



The Margate Sea and Royal Marines Cadets band

## Annington's sling gift helps cadets keep beat

THE Margate Sea and Royal Marines Cadets band will be parading this summer and autumn thanks to a gift from property management company **Annington**, which donated six drum slings to the East Kent-based unit.

The cadets are part of the UK's oldest nautical youth charity, which brings young people aged between ten and 18 together to learn life skills, teamwork, respect and self-confidence.

The organisation helps to improve opportunities for local young people while celebrating Margate's rich nautical heritage.

The slings will help the unit's band members better bear the weight of the drums during marches and parades, reducing strain and fatigue during performances and allowing

them to easily perform in public.

The cadets often perform at community events and parades, including most recently the Armed Forces Day parade and D-Day celebration in June.

Kate Hart, chairman of the Unit Management Trust for the Margate Sea and Royal Marines Cadets, said: "The cadets have been practicing hard and were excited to perform for the community this summer, and these slings from **Annington** have made that possible.

"Since we are a non-profit charity, we are heavily reliant on donations and fundraising to operate. Annington's gift will help us to ensure these young people from Margate and Ramsgate continue to have a safe, fun and educational environment where they can grow into the best

version of themselves."

**Stacy Whitehead**, marketing manager for **Annington**, added: "The Margate Sea and Royal Marines Cadets is doing vital work in the local community, teaching valuable skills, a lifelong love for music and encouraging young people to learn more about the world around them.

"We hope our donation allows the group to continue making a difference to the lives of these young people, and we look forward to seeing the band perform."

For more information about Margate Sea Cadets, visit [www.sea-cadets.org/margate](http://www.sea-cadets.org/margate)

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