

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for East Folkestone –  
Councillor Michelle Keutenius**

Subject: Strange Cargo

**Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive**

Date decision taken: 20 January 2020

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Brigitte Orasinski  
Artistic Director  
Strange Cargo  
The Factory  
43 Geraldine Road  
Cheriton  
Folkestone  
Kent CT19 4BD

**Name and description of project:**

2020 Cheriton Light Festival – The grant will contribute towards artist time to deliver sculptural lantern making workshops at All Souls, Morehall, St Martins, Harcourt and Cheriton Primary Schools in Cheriton.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £100 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

This will be the fifth Cheriton Light Festival and the event has grown in popularity since it first took place in 2013. Cheriton High Street will be closed to traffic to enable people to roam freely and will use art to transform spaces to encourage people to view and be involved with the artworks. The event will be opened with a community lantern parade and close with fireworks, as both of these activities have been requested by local people.

The Cheriton Light Festival (CLF) shows that art can be a catalyst for bringing the community together. This aspect of the event has proved to be of supreme importance to people over the four years. CLF makes it possible for people to come together at a very cold and dark time of year and celebrate as a community in the same space. The event has become a much anticipated part of the town's cultural calendar and there has been lots of enquiries already regarding people looking forward to being involved.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**

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**Signed:**

**Councillor Michelle Keutenius  
East Folkestone**

**20 January 2020**