

Discovery Park

Centre of Excellence for life science and innovation



Locate in Kent



Kent's life sciences sector has created some of the most **revolutionary and world-renowned medicines** in existence and continues to innovate and discover for tomorrow's world.

Discovery Park in Sandwich has established itself as one of the UK's top science parks with a fantastic track record in drug discovery. Industry-leading labs and small scientific teams commercialising the next big idea work side-by-side across this 220-acre science campus.

It is just one of seven **Life Science Opportunity Zones** in the UK, working closely with universities across the region but also in partnership with scientific organisations, including the **BIA**, **OBN** and **One Nucleus**.

Discovery Park has built thriving science focused ecosystem across **pharmaceuticals**, **biotechnology**, **healthcare** and **technology**. These are some of the companies located here:

Algaecytes, BSPG Laboratories, Concept Life Sciences, Curadev, DLOC Bio Systems, EligoChem, Genea Biomedx, Pfizer, Viatris, Reneo Pharma and Sandexis.

All are supported on site by a range of professional services they can call upon as they need from marketers and recruiters to legal and financial experts.

The award-winning **Community Lab**, a partnership with Pfizer, CCCU and STEM Learning is also here. It's a key part of a commitment to **science education** and the continuation of a strong, local talent pool that pharma and biotech firms can access.

This is a place with ambition and the space to fulfil them – at all stages of drug discovery from start up to manufacturing. This is already a **centre of excellence for life science** with **national centre for neuroscience** and **renewable energy technologies** the next steps on the journey to becoming a **world-class science park** over the next decade.



Discovery Park offers the following:

- ▶ Over 160 science-based firms in a single community.
- ▶ Access to multiple early stage investors.
- ▶ An accelerator programme.
- ▶ Business mentoring services including Eagle Labs.
- ▶ Shared or dedicated labs with write up space.
- ▶ Spaces for sensitive testing.
- ▶ Dedicated offices or coworking space.
- ▶ Major space for production.
- ▶ 3 universities on site.
- ▶ Building skills and future talent.
- ▶ Collaborating on industry led research.
- ▶ Accessing research grants.
- ▶ All power and heat provided by dedicated green energy facility.

The success of Discovery Park is the result of a strategic **long-term public and private partnership** between Government in London and Kent. It demonstrates the power of **the UK's £94 billion life sciences sector** in driving economic regeneration in clusters all around the UK.

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George Freeman
MP Minister of State for Department for Science
Innovation and Technology

67,000



The South East had the highest employment of all regions in the UK as of 2021, accounting for 24% of all employment in the life science sector.

59,500



The number of jobs supported by the life science sector across Kent and Medway, accounting for 9.3% of all jobs.

11,935



The South East has the second highest number of life science enterprises after London (15,335).

1,710



The number of life science enterprises in Kent in 2022 accounting for 2.6% of all enterprises.

28%



The increase in Kent's Life Science sector over the last two years with a high proportion of life science jobs in districts of Dover and Sevenoaks involved in research than national average.

16.7%



Health and life sciences is a sector that continues to deliver for Kent and Medway with the number of jobs increasing by 16.7 percent over the last five years.

50,000 Sq. Ft.*

Discovery Park is home to Kent's only Barclay's Eagle Lab, 50,000 Sq. Ft. of laboratory and collaborative workspace for start up and scale up science businesses.

*4,645 sqm



Life science cluster in the region

Mylan, Pfizer, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Smiths Medical, Charles River and over **450 other life science sector companies** have made Kent their home over the years, putting the county on the map as a key location for UK science: from bio-tech, pharmaceuticals and diagnostics to global science logistics, med-tech manufacturers and contract research organisations.

In addition to Discovery Park, there is **Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne** – part of the UK wide Pioneer Group science park family with further clusters developing at Innovation Park, Medway and Kent Medical Campus in Maidstone. As of July 2023, some **59,500 jobs** are supported by the life sciences sector in the region.

Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne

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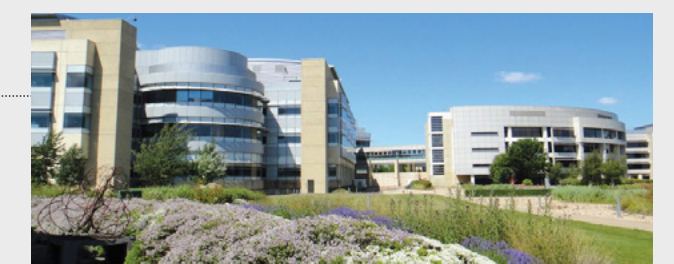
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Culture & Heritage



126
Museums and art galleries in Kent, including the world famous Turner Contemporary in Margate.

101
Cinemas and theatres in Kent including the Marlow Theatre, in Canterbury.

Home to **5** Michelin starred restaurants.



350 acres
England's wine country with more than **50 wineries** throughout the county, spread over **350 acres of vineyards**.



Food & Drink



Shepherd Neame is Britain's oldest brewery, located in Faversham.



Over **4,000** of exhilarating foot and cycle trails.

Home of the pioneering **Wilder Blean project** - restoring keystone species and ecosystem engineers to one of the **largest areas of ancient woodland** in the UK.



Leisure



350 miles of coastline is home to some of the best beaches in Europe - voted by Lonely Planet.



Connectivity

High Speed Trains
The **UK's only high-speed line**. This **67-mile-long** rail line links St Pancras International in central London and the Channel Tunnel, providing access for both **domestic and international services**.



160,000
Kent is home of the Dartford Crossing - with an average daily use of around 160,000 vehicles.



Kent's rail network already offers direct access from the county to **nine central London stations**.

\$45 million
The **\$45 million Thanet Parkway station** opened in Summer 2023 on the doorstep of Manston Airport set to re-open as a **major air-cargo facility** and **Discovery Park**, one of the UK's leading science parks.

The Port of Dover receives an estimated **2.6 million trucks**, **2.8 million cars** and **16 million passengers** each year.



Sport




First recorded match of cricket took place in Kent during **1705**

Home to **three championship links golf courses**; Royal St George's, Royal Cinque Ports and Prince's.



Two UEFA Women's Euro 2022 winners call Kent home, Alessia Russo, Maidstone. Laura Coombs, Dartford.

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