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Press Release

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Begins:

Margate Town Team's Bid chosen as one of Mary Portas 12 Pilot Towns

The public event organised by the Margate Town Team on Tuesday 12th June at the empty ex-Woolworth's shop on Margate High Street was packed to the gills with Margate residents looking to find out more about the winning Margate Portas Pilot bid and to meet Mary Portas herself in person.

Margate Town Team Chairman, Robin Vaughan-Lyons said: "We were so overwhelmed by the literally hundreds of positive comments and offers of help from everyone who attended. The 'ideas wall' where residents pinned up hundreds of ideas for improving the town was a resounding success. We'll be taking it with us wherever we go to show people how passionate Margate is about its High Street!"

Retail Guru Mary Portas, who's Government Review kicked off the Portas Pilot scheme joined the event along with her TV crew from Optomen TV. They are planning on making a programme about the Margate High Street and the Town Team are working with them to decide what our involvement will be.

Margate Town Team is keen to benefit from the expertise and ideas that Mary has to regenerate Margate, mindful of the need for them to be able to get to work on the aims identified in their successful bid.

Margate Town Team wishes to convey sincere thanks to:

- the building's owners for letting us use Woolworths - amazing space - free of charge and we hope this wonderful building is open again soon permanently.
 - Jamie Moore for the live music, Kappo, Mandy and Gavin for the vintage Dreamland ice-cream bike, thank you to everyone who helped clean up the shop, set up and take down the market stalls.
- Thank you really to everyone who has helped support this project for Margate.

Stay tuned for more news from your Margate Town Team.

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