

The glories of the seaside

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A FESTIVAL to celebrate the seaside attracted hundreds of visitors to the Romney Marsh at the weekend.

The O Dreamland event saw artists from Transition Gallery in London working with Club Shepway, based at 16&B Project Space, Tontine Street, come together to celebrate all things to do with the seaside.

The event was centred on a house in The Parade, Greatstone, where work was on display.

There was also a traditional beauty parade, with costumes designed and made by Luise Ashworth, who also organised the parade.

There were driftwood sculptures being created on the beach, psychic readings, a parade of mobility scooters and traditional seaside treats such as candy floss.

Cathy Lomax of the Transition Gallery said: "It was the first time we have ever done something like this on the Romney Marsh and it went extremely well."

"The idea was to celebrate the



seaside and how it's used as a way of escaping and to get away from everything.

"It was a fantastic weekend."

"We are thinking of doing another one either next year or the year after."



■ A beauty pageant entrant

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■ Jonathan Waller creates sculpture from beachcombing

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■ The Mayor of Lydd, Clr John Commerford, and Jan Williams of The Caravan Gallery

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■ Artists Matt Rowe, Rachel Potts, Cathy Lomax and Ruth Calland

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