

# FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL



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## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Meeting:** Community Services Committee  
**Date:** 10 February 2026 (Tuesday)  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m.  
**Place:** Town Council Meeting Room, Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY

**To:** The Community Services Committee  
(All other Councillors for information only)

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend a meeting of the Community Services Committee on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

**Toni Brenchley**  
Town Clerk

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interest that Members may wish to make.

### 3. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

### 4. ARMED FORCES DAY FOLKESTONE – 2026

The Communities & Events Officer will update the Committee in respect of developing arrangements.

## **5. DRAFT COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

KALC are encouraging parish and town councils to help in building more resilient communities by producing their own Community Resilience Plan. It is anticipated that the plan will support and signpost members of the community to help them prepare for and respond to emergencies at a local level by identifying volunteers, resources and vulnerable areas and members of the community.

The Committee is asked to review and comment on the draft Community Resilience Plan (attached).

## **6. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/26/410**

The Committee is asked to receive and note Report CS/26/410.

## **7. FTC VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICE / TOURISM AND MUSEUM RETAIL OFFER**

The Communities & Events Officer will update the committee in respect of FTC's current Visitor Information Service and the development of its retail offer.

## **8. THE LEAS TOWN TRAIL HERITAGE BOARD**

The Communities & Events Officer will update the Committee in respect of the current status relating to replacement of The Leas Town Trail heritage noticeboard.

## **9. PEACE MEMORIAL**

Further to a meeting with CJ Russell (President – The Royal Federation of Belgian Veterans) the Communities & Events Officer and Cllr Lucy McGirr will update the committee in respect of costs, required resources and viability of the suggested project.

## **10. CIL CONSULTATION**

The public consultation inviting residents, community groups and local businesses to share their views on how Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding should be allocated has now concluded. Items relating to community services are highlighted in blue on the attached document for consideration by the Community Services Committee.

## **11. ARMED FORCES COVENANT UPDATE**

FTC remains committed to the Armed Forces Covenant and continues to undertake associated responsibilities to ensure the Covenant objectives are met.

As the lead officer for the Armed Forces Covenant, the Communities & Events Officer will update the committee in respect of actions required to develop an application for submission to achieve an upgrade from Bronze Award to the Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award. This includes collation of supporting documents such as evidence of community engagement, support initiatives, and organisational policies that demonstrate commitment to the Armed Forces community.

Historically, the Council had a designated Councillor serving as the Armed Forces Champion. The Committee is therefore asked to consider if it wishes to nominate a Councillor for this role.

The Committee is asked to nominate a Folkestone Town Councillor for the role of Armed Forces Champion.

## 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7pm (TBC)

### Councillors on Committee

Councillor Bridget Chapman  
Councillor Jane Darling  
Councillor Peter Gane  
Councillor Lucy McGirr  
Councillor Belinda Walker  
Councillor Roger West

*Parking available for Councillors @ 6.00pm on the precinct area at the front of the Town Hall.*



## FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Jane Darling, Peter Gane, Belinda Walker, Lucy McGirr and Roger West

**In attendance:** Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer

**Absent:** Councillor Bridget Chapman

### **1337. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **1338. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1339. MINUTES**

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 10 June 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 June 2025 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:1

### **1340. BUDGET 2026/27 – POTENTIAL GROWTH ITEMS**

The Committee was asked to consider proposals for possible growth items and non-recurring revenue expenditure for Community projects and initiatives for next year, with any proposal to be put forward for consideration to the Finance & General Purposes Committee at its Meeting of 23 October 2025.

**RESOLVED: That the Finance & General Purposes Committee consider the following growth items at its meeting of 23 October 2025:**

*i) £15,000 Christmas Lighting*

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

*ii) £5,000 Cheriton Youth Festival*

Proposed: Councillor Jane Darling  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane  
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1341. THE LEAS TOWN TRAIL HERITAGE BOARD**

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of the current status relating to potential replacement of The Leas Town Trail Heritage Noticeboard.

**RESOLVED: That the Finance & General Purposes Committee be asked to identify and approve the release of £6,500 funding from the Reserve Budget to support the removal of existing and damaged Town Trail heritage board on The Leas and for supply and installation of a new board at this site to enable the works to be carried out in the 2025/26 financial year.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor Roger West  
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1342. ARMED FORCES DAY – SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

The Communities and Events Officer briefed the Committee in respect of plans for the Armed Forces Day – Folkestone 2026, and members views were sought.

