to use to doodle with

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National Doodle Day is in September. What better way is there to learn about the landscape and its habitats and animals than to draw them?

Local artists at art-spots around Ebbsfleet will be there to guide residents on what they might like to doodle and the myriad of artistic mediums available, from local chalk to pencil, paint, charcoal and pastels. The completed doodles will be shown at a local exhibition to showcase Your Ebbsfleet, and raise money for charity.

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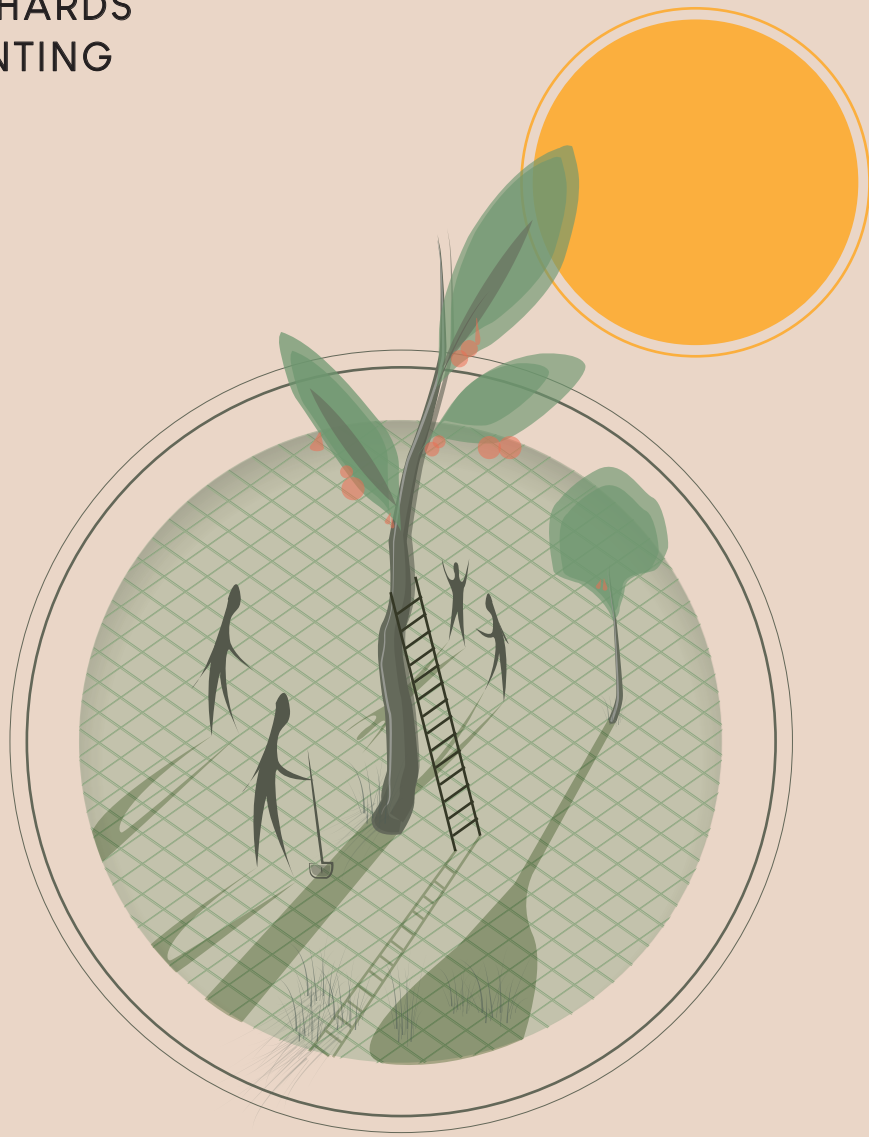


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CULTURAL**



ORCHARDS  
PLANTING  
DAY

OCTOBER



## **WHAT**

A day of planting traditional varieties of  
Kentish Fruit Trees

## **WHEN**

First Sunday of the Month

## **TIME**

10am-4pm

## **WHERE**

Ebbsfleet Orchard

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Outdoor clothing, expect to get muddy

