



# Growing Capital

Kent's county town, Maidstone is a vibrant commercial centre - ideally located, well connected and with serious growth plans.

**H**ome to almost 143,000 people, Maidstone is ideally located between London and the Channel ports. It is well served by the M20 and M2 motorways and benefits from excellent rail connections to the capital and beyond. The town is on a river, close to both beautiful Weald countryside and charming Kentish villages. Brenchley Gardens, Mote Park and the Maidstone Millennium River Park (featuring landscaped open space and public art plus luxury riverside apartments) are all close to the town centre.

Maidstone's location and communications links are highly significant factors in attracting business to the area. Since April 2007, Locate in Kent has helped 18 companies move to or expand in Maidstone. Paul Wookey, Locate in Kent's Chief Executive, says: "Popular sectors include business services, engineering and a growing number from the creative industries. Most investments in Maidstone are from the UK, but it has attracted interest from overseas, with two German companies relocating to the town since last year."

Maidstone has  
the largest  
economy in  
Kent, with 7,000  
businesses of  
all sizes

St Peter's Bridge

