

Press Release

Ice Rink for Thanet

A campaign to build an Ice Rink in Thanet received 1,000 supporters within just 24 hours of its launch on Facebook earlier this month. The brainchild of Thanet resident Rachel Harvey, the site has now received the backing of more than 7,000 people, eliciting excited comments from a wide variety of potential customers.

Perhaps drawing inspiration from the success of the 2012 London Olympics, Jeanette Bell writes: "Hi, Yes. I think an ice rink is a great idea. I used to go ice skating all the time when I was young. Not sure if I can do it now. I would love to have a go again."

Gemma Tiley enthuses: "I've been saying for a while we need a local ice rink. I am 100% behind you."

Leigh Whitling adds: "People moan that kids hang around the streets and cause trouble so what better way to put a stop to it. Give them something to do!"

Adam Satchwell who used to work for an airline and knows what attracts visitors wrote simply: "An Ice Rink is what Thanet needs".

A consultant at Adecco employment agency in Broadstairs, Rachel Harvey is confident that an Ice Rink in Thanet would bring considerable educational, commercial and health benefits. "Many schools have promised to support the venture and I am sure that it would attract visitors all year round".

Chamber Chief Executive David Foley said: "We know that tourism provides around 10% of jobs in Thanet and over £200 million a year to the local economy. We are in discussion with a number of parties who have already expressed an interest. As our monthly Business Advice Clinics have shown, there is no shortage of entrepreneurial spirit in East Kent. A commercially successful Ice Rink would be a great addition to the tourism offer."

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Information

An Ice Rink in Thanet

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