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Ebbsfleet is the place where London meets the Garden of England, and for 1 day in October, we will be planting a new Ebbsfleet Orchard. This extensive orchard will be a haven for biodiversity and people. The trees will be planted into meadow grassland rich in wildlife. The delicious old varieties of fruit, which have a strong Kent heritage, will support the Edible Ebbsfleet community initiative. In time the fruit trees will also provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

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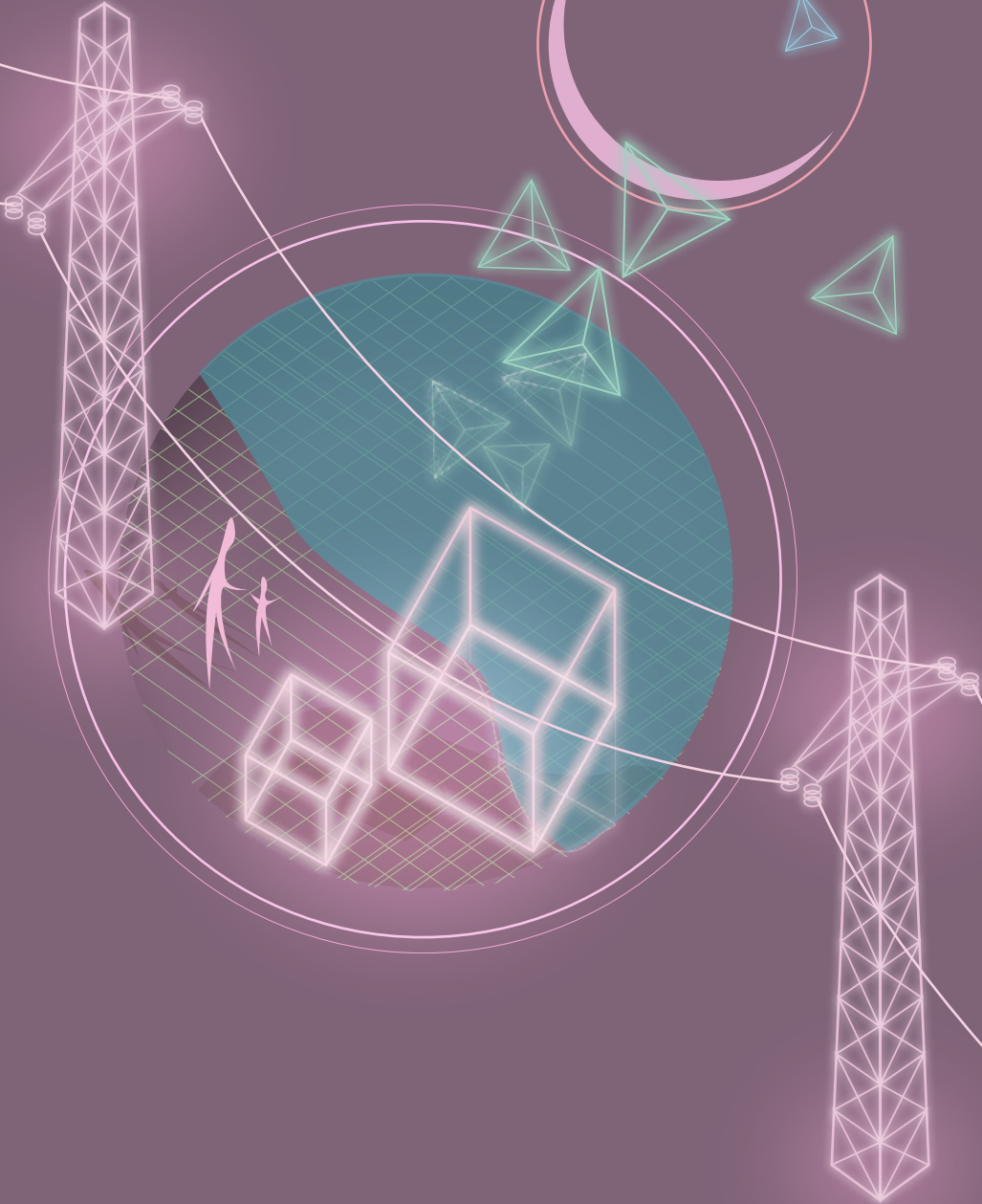


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CULTURAL**



# NOVEMBER

LIGHT  
FESTIVAL  
AND FIREWORKS



## WHAT

Lights and Fireworks!

