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Party on the Pier

Saturday 12 March 2011 from 10am – 10pm
Pier Pavilion Herne Bay

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The Herne Bay Pier Trust and Southern Water are proud to be sponsoring a day of free activities for all ages at the launch of British Tourism Week 2011. The National Piers Society invited every pier in the country to join in this celebration of our nation's piers and seaside heritage, encouraging residents and tourists to visit and highlighting the importance of maintaining and restoring our piers.

Herne Bay's pier was unique. It was the second longest in the country and the first to install a permanent roller skating rink. Our roller hockey teams compete at international level and have played at the pier since the beginning of the last century. This hundred year old history of skating on our pier will come to an end in 2011 when the current pier pavilion is demolished and a new rink opens at Greenhill. So we decided to make our Party on the Pier a very special celebration of this unique relationship.

We are offering a full day of roller-skating themed events in the Pier Pavilion. All these events are free to everyone and include: Family Skate Sessions, Artistic Skating Workshops, Social Skate, Roller Derby, Roller Hockey Workshops, Roller Disco and Roller Hockey Match. There will also be a small exhibit and tombola in the Pier Café.

Sue Austen, who organised the Herne Bay event on behalf of the Pier Trust, said "Party on the Pier is a fantastic way to celebrate the nation's piers. We wanted our Party to be a fun day out for families and young people. Roller skating is a great activity for all ages and it is unique to Herne Bay's pier."

Julian Jennings, Chairman of Herne Bay Pier Trust, said "We are delighted that Southern Water agreed to co-sponsor the event with us. This has meant that all the events at our Party will be free and we hope to see lots of families coming along to take part."

Andy Shaddick, Public Affairs Manager for Southern Water, said "We support fitness for families and promote drinking water as part of a healthy lifestyle. We hope the Herne Bay community will take advantage of this free event."

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