

1 9 8 4



2 0 0 9

CHATHAM MARITIME COMES OF AGE



Chatham Dockyard closed on 31st March 1984, but since then, the 140-hectare site has been transformed into a thriving community where people live, work and study and enjoy quality leisure time.

In 1999, SEEDA (South East England Development Agency) took ownership of the site from its predecessors English Industrial Estates Corporation and English Partnerships to lead the regeneration of the area. Ten years on Chatham Maritime is SEEDA's flagship development for sustainable living in the heart of the Thames Gateway combining new infrastructure, and a mixed development, enabled by over £850m investment funding from the public and private sector.

"Together with our partners we have built 1,000 new homes and a million square feet of new office space, creating over 5,000 jobs. The University of Greenwich, University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University along with Mid Kent College have all established themselves at Chatham Maritime or nearby, giving a bright new future to thousands of students. Chatham Maritime offers a range of leisure facilities for everyone to enjoy including the 300-berth marina, the Dickens World visitor attraction, a multiplex cinema and a range of shops at the Dockside Outlet Centre along with 20 acres of parkland and riverside walks."

"The early vision for Chatham Maritime was to regenerate this once abandoned and derelict site at the heart of the Medway Towns as a premier business location and vibrant residential community as well as a centre for education. Ten years on, we are well on the way to delivering the vision and are very proud of our collective achievements."



Jonathan Sadler, SEEDA Development Director for Thames Gateway who has led the project through to realisation said, "SEEDA has invested £150 million of public sector funding into Chatham Maritime and brought a further £700m from the private sector."