## WHEN

First Saturday of the Month

## TIME

6pm onwards

## WHERE

Meet at Ebbsfleet Lake

## WHAT TO BRING

Warm clothing

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Join us for a light festival and fireworks, starting with a tour of Ebbsfleet's industrial infrastructure (its pylons, cliffs, tunnels and walkways), which will be lit up as part of a large-scale light installation celebrating the unique context of Ebbsfleet and highlighting its past and current industrial heritage. Also learn about how light can affect wellbeing, sleep and wildlife. All the lighting will be carefully designed to minimise disturbance to wildlife. The final part of the evening will be a fireworks display on the floating stage at Ebbsfleet Lake.

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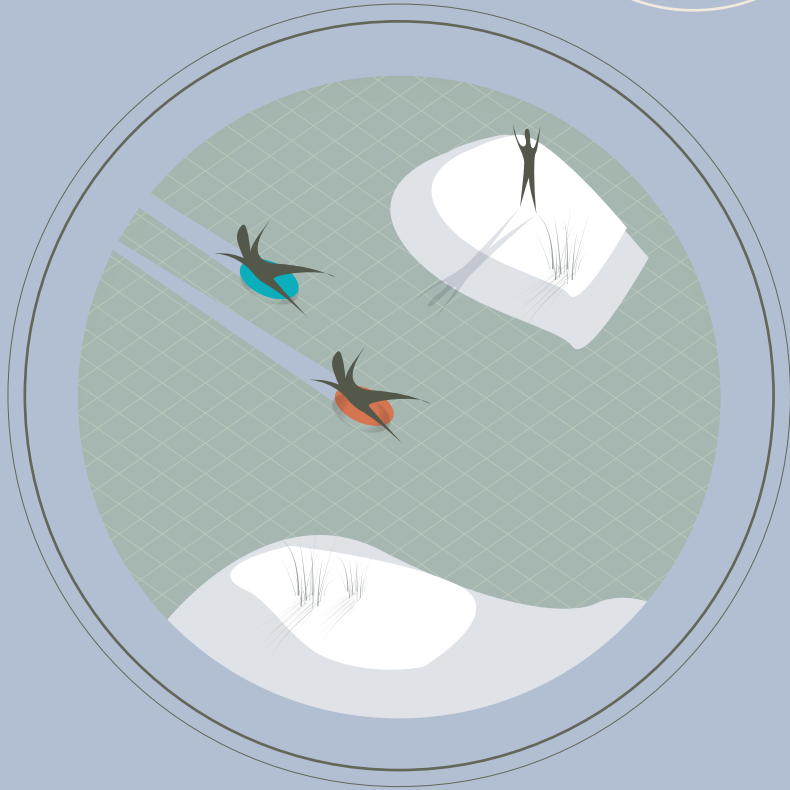
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CULTURAL**



GLASS / SNOW  
SLEDGING



DECEMBER

## WHAT

Sledging with a difference

## WHEN

Second Saturday of the Month

## TIME

10am-2pm

## WHERE

Ebbsfleet Hill

## WHAT TO BRING

Warm outdoor clothing

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Have you ever been grass sledging? It's great fun for all the family. The location is the Ebbsfleet Hill, next to Ebbsfleet Station, with hills and wonderful views, it's a great pre-Christmas excursion for family and friends. And if it snows, we will be doing snow sledging instead – a win-win!

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### FAMILY & WELLBEING



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MAP  
OF EVENT  
LOCATIONS





# KEY OF EVENTS