**RESOLVED: That Armed Forces Day 2026 be organised on the scale and in the format of FTC's event on The Leas in 2024 and that the remaining 2025/26 budget and 2026/27 budget be released to deliver this.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor Lucy Gane  
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1343. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/25/399**

The Committee was asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in Report CS/25/399.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To receive and note report CS/25/399
2. To formally adopt Folkestone Museum's Access Plan (Appendix 1)
3. To agree that Folkestone Town Council submits an application to the Royal Society for a 'Places of Science' project grant, to fund a series of public engagement activities on the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of William Harvey's book *De Motu Cordis*.
4. To agree that Folkestone Town Council submits applications to South East Museums for grant funding to remediate the radon in the building.
5. That a vote of thanks to the Museum Curator for her ongoing hard work and commitment be recorded.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane  
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

#### **1344. TAXIDERMY OBJECT DISPOSAL REPORT CS/25/396**

The Committee was asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in Report CS/25/396.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note report CS/25/396**
- 2. To approve the disposal of the listed taxidermy objects identified through assessment of the collection.**

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane  
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

#### **1345. FOLKESTONE TOWN CENTRE AND CHERITON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS AND SWITCH ON EVENTS (22<sup>nd</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY)**

The Committee were updated by the Communities & Events Officer and Cllr Peter Gane regarding the Christmas lighting installations and developing plans and arrangements for the Christmas events in Folkestone and Cheriton respectively including the Lions Club Santas Grotto to be hosted in the Town Hall.

#### **1346. PEACE MEMORIAL**

Committee views were sought regarding the potential of installing a Peace Monument, as suggested by CJ Russell (President – The Royal Federation of Belgian Veterans).

**RESOLVED: That the Communities & Events Officer and Cllr Lucy McGirr undertake further research to ascertain costs and viability of such a project with an update to be brought to the Community Services Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 when a decision will be made in respect of how to proceed.**

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane  
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

#### **1347. THE LEAS LIFT COMPANY TIME CAPSULE COMMUNITY PROJECT**

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of FTC's £250 contribution to this project that marks the Leas Lift 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **1348. THE FIRST BATTALION, THE ROYAL GURKHA RIFLES' FREEDOM OF THE TOWN PARADE – FOLKESTONE**

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee regarding the event held on Sunday 12 October.

**RESOLVED: The Committee moved a vote of thanks to the Communities & Events Officer for all her work in organising the event.**

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1349. PRIMARY YOUTH FORUM**

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee with feedback received from schools, and the progression in establishment of a Primary Youth Forum.

**Noted**

**1350. PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES**

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee with feedback received from schools and local organisations in respect of potential youth activities and initiatives since the last meeting.

**Noted**

**1351. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 10 February 2026 at **7pm**

The meeting concluded at 8pm

Chair.....

Date.....

# Folkestone Town Council

## Community Resilience Plan

### Introduction

The role of Folkestone Town Council is to make the Folkestone community more resilient by making a plan that identifies potential emergencies and disruptions throughout the town and outlines how to support emergency responders. The Community Resilience Plan is designed to support the work of the official emergency responders, not replace it.

By planning, the Town Council will be able to provide key assistance in coordinating local responses.

### Aim

The aim of the community resilience plan is to increase short-term community resilience in response to an emergency occurring in the local area.

### Objectives

- Identify the risks within the community
- Help residents and businesses to build resilience and prepare for emergencies.
- Provide a list of contact and resources available in the community to support it in a crisis – especially where emergency services or relevant local authority support is delayed due to the scope of the emergency.

This plan will only be used during an emergency and when there is a threat of disruption or a degree of risk to the safety and wellbeing of local residents. The activation of the plan will occur before, during or after the emergency services have been alerted and involved and its operation will be aligned to and in support of that of the emergency services.

### Identifying the Risks

The following are the main issues we might see in Folkestone which may trigger an emergency response:

- Flooding – Coastal and Pent Stream
- Extreme weather – Gales/storms/heat and cold

- Loss of utilities
- Distribution of food supply
- Rail incident – including Channel Tunnel and Shakespeare Tunnel
- Shipping incident
- Earthquake

The above issues are considered in more detail in the Risk Assessment - Appendix A, along with the actions that the Town Council could take in each type of emergency. In addition, one of the most likely emergencies to affect very localised areas is that of surface water flooding – and this is explored in more detail in Appendix B.

