

Active Kent & Medway Conference 2026



Tuesday 13 October 2026

Kent Event Centre, Detling, Maidstone, ME14 3JF

Event Objectives

This full day event brings together partners from across health, sport, local authority and community sectors to connect, share ideas and learn from each other.

The theme of this year's conference is 'Move Together for Place, Partnerships, Purpose'.

There will be presentations, short briefing sessions and time to network.

Event Timings

The conference runs from 9:30 and finishes at 15:30.

The venue will be open from 8:30 until 16:30.

Main contact on the day: Natalie Harris 07920 585492

Event Agenda

09:00	Arrival, refreshments, networking
09:40	Welcome – Liz Davidson
09:55	Keynote – Andy Taylor, CEO Active Partnerships Network
10:30	The Story of Place
11:00	Refreshments and networking
11:15	Expert Panel – Q&A
12:00	Lunch and networking
13:00	Briefing Session 1
13:40	Briefing Session 2
14:20	Briefing Session 3
15:00	Networking and Event Close

Location

The [Kent Event Centre](#) is the largest conference and exhibition venue in Kent, located on the top of the North Downs, just off the A249.

The Kent Event Centre is no longer accessible via Scragged Oak Road.



Arriving by Car

From the M20:

- Exit at Junction 7, following signs for Sittingbourne / Sheerness (A249)
- Continue for approximately 2 miles
- The Kent Event Centre will be signposted on the left-hand side

From the M2:

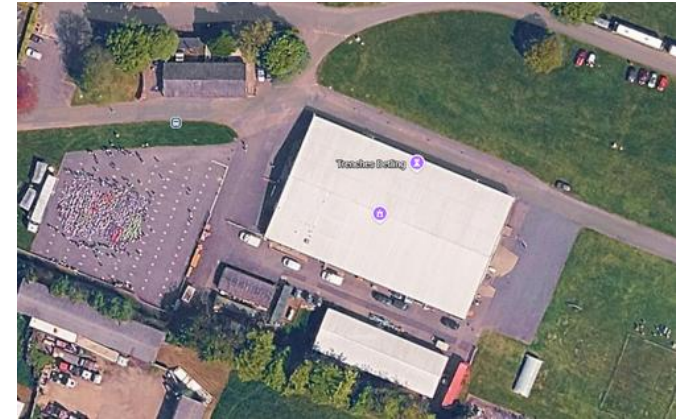
- Exit at Junction 5, following signs for Maidstone (A249); continue for approximately 5 miles
- Please note you cannot turn directly into the site from the right-hand side
- Continue to the roundabout at the bottom of Detling Hill and follow signs back towards the venue

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Parking

There is free parking at the Kent Event Centre.

There are blue badge parking spaces next to the entrance of the building.



Arriving by Train

The nearest station to the Kent Event Centre is Maidstone East.

There are taxis available at the station to take you to the Event Centre.

If you require assistance with travel planning, please email activekent@kent.gov.uk

Entrance and Signage

The event centre has concrete pathways to the entrance of the venue. There will be signage at the entrance of the building to direct you to the main hall.

The registration desk will be visible on entering the hall. Staff will be on hand to help you at registration.



Room Details

The main hall is spacious and the flooring is carpeted.

There will be round tables for up to 10 people situated in front of the main stage with seating.

The hall is fully accessible for wheelchairs or mobility aids.

Standing tables will be available.

There are meeting rooms on the ground floor and on the first floor which are accessible via stairs or a lift.

The lift is situated in the entrance hallway with space for one individual.



Accessible Facilities

The event centre has ramp access plus a lift to the first floor meeting rooms.
The toilets are located off the hallway, inside the main entrance of the building.

Environment and Sensory Considerations

The event centre is a large building with high ceiling, bright lighting and clear open walkways. It may feel noisy at the start of the day when delegates arrive and during refreshment and lunch breaks.

There will be opportunities for table discussions and networking but shaking hands is optional. There will be optional movement breaks throughout the day. You can move around or step out of the event at any time.

Quiet, breakout space is available off the main hall. Please speak to one of the team if you'd like to use it during the day.

Arrival

At the registration desk, you will be asked your name and a member of the event team will hand you a name badge for you to wear throughout the day.

Food and Refreshments

Tea, Coffee and water will be provided throughout the day.

Lunch will be provided and dietary requirements will be catered for, if noted in your registration form.

Please consider bringing your own refillable cup or water bottle.

Photography and Videography

We will have a photographer present during the event. This may include flash photography. Please speak to a member of the team if this poses any issues.

If you do not consent to being photographed or filmed, please speak to a member of the team prior to, or during the event.

Social Media

We will be posting on social media during this event, and we will be using LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram. If you post on these social channels, please tag us in and use #MoveTogether2026 and we will engage with as many posts as possible.

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/active-kent-and-medway>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ActiveKent1>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/activekent/>

Active Soles

We encourage you to wear Active Soles for our events.

#ActiveSoles was first introduced by our colleagues at Greater Manchester Moving, the Active Partnership in Greater Manchester, and is a movement to change the way we think about workwear and embrace moving more. If you wish to, please wear comfortable shoes or trainers that you can easily move in.

Accessibility and Sustainability Statement

We are committed to making this event as inclusive, accessible and sustainable as possible. We encourage attendees to consider sustainable travel choices and to minimise waste during their visit.

Please contact us in advance or speak to a team member on arrival if you need further support.

If you require this document in an alternative format, please email activekent@kent.gov.uk