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## **Press Release**

### **PARADE OPENING CEREMONY**

**Parade, High Street, Eastry Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008, at 10am.**

Eastry Parish Council is pleased to announce that the project to revitalise the area in front of the Parade of shops in the High Street, Eastry has been completed. This project was launched in the late 1990's and was originally going to be the Parish Council's "Millennium Project". Unfortunately major delays were encountered at each stage of the project: planning, getting the leases finalised and obtaining funding.

The membership of the Parish Council has changed considerably since the project started, however each new generation of Councillors have signed-up to the project and have done their best to progress the work. Finally, on 31<sup>st</sup> March this year, all the necessary elements were in place and work started to create an amenity area for the use of the local community.

The Parish Council are very grateful for the financial aid given by the following grant agencies:-

Sandwich Neighbourhood Forum

Dover District Community Safety Partnership

Kent County Council – Member Community Grant

They would also like to acknowledge the contribution from Mr Theodore (Teddy) Birnberg, a retired Parish Councillor who very generously left the Council a Legacy that has been used to part fund this project.

Also to date £1637 has been raised by the local community, a buy a brick campaign and raffles held by local groups have helped to raise this money, the local parent and toddler group also held a sponsored sing. All contributors have been listed and their details will be included in the time capsule that will be buried under the Parade during the opening ceremony on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008, at 10am. The ribbon will be cut by Mr Donald Eldridge, retired Parish Councillor and one of the original instigators of this project; pupils from Eastry Primary School will be in attendance to help bury the time capsule.