There are a number of people in the community who, in a crisis, should be considered vulnerable including:

- People with mobility issues, young and old
- Disabled people, including people with a physical disability, a learning disability – including those with hidden disabilities, blind and partially sighted people and hearing-impaired people
- Parents who are on their own with children under 12
- Anyone in charge of children when an incident happens – for instance at a club or in childcare
- Newcomers to Folkestone who may not know their way around
- People who are digitally excluded
- People on very low incomes
- People who are homeless
- People with a mental health issue
- People with chronic health issues
- People experiencing domestic abuse
- People who have low literacy and/or are not fluent in the English Language

## Helping to build community resilience

In response to these anticipated risks, the Town Council will support the local community (both residents and businesses) to become more resilient to the adverse effects of emergencies by the following means:

- I. Communication.
- II. Encouraging digital skills.
- III. Supporting local voluntary groups.

Each of these means of support is explored in more detail below. This is very much a long-term plan to build resilience and fits well with the Town Council's community development function. When actual emergencies occur, the Town Council may have only a minor role to play, given the size of its workforce and limited resources. In

Appendix A (Risk Assessment), the role of the Town Council is, therefore, identified both in terms of immediate actions during an emergency (although the size of the council, this is quite limited) and, more importantly, in terms of long-term work to build community resilience.

## I. Communication

The council operates several communication and information channels which include social media accounts (e.g. Facebook, Instagram and X accounts), notice boards located in the town centre, Cheriton library and East Cliff, The FTC website and the town magazine which is distributed to all households three to four times per year.

These channels can be used to help in the following ways:

- Signpost the community to local organisations business and other sources that can help with a range of issues.
- Share urgent information (e.g. from Folkestone and Hythe District Council) with the community.
- Communicate to those not using the internet - using posters and banners in the town and in the notice boards.

## II. Encouraging Digital Skills

Some of those who are vulnerable to the effect of risks such as weather events or pandemics may be disadvantaged by their inability to use online services such as banking, food shopping, booking medical appointments and ordering prescriptions. Encouraging an increase in technology skills will mean that in an emergency vulnerable people who have online access may feel less helpless and isolated. However, it is important to note that not everyone has access to a computer therefore this is not a viable option for everyone.

To help improve the digital skills of the community we will promote the following services:

Organisation	What do they offer?	Contact
Refer Kent	Folkestone Town Council can refer individuals directly to organisations that provides the right	Folkestone Town Council The Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY (Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm) <b>Tel:</b> 01303 257946

	type of support. This streamlines the process and ensures that those in need receive timely assistance.	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Enquiries@folkestone-tc.gov.uk">Enquiries@folkestone-tc.gov.uk</a>
Age UK	The Marigold Centre is a wellbeing hub for people aged 55+	<b>Tel:</b> 01303 279 621 The Marigold Centre 65 Shaftesbury Avenue Folkestone Kent CT19 4NS
Social Enterprise Kent	Free energy and digital awareness sessions	<b>Tel:</b> 01843 210005 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:digitalsupport@sekgroup.org.uk">digitalsupport@sekgroup.org.uk</a>
Digital Hub	Includes Kent County Council's Digital Inclusion & Capabilities service, various events dates based at Cheriton Library	Cheriton Library 4 Cheriton High Street Folkestone Kent CT19 4HB <b>Tel:</b> 03000 41 31 31 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cheritonlibrary@kent.gov.uk">cheritonlibrary@kent.gov.uk</a>
Kent Advice Hub	Provides one to one advice and support with Budgeting, money saving tips and other issues.	<b>Use the video kiosk at:</b> Folkestone Town Council The Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY (Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm) <b>Tel:</b> 01303 257946 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Enquiries@folkestone-tc.gov.uk">Enquiries@folkestone-tc.gov.uk</a>
Citizens Advice Folkestone	Provide specialist advice on filling in particular forms related to welfare, home finances and also signpost on other issues.	Rainbow Centre 1st Floor 69 Sandgate Road Folkestone CT20 2AF <b>Tel:</b> 01304 272499 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:contact@doverdealcitizensadvice.org.uk">contact@doverdealcitizensadvice.org.uk</a>

### III. Supporting local voluntary groups

The council, through its community development function and grants, support local voluntary groups and charitable organisations to become more resilient (in terms of finance and governance) so that they can be better able to help if called upon during an emergency to provide services to vulnerable residents.

