

Kent's very own Trinny and Susannah want to give you a personal makeover



# Red carpet glitz on your doorstep

IT SEEMS Keira Knightley needs to have a stern word with her stylist.

The British beauty (left) may be wowing cinema audiences across the world, but image consultant Deborah Turner isn't so impressed.

"She is a beautiful young woman," Mrs Turner, 36, explained. "But then you see her out with these blonde streaks in her hair, and she just doesn't look as good as she should."

"Someone is obviously advising her to do this, but if she had some proper, professional advice she could look absolutely amazing."

And this is exactly what Ms Turner and business partner Karen MacPhee, 32, hope to bring to Kent with the launch of their new image consultancy.

The two friends are behind Hamlyn Nash, a service offering red carpet-worthy professional advice to men and women on how to look their best in the office, the bar or even at home.

"Most people will recognise the service as being what Trinny and Susannah do," said Mrs Turner. "But the difference is they haven't actually had any formal training. We like to think we're not as harsh - we want to build confidence, not knock it."

"But then again, if people want us to harsh we can be!"

Mrs Turner, a chartered surveyor, and Miss MacPhee, a personnel officer, met while working at KCC two years ago, and were both eager to do something different with their careers.

"We have always been interested in fashion and style," Mrs



STYLE GURUS: Deborah Turner (left) and Karen MacPhee have some advice for Keira Knightley (far left)

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Turner said. "Then we went to have our colours done, and we thought that this was something we could do really well and there didn't seem to be anything like this Kent."

The pair underwent rigorous training with London-based image consultancy Aston+Hayes and Business Link Kent, and launched Hamlyn Nash on a part time basis in September.

The women hope to be working on it full time in the New Year.

The business offers two core services - colour and style consultations, which help men and women identify which shades compliment their natural tones and features, how to wear make-up, and which clothes suit and compliment their shape.

Mrs Turner said: "We use ourselves as examples as we are both very different - Karen is 6ft and I'm 5ft 1ins and we both have different frames - and we don't prod people with tape measures."

Mrs Turner admits she would like to give TV presenter Philip Schofield's wardrobe a going over: "He's a good looking man, but he

just goes for the wrong colours."

And she would dearly love to banish one popular fashion myth.

"Everyone wants to wear black but in reality only around 30 per cent of people in Britain have the right natural look to pull it off."

"We always give our clients one key colour to work with - what we would call their 'Oscar dress' colour. I think if you start off with professional advice, then you've always got a base to work from."

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## PPC into the Dragons' Den

DAMIAN Collins is to make his debut as a prospective parliamentary candidate at the Conservative Party's conference next week.

The man picked to stand for Michael Howard's constituency at the next election will be among candidates taking part in the Dragons' Den-style debate on Tuesday.

He will present judges - including Ann Widdecombe and Oliver Letwin - with a new idea to benefit small businesses.

He will use examples of Folkestone's Creative Quarter and Evegat business centre at Smeeth.

The winner's idea may then be adopted as party policy.

## Criminals turn 'Grimebusters'

CONVICTED criminals were forced to clean a notorious graffiti-covered underpass in Ashford.

A team of 10 carrying out community punishment orders spent nine days cleaning and repainting the underpass connecting Ashford Civic Centre and the McArthur Glen retail centre.

It is part of the ongoing Grimebusters partnership scheme between the council probation.

A council spokesman said: "The painting has transformed an unpleasant environment into a fresh, light and bright facility."

## Python star confirmed for book festival

TERRY Jones, Rupert Everett and David Starkey are set to appear at this year's Folkestone Literary Festival.

A host of literary talent and TV and film personalities will be appearing at the event, running from November 10 to 19.

Hollywood actor Rupert Everett will talk about his new autobiography *Red Carpets and Other Banana Skins*, which includes details of his affair with the late Paula Yates.

Former Monty Python star Terry Jones and historian David Starkey will give talks on their latest work, while Sandra Howard, wife of the former Tory leader, will discuss her well-received first novel, *Glass Houses*.

Others include the journalists Michael Buerk, John Pilger, Kate Adie and Tariq Ali, screenwriter Andrew Davis and TV presenter Bettany Hughes.

Literary festivals began in Folkestone 26 years ago, but this is the event's fourth outing since it was rebranded by Saga.

Previously held at the end of the summer, the festival has been moved to November to help authors capitalise on the run up to Christmas and the influx of seasonal visitors.

This year's festival has benefited from the expert advice of Peter Florence, director of the world famous Hay Literary Festival.

Full details of the programme will be released next month.

For more information or to register your details for tickets to the festival, visit [www.folkestonelit-fest.co.uk](http://www.folkestonelit-fest.co.uk).

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