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## **Kent gets its teeth into loan sharks**

A large inflatable shark was flown at County Hall, Maidstone on Monday 27 April to mark the start of a new partnership between the Trading Standards South East Illegal Money Lending Team and Kent County Council's Kent Trading Standards Service to crack down on loan sharks operating in the county.

Kent Trading Standards and the Trading Standards South East Illegal Money Lending Team working in partnership with Kent Police is launching the Stop Loan Sharks campaign in the county. During the event hosted by Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Communities at Kent County Council, the Trading Standards South East Illegal Money Lending Team gave a presentation, including a video of the harrowing story of a victim and were joined by representatives from countywide organisations such as Citizens' Advice Bureaux and Crimestoppers.