Resilience is built through:

- Information and networking sessions, community lunches and the Annual Town Meeting, where groups are able to learn about one another and find common areas of work.
- The grants scheme provides direct funding and support to charities and organisations to enable them to become more robust and sustainable.
- Providing governance advice and supporting local trustees.
- Helping local community organisations to work in partnership by linking them together.
- Providing information to the local community for instance about food security, warm hubs, and cost of living support.
- Staying informed about the range of local community organisations and other local assets.
- Working with projects such as Refer Kent initiatives to help vulnerable people, for instance to support them with their mental health and well-being.
- Raising awareness and encouraging individual and community resilience preparedness.
- Building positive relations with a wide range of partners including from the statutory, business and community sector.
- Promoting greater cohesion and fostering a positive sense of the town and the role of the Town Council.

## Contacts and Resources

**The first port of call **IN AN EMERGENCY** should be 999**

<b>Folkestone and Hythe District Council</b>	
Call centre telephone number (office hours)	01303 853000
Call centre telephone number (OOH Emergency – 7:00pm to 8:00am Mon to Fri and weekends)	0300 0030247

<b>Kent County Council</b>	
Adult Social Care office hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (OOH Emergency – 5:00pm to 8:30am Mon-Fri and Weekends)	03000 41 91 91
Social Care support for Children and Young People office hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (OOH Emergency – 5:00pm to 8:30am Mon-Fri and Weekends)	03000 41 11 11 03000 41 91 91

<b>NHS</b>	
Non-emergency	111

<b>HM Coast Guard</b>	
Non-emergency (office hours)	0203 817 2000
<b>Marine Management Organisation</b>	
To report a marine pollution incident call (office hours)	0300 200 2024
Outside office hours	07770 977 825
<b>Anti-Terrorism Hotline</b>	0800 789 321
<b>Environment Agency</b>	03708 506506
<b>UK Power networks</b>	0845 601 4516
<b>Power Cut</b>	0800 31 63 105
<b>St John Ambulance</b>	0303 003 0104
<b>RSPCA</b>	0300 1234 999

## Defibrillators

All Folkestone Town Council defibrillators should now be registered on The Circuit - the national defibrillator network. The Circuit is a national database of where defibrillators are located across the UK. The information is linked locally and allows emergency services to direct bystanders to their nearest defibrillator.

## Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)

In winter SWEP is triggered when the nighttime temperature is predicted to be zero degrees Celsius or below throughout the full length of a single night - or there are extenuating circumstances accompanying the predicted zero degrees Celsius temperature.

When the SWEP is triggered, emergency accommodation will be provided for any person sleeping rough in the district.

Anyone sleeping rough who wishes to be considered for shelter under SWEP should contact Folkestone and Hythe District Council before 4pm on 01303 853000. After 4pm, if a person is seeking shelter for that same night, then the council's out of hours team can be contacted on 0300 003 0247 until 10pm.

## Appendix A - Risk Assessment

The table below sets out the key risks facing the community of Folkestone based on the assessment produced by the Kent and Medway Prepared. The risks are rated in terms of severity of impact from Red (highest risk), to Amber (medium risk) and Green (low risk).

The table also sets out how Folkestone Town Council can help the local community to be more resilient to the negative effects of these risks through preparedness, training and information.

More information from Kent and Medway Prepared can be found at: [Kent Prepared](#)

Folkestone Community Resilience Plan – Risk Assessment			
Hazard	Warned or Declared By	Impact on the Community	Potential Town Council Role
Major Coastal/Tidal Flooding	<p>Met Office</p> <p>It is anticipated that there would be up to 4 days advanced warning of a potential event, with confidence in forecasts becoming greater closer to the event. Confirmation of anticipated flooding would be between 24-8 hours before the event occurring.</p>	<p>Types of Flooding: A tidal flood affecting multiple counties along the East Coast</p> <p>Reduced access on roads, may isolate people, limit access to food, help or emergency services</p> <p>Building damage</p> <p>Road damage</p> <p>Risk to schools</p> <p>Mass panic may cause bulk buying of goods</p>	<p><b>FTC to sign up to receive Met Office weather warnings for South East England email alerts using – <a href="#">Met Office</a></b></p> <p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify certain skills or equipment that residents have that may be of use to your community.</li> <li>Identify a group of volunteers that can help communicate between the plan coordinators and local residents.</li> <li>Make residents aware that it is their responsibility to protect their home against flood damage.</li> <li>Encourage residents to store their own flood protection gear if they are in an at-risk area.</li> <li>Engage with Environment Agency and F&amp;HDC Council on prevention strategies and public education.</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know the relevant flood agency to contact</li> <li>Encourage residents to (safely) check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means.</li> </ul> <p><b>Post actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signpost information via website such as warning of risks of flood water to health, contacting insurance company etc.</li> <li>Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> </ul>

