

This talk will be delivered by Martin Hubbard of the Short Brothers Aviation Heritage Community Interest Company. Short Brothers were globally renowned aviation pioneers whose experimental and civilian aircraft notably sea planes and flying boats and military aircraft such as Short Stirlings and Sunderlands, were a common sight on the river and in the skies over Medway for 35 years. Their work was critical in supporting the development of global air travel and their aircraft also played a major role in WWII and inspired future innovations such as the NASA space shuttle testing. The talk covers the company's early years on the Isle of Sheppey, their close links to the Wright Brothers and their time in Medway.