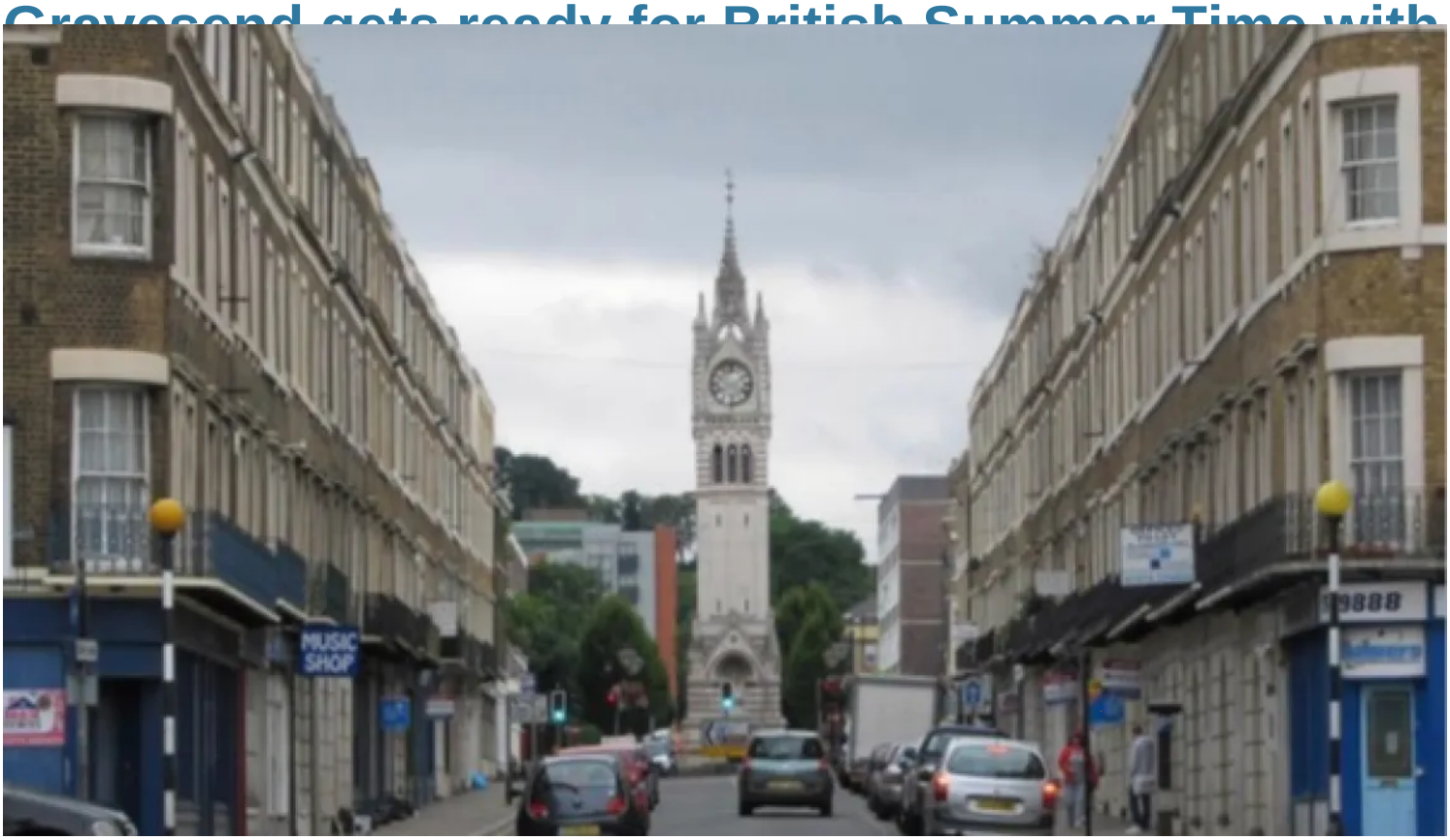
Gravesend gets ready for British Summer Time with



A view of the clock tower from Harmer Street, Gravesend

An historic clock tower in Gravesend, Kent is set to be restored thanks to a National Lottery grant.

The 51-feet clock tower was built in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria’s golden jubilee and is Grade II listed.

It's a well-known local landmark which sits to the east of the town centre and greets people arriving in and leaving the town.

Gravesham Borough Council has been awarded £172,300 to repair the stonework and clock faces and install a new a lighting scheme to illuminate the tower at night.

Alongside the restoration works, the council will also be organising guided tours, a photo exhibition and workshops for primary schools to explore the history of the clock tower and its importance in the local area.

Stuart McLeod, Head of HLF South East, said: This clock tower will be well known to everyone in the area and is a precious part of Gravesend’s heritage. Thanks to National Lottery players, our investment will ensure that it will continue to tell passers-by the time for many years to come and that its history is much better known.

“Coupled with the exciting plans to install a new lighting scheme, this project will give the tower the prominence it deserves.”

Gravesham has been a priority area for HLF since 2008, during which time we've given out £981,015 to 27 projects.



The clocktower in Gravesend

National Lottery grant for Gravesend’s historic clock tower