		<p>Contamination of drinking water</p> <p>Injury or loss of life</p> <p>Flooding to homes</p>	
Flooding - fluvial and surface water and Flash Flooding	Met Office	<p>Flood warning area: Areas at risk of flooding from the Pent Stream between Folkestone Fire Station and the viaduct including Pavilion Road, Black Bull Road and Bradstone Avenue.</p> <p>Risk to life and health.</p> <p>Damage to homes, businesses, communities, agricultural land</p>	<p><b>FTC to sign up to receive Met Office weather warnings for South East England email alerts using – <a href="#">Met Office</a></b></p> <p>Contact your local Flood Resilience Team at the Environment Agency at <a href="mailto:FloodResilienceKSLES@environment-agency.gov.uk">FloodResilienceKSLES@environment-agency.gov.uk</a> or on 03708 506 506.</p> <p><b>Call Floodline: 0345 988 1188</b></p> <p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify certain skills or equipment that residents have that may be of use to your community.</li> <li>• Encourage Cllrs and Officer to train as Flood Warden Volunteers that can help communicate between the plan coordinators and local residents.</li> <li>• Make residents aware that it is their responsibility to protect their home against flood damage.</li> <li>• Encourage residents to store their own flood protection gear if they are in an at-risk area.</li> <li>• Engage with Environment Agency and F&amp;HDC Council on prevention strategies and public education.</li> <li>• Check the <a href="#">Gov.uk</a> website for updates and a map showing areas at risk</li> </ul>

	<p>and infrastructure.</p> <p>Evacuation of residents in short, medium and long-term phases.</p> <p>Disruption to utilities (electricity and water supply).</p> <p>Pollution and contamination of the environment.</p> <p>Impact on the local economy and businesses.</p>	<p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know the relevant flood agency to contact</li> <li>• Encourage residents to (safely) check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means.</li> </ul> <p><b>Post actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signpost information via website such as warning of risks of flood water to health, contacting insurance company etc.</li> <li>• Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> </ul>
Storm and Gales	Met Office	<p>Fallen trees damaging infrastructure</p> <p>Damage to property via debris or trees</p> <p>Blocking of roads and paths due to fallen trees</p> <p><b>FTC to encourage residents to do the following:</b></p> <p><b>Preparation or prevention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure or store loose objects outside so that they cannot be blown and create a hazard.</li> <li>• Close and fasten doors and windows securely.</li> <li>• Park vehicles in a garage or well away from trees, buildings, walls and fences.</li> <li>• Promote access to digital skills - will help vulnerable people stay home and be safe</li> </ul>

		Injury or loss of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake regular maintenance checks of tree stock on Town Council land</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay indoors as much as possible - don't go outside to repair damage during a storm.</li> <li>Find shelter in a substantial, permanent and enclosed building.</li> <li>Slow down if driving on exposed routes, such as across bridges.</li> <li>Find alternative, less exposed routes if possible.</li> <li>Take particular care of side winds if driving a high-sided vehicle or if you're towing another vehicle or container.</li> <li>Don't touch electrical or phone cables that have blown down or are hanging loose.</li> </ul>
Low temperatures and heavy snow	Met Office	<p>Inaccessible or unsafe roads &amp; limited access to and from homes, shops and businesses</p> <p>Heating for residents</p> <p>Mass panic may cause bulk buying of goods</p>	<p><b>FTC to encourage residents to do the following:</b></p> <p><b>Preparation or prevention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check insulation around your water tanks(s), loft and external water pipes.</li> <li>Stock up on de-icer, salt/grit and the necessary tools to keep your home safe and clear of snow.</li> <li>Set heating to the right temperature e.g. 18°C/65°F bedroom and 21°C/70°F dayroom.</li> <li>For cold weather, alerts visit <a href="http://metoffice.gov.uk">metoffice.gov.uk</a></li> <li>Promote access to digital skills - will help vulnerable people stay home and be safe</li> <li>FTC to signpost to government &amp; local/community support</li> <li>Schemes such as SWEP</li> </ul>

