



**PRESS RELEASE
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**ARMED FORCES & COMMUNITY FUN DAY FOLKESTONE 2024 with AIR DISPLAYS
FREE FAMILY EVENT
Sunday 30th June 2024
10am – 5.30pm (Funfair until 8pm)
THE LEAS BANDSTAND, ARENA AREA & THE LEAS, CT20 2XL**

We are proud and thrilled to announce that our 13th annual Armed Forces & Community Fun Day will this year include an exhilarating air display from the Red Arrows. Flying displays will also include two spitfire Battle of Britain memorial aircraft, civil aircraft displays and parachute regiments, still to be announced.

Event organiser, Folkestone Town Council have further details to follow with regular press updates provided as the comprehensive event programme develops and participants such as a military band, and further display stands are confirmed.

Folkestone Armed Forces Day is a free family day out with recognition of Service Personnel, Veterans and Cadets past, present and future the prime focus.

Veterans will be present on the day and many will engage with the public about their experiences in service.

The area to the rear of the bandstand (to the junction of Clifton Road) will be dedicated to displays and stands including cadet's activity tents, face painting, military benevolent organisations, military static aircraft & vehicle displays and the Great War Trench Experience. The Slackline School, Funfair, Battle of Britain and weapon display stands will be sited in the grassed area between The Grand, The Leas and the junction of Clifton Road / Clifton Crescent. Trade, charity and food & beverage stands will be located on the lawns between the Leas Cliff Hall and WWI Memorial Arch with some sited in other areas.

With a full musical and dance programme at the bandstand from 10am – 5.30pm, interactive WWI educational stands, varied free activities and charitable organisations: SSAFA, RBL, RNLI, BLESMA, RAFA, Help for Heroes and much more, this is a fun, interactive and informative day for all the family not to be missed!

Expected to attract circa 50,000 visitors nationally, this year's Armed Forces Day promises to be an unforgettable and historical event, spotlighting and showcasing everything the fantastic town of Folkestone has to offer.

The MOD fully supports this event organised by Folkestone Town Council and has contributed towards funding Folkestone's Armed Forces & Community Fun Day.

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