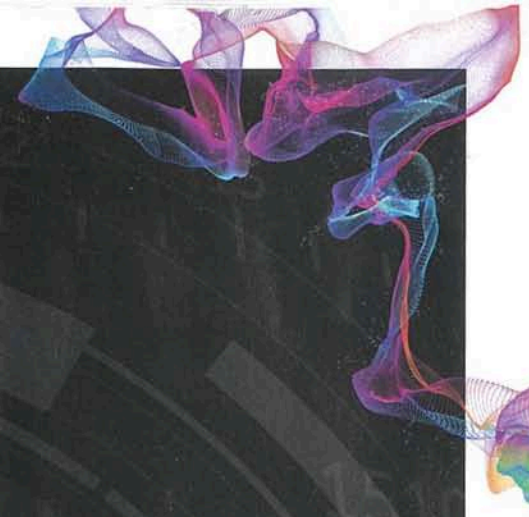


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World leading technology in the heart of Medway



Did you know that some of the most advanced electronic and avionics equipment are developed, manufactured and maintained in Rochester?

Medway has one of the largest employers in the county – **BAE Systems.**

The company has a heritage stretching back for almost a century, has more than 1,400 employees and is continually expanding and developing for the future.

A global business, with customers in more than 40 countries, BAE Systems is one of the biggest aerospace and technology companies in the world.

Employees at Rochester work on a range of exciting technologies, including flight controls and Augmented Reality displays for military and commercial aircraft, and electric propulsion for buses and boats.

The site has a number of openings this year, ranging from production, test and quality technicians, to software, hardware, and systems engineers, as well as roles in human resources, IT, and commercial. With plans underway to renovate the

Rochester site and continue to grow the business, there is always something exciting happening at BAE Systems.

What's more, the business creates an inclusive culture, where innovation can flourish, and personal skills are developed; the company is committed to the wellbeing of employees and their families.

Amy Ennion, Principal Systems Engineer, said: "I've benefitted from three BAE Systems mentors, and have been supported to take further qualifications. Additionally, the flexible hours allow me an excellent work-life balance."

To learn more about the company, visit: baesystems.com

Meet the Medway society at the forefront of vintage aviation

Since 1975, the Medway Aircraft Preservation Society Ltd (MAPSL) has restored vintage aircraft to take to the skies once again or to go on view for people to admire.

Based at Rochester Airport, the volunteers have restored Spitfires and Hurricanes as well as a Fairey Battle bomber and a Boulton Paul Defiant for the RAF Museum at Hendon.

In 2010, the society received A Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of its work preserving rare and unique aircraft. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall visited MAPSL's workshops and agreed to become one of the 'Maps Chaps' and became the patron.

As part of our (Medway Council) improvement works at Rochester Airport, the society has moved into a purpose-built hangar, which is due to officially open next year.



Volunteers are currently working on restoring a Rochester-built Short Brothers Scion II (above).

Open mornings

Visitors are welcome to see restorations in action - MAPSL's workshop is open for viewing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays between 9am and 12noon.



Below: Members of the Medway Aircraft Preservation Society Ltd (MAPSL) with HRH The Duchess of Cornwall.



Find out more: mapsl.co.uk

Medway Sea Cadets celebrate 80th anniversary

The Medway Towns Sea Cadet Unit is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.

The unit became number 238 of the Sea Cadet Corps in 1942 and has been providing sea cadet training to young people across Medway ever since.

Members of the unit are referred to as the Ships Company and there is a junior section, aged 10 to 12 and a seniors' section, aged 12 to 18, who parade every Monday and Wednesday at St Mary's House, Royal Sovereign Avenue in Gillingham.

The Sea Cadets is not a pre-service organisation, but a charity, which provides training to young people using Royal Naval themes including training on water in different types of boats, first aid training, mechanical engineering, mountain biking, training for the Duke of Edinburgh award and much more.

As part of its anniversary celebrations, the unit is encouraging new recruits to join them and find out more.

If you think you are up to the challenge, believe you could be part of the team and you want to learn more, visit: sea-cadets.org/medway