		<p>Inability of vulnerable people access food or medicine</p> <p>Injury or loss of life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FTC to maintain and routinely refill FTC salt bins</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> <li>• Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means</li> </ul>
Railway incident - Channel Tunnel	Channel Tunnel Safety Authority	<p>Any incident that does occur is likely to remain within the boundaries of the terminals and tunnel, however the disruption can cause significant wider traffic issues</p> <p>Impact on the local economy and businesses</p> <p>Reduced access on roads, may isolate people, limit access to</p>	<p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F&amp;HDC will liaise with the police and fire services</li> <li>• FTC can signpost to useful information from emergency services, DC and Kent Highways via website and social media</li> </ul>

		food, help or emergency services	
Prolonged disruption to border control location	Border Force	<p>Impact on the local economy and businesses</p> <p>Reduced access on roads, may isolate people, limit access to food, help or emergency services</p> <p>Disruption to supply chain</p>	<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify certain skills or equipment that residents have that may be of use to your community. Volunteers may be able to assist with humanitarian efforts, such as coordinating food supply to stranded motorists.</li> <li>Circulate information issued by the Kent Resilience Forum relating to Operation Brock.</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F&amp;HDC will liaise with the police and fire services</li> <li>FTC can signpost to useful information from emergency services, DC and Kent Highways via website and social media</li> </ul>
Maritime pollution incident	Marine Management Organisation & DEFRA	<p>Incidents occurring from ships at sea, at anchor, or alongside discharging any form of heavy oil, fuel or petroleum that will potentially have a</p>	<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share DEFRA updates via social media and notice boards</li> <li>Identify a group of volunteers that can help communicate between the plan coordinators and local residents</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FTC shares and signposts useful information on website and socials such as beach closures.</li> <li>The Food Standards Agency (FSA) incidents branch may wish to issue a closure order for contaminated shellfish beds.</li> </ul>

		<p>significant impact on the aquatic ecosystem, marine life, coastline, agricultural produce, commerce, tourism, and potentially displacement of local communities (due to risk of explosion or fire from fumes). The effects of such a discharge could be long term.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MMO Fisheries management team may wish to issue a Stop notice and/or fishing vessel license variation in order to close a fishery due to known or suspected contamination.</li> </ul>
<p>Land based marine coastal and estuary pollution</p>	<p>DEFRA/Environment Agency</p>		<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share DEFRA updates via social media and notice boards</li> <li>• Identify certain skills or equipment that residents have that may be of use to your community. Volunteers may be able to assist during small scale clean ups.</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FTC shares and signposts useful information on website and socials</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Food Standards Agency (FSA) incidents branch may wish to issue a closure order for contaminated shellfish beds.</li> <li>• The MMO Fisheries management team may wish to issue a Stop notice and/or fishing vessel license variation in order to close a fishery due to known or suspected contamination.</li> <li>• FTC to publish local areas to be avoided</li> </ul>
Maritime accident and blockage of a port & Major shipping incident	Port of Dover/HM Coastguard/DEFRA	The English Channel is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes carrying over one million tonnes of oil and chemical products every 24 hours. Over 40% of the UK incidents threatening pollution occur in or very near the Channel. The economic effects of pollution on our coastline can be just as debilitating as the	<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify certain skills or equipment that residents have that may be of use to your community. Volunteers may be able to assist with humanitarian efforts, such as coordinating food supply to stranded motorists.</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FTC to convey information on impact on the seafront, including access to the affected location for continued public use, and implications for local businesses in the area.</li> <li>• F&amp;HDC will liaise with the police and fire services</li> <li>• FTC can signpost to useful information from emergency services, DC and Kent Highways via website and social media</li> </ul>

		environmental or ecological.	
Prolonged Electricity Power cut	Uk Power Networks	<p>Those with electric heating unable to use it</p> <p>Defrosting freezers and refrigerated food going off</p> <p>Inability for residents to cook</p> <p>Food supplier issues</p> <p>Loss of life for those who are at risk and the wider population</p>	<p><b>Preparation or prevention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FTC staff can monitor UK Power Network website and can report via socials when appropriate</li> <li>• Encourage vulnerable groups to sign up to UK Power Networks Priority Services Register if they have not already via, Phone: 0800 169 9970 or online at <a href="#">UK Power Network</a></li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call 105 National enquiry number for power outages or online at <a href="#">UK Power Network</a></li> <li>• Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means</li> <li>• Liaise with DC and utility services to inform residents on current situation via website or social media where appropriate</li> </ul>
Heatwave	Met Office	<p>Risk for vulnerable people to become unwell</p> <p>Loss of life for those who are at risk and the wider population</p>	<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During summer months and before heatwave share information on social media about how to stay safe during a heatwave via NHS/WHO</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means</li> <li>• Events - consideration should be taken in event planning for how to protect visitors e.g. first aiders, shade and refreshment provision</li> </ul>
Prolonged Failure of Water Supply or	Southern Water	Risk of illness if water is contaminated	<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share Southern Water details, phone: 0330 303 0368 or website: <a href="#">www.southerwater.co.uk</a></li> </ul>

