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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

WITH LOW PRICES AND A FAST COMMUTE, THIS HISTORIC MEDWAY TOWN HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE, SAYS ANDREA DEAN

HATHAM is inextricably linked to its royal deckyard, founded by Henry VIII, which built Royal Mary warships for over 400 years. Since its closure in 1984, the site has been

closure in 1984, the site has been transformed and now houses the nearonal Historic Dockyand Charlann, thousands of homes, a university campus, and a retail, appris and beatiness hub.

The town centre and the area's flourishing creative sector are being beosted with funding from the government's Fature High Streets and Levelling Up Bunds, and various residential and commercial projects are in the pipeline. Buyers used to London prices find it very affordable and accessible, buth by tail and road, Homes in the town centre are

recones in time town certain are typically two-up, two-down Victorian terraces, and there are also conversions and purpose built flars, and larger houses on the outskirts. "We mostly see first-time buyers



moving in from out of the area, often who live in Medway try towns such as Rainham, which are regarded as more desirable, says Mark Franklin of Robinson Michael & Jackson, 'Flats start at around the £140,000 £150,000 mark and two-bedroom bouses are priced upwards from £220,000.

WHAT'S NEW

ST MARY'S ISLAND, on the former Royal Naval Dockyard site, has been transformed

Meval Dockyard site, has been transformed by Countryside in partnership with Home partnership with Home phose, colled Maritime News, consists of one and two-bedroom apartnersh and three and four-hod houses. Apartments including open-plan kitchery living/dining areas and balcomes start from E80,000. The Riverside Collection - the last 12 houses on \$1 Mary's Island - launches shortly. The two four-hold and ten five-hed houses all overlands the Riverside Collection - the last 12 houses on \$1 Mary's Island - launches shortly. The two four-hed and ten five-hed houses all overlands the Riverside Collection - the last 12 houses on \$1 Mary's Island - launches shortly. The two four-hed and ten five-hed houses all overlands with private countryside properties, com. Countryside and four-bed houses are left in the surrent phase. From E25,000 and \$685,000 respectively, countryside properties. The current phase - from E25,000 and \$685,000 respectively.



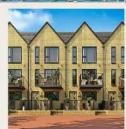
Dockside: St Mary's Island. Below: Apartments at Colonial Wharf

bedroom flat to EA70,000 for a four-bedroom townhouse, persimmanhames.com. Medway Development Company, Medway Council's own housing arm, is working on two developments, Garrison Point is a collection of 15 one and have held acatherises of the flat have held acatherises and is thus. a collection of 15 one and two-bed opartments and is due for completion at the end of the year. They start from £212,000, available through Help to Buy and First Homes, the latter offering a 30 per cent discount.

One and two-bed apartments at Waterfront go on sale

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