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## How to apply?

For an application pack or to ask any questions you have about Shared Windows, please contact either of the following:

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# Shared Windows

## Adopt an empty shop

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# Shared Windows – energizing our Town Centres

*Are you looking for somewhere to showcase what you do for the local community?*

*Would you like to help us to liven up our shopping streets?*

**If so, we would like to hear from you.**

## What is Shared Windows?

Nationwide, councils and their partners are developing ways to use empty shops to boost town centres and to support the community.

Shared Windows has been developed by the Council's Arts and Economic Development teams with the aim to bring empty town centre shops back into use by encouraging community groups to take them over for a while to showcase what they do.

## Who can get involved?

Shared Windows is open to community groups, artists and other individuals or groups that are active in the community.

## What are we looking for?

Good ideas are wanted for the use of shop fronts that would enhance the appearance of the property and take advantage of a busy town centre location.

The art work can be 2 or 3 dimensional (paintings, drawings, sculpture, crafts, fabric etc). It could be themed or mainly reflect the work of the exhibiting group – but the more creative, the better! Proposals cannot be of a commercial nature.

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## Why are we doing this?

Lately, more empty shops have appeared in our high streets which reduce the activity and appeal of our towns, and mean that valuable community services are lost.

A recent survey of town centre businesses found that 72% supported the use of empty shops by community groups and artists.

Shared Windows aims to make the best use of these shops to increase activity while encouraging people to get involved with their communities.

## What are the benefits of this scheme?

- Improving the appearance of the town centre and reducing the risk of empty properties becoming an eyesore
- Attractive empty shop premises are likely to attract more interest from potential new tenants
- Community groups and artists will have the opportunity to showcase their work to the wider community

## How will it work?

To take part in this scheme or for more information, please contact Shepway District Council for an application pack – see contact details overleaf. This will include guidance on what we are looking for, as well as simple terms and conditions that will apply.

Applicants meeting our criteria will be considered for inclusion in this initiative and approved participants will be able to display the Shared Windows banner.

*It may be that you have a particular property in mind or would like to know what is available. In either case, we aim to help.*