Contamination		<p>Risk to businesses that rely on water supply</p> <p>Vulnerable people are at risk and residents affected should be supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage vulnerable groups to sign up for priority services if they have not already</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those affected report water outages/ contamination to phone: 0330 303 0368</li> <li>Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> <li>Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means</li> <li>FTC shares and signposts useful information on website and socials</li> </ul>
Poor Air Quality		<p>Risk of respiratory &amp; cardiovascular conditions &amp; can increase risk of low birth weight, cancer, stroke, diabetes and dementia</p>	<p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FTC shares and signposts useful information on website and socials</li> <li>Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> </ul>
Drought	Met Office	<p>Vulnerable people are at risk and residents affected should be supported</p>	<p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> <li>Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means</li> <li>FTC share and signpost useful information from F&amp;HDC and met office on website and socials</li> </ul>

		<p>Dry areas of land may be more prone to fire risk</p> <p>Risk to businesses that rely on a large water supply</p> <p>Wildlife may also be impacted by drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share information on safe BBQing and fires in the summer</li> </ul>
Prolonged Failure of Gas Supply Infrastructure	British Gas alert	<p>Residents unable to cook, use heating, or access hot water</p> <p>Potential explosion</p>	<p><b>Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage vulnerable groups to sign up for gas priority services</li> </ul> <p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> <li>Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means.</li> <li>FTC shares and signposts useful information via F&amp;HDC, utility company and emergency services on website and socials</li> </ul>
Land Movement - earthquake UK	British Geological Survey Earthquake Seismology Team	<p>Damage to infrastructure</p> <p>Damage to property</p>	<p><b>During:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existing community networks to contact vulnerable people and groups, where appropriate</li> <li>Encourage residents to check in on neighbours via socials or any other possible means</li> </ul>

		<p>Blocking of roads and paths due to fallen debris</p> <p>Injury or loss of life</p>	

## Appendix B – Flood Risk Planning

1. Flood risk warning codes
2. Risk management responsibility and who to contact
3. Key Contacts
4. Useful contacts re flooding

## 1. Flood Risk Warning Codes

Key Message	Timing	Actions	Channels
	<b>Flooding Possible. Be Prepared</b>	2 Hours to 2 days in advance of flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be prepared for flooding</li> <li>• Prepare food kit</li> </ul>
	<b>Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.</b>	Half an hour to 1 day in advance of flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act now to protect your property</li> <li>• Block doors with flood boards or sandbags and cover airbricks and other ventilation holes</li> <li>• Move family, pets and valuables to a safe place</li> <li>• Keep a flood kit ready</li> </ul>
	<b>Severe flooding. Danger to life</b>	When flooding poses a significant threat to life and different actions are required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be ready should you need to evacuate your home</li> <li>• Co-operate with the emergency services and call 999 if you are in immediate danger</li> </ul>
<b>Warning Removed</b>	<b>No further flooding is currently expected for your area</b>	Issued when flood warning is no longer in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood water may still be around and could be contaminated</li> <li>• If you've been flooded, ring your buildings and contents insurance company as soon as possible</li> </ul>

## 2. Risk management responsibility and who to contact

Flood Source		Environment agency	F&HDC	Southern Water	Kent County Council
<b>Coastal</b>	Coastal erosion		☒		
	Coastal flooding	☒			
<b>Rivers</b>	Main rivers	☒			
	Ordinary water courses				☒
<b>Surface Water</b>	Surface water from roads and pooling at low points				☒
<b>Sewer flooding</b>	Sewerage system fail and blockages			☒	

## 3. Key contacts

### Main sewers (foul and surface water)

#### **Southern Water**

0330 303 0368, [customerservices@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@southernwater.co.uk)

### Private connections to the main sewer

Householders' responsibility.

### Domestic drainage in social housing properties

#### **Folkestone and Hythe (Shepway) District Council Housing Services**

#### Website

Call centre telephone number (office hours) 01303 853000

Call centre telephone number (OOH Emergency – 7:00pm to 8:00am Mon to Fri and weekends) 0300 0030247

### Main rivers

#### **Environment Agency**

0345 988 1188 (Floodline 24-hour service),

0800 80 70 60 (24 hour emergency hotline),

#### Website

E-mail: [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## Ditches, watercourses and land drainage

### **Kent County Council**

03000 41 81 81 (9am - 5pm), 03000 41 91 91 (out of office hours),

[Website](#)

E-mail: [flood@kent.gov.uk](mailto:flood@kent.gov.uk)

## Highway flooding, including blocked gullies (kerbside gratings)

### **Kent County Council Highways**

03000 41 81 81,

[Website](#)

## Environmental Services

### **Folkestone and Hythe (Shepway) District Council**

[Website](#)

### **Environment Agency**

0800 80 70 60 (24-hour emergency hotline)

## 4. Key Flood Risk Areas – as identified by Folkestone & Hythe District Council

Use the [website](#) link to Folkestone & Hythe District Council to access the maps to show areas within the town that are most at risk from flash flooding.

Areas identified within the vicinity of the Pent Stream and expose coastal areas are in flood zone 3. This means land within flood zone 3 has a high probability of flooding from rivers and the sea.

Folkestone remains at risk of flash flooding and actively encourages Councillors and Officers to act as Flood Warden Volunteers who are trained to help and prepare people in local communities that are at risk of flooding. On 12 August 1996, the town endured its worst flooding on record when 200 homes were flooded after two months' worth of rain fell in just two hours. The Pent Stream burst its banks, causing water up to 2 metres deep to flood properties.

Around 400 homes and businesses in Folkestone are in a 'rapid response catchment area,' where the river is highly responsive to heavy rainfall and liable to cause flash flooding – sometimes before flood warnings can be issued.

- Check if you're at risk of flooding by entering your postcode at [Check the long-term flood risk for an area in England - GOV.UK](#)
- Know how to recognise a flash flood: heavy rain and severe weather reports, fast-rising water, churning dark water in the Pent Stream, fast-flowing water, and debris

- Plan where to go if there is a flash flood – you may need to act before receiving an Environment Agency flood warning or before the emergency services can reach you
- Sign-up for free flood warnings at [Get flood warnings by text, phone or email - GOV.UK](#). You'll be alerted by phone, e-mail or text when flooding is expected
- Download a [Prepare, Act, Survive plan at Personal flood plan - GOV.UK](#)
- If you are flooded, call 999 if in immediate danger and follow advice from the emergency services.

This report will be made public on 4 February 2026

**Folkestone  
Town Council**



**Report Number: CS/26/410**

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**To:** **Community Services**  
**Date:** **10 February 2026**  
**Responsible Officer:** **Town Clerk**  
**Report by:** **Museum Manager/Curator**  
**Subject:** **MUSEUM CURATOR'S REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Folkestone Museum's work covering the period 4 October to the 1 February 2026.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The long-term agreement (2020-2040) between the Town Council and National Lottery Heritage Fund (principal funder) to deliver its heritage objectives: to preserve and enhance the town's heritage through the provision of Folkestone Museum.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. To receive and note report CS/26/410**

Aims and Objectives – Maintaining an accredited museum and Corporate Priority Ten – Preserve the Town's heritage and regenerate community spirit.  
Financial Implications – Meeting the requirements of NLHF & Council within budget  
Equal Opportunities – Access to all  
Environmental Impact – The environmental impact has been considered in the preparation of all budgets.

## **1. Introduction**

The Museum continues to open on a five-days-per-week basis alongside the Town Hall and visitor information service.

## **2. Exhibitions**

‘Two Wars, One Soldier’ ran from 7 November to 23 December. It wasn’t our busiest exhibition, but the design received a lot of positive feedback (very gratifying, since it was the first one I’d designed for the space!)

Our next temporary exhibition opens on the 14 February. ‘For the Love of Nature’ showcases the work of local artist Deborah Crofts. Deborah will also spend some time in the galleries sketching as part of her exhibition, giving people the chance to meet with her and chat about her work.

## **3. Outreach and Education**

Over the October half term, the Museum held another week of family activities – 185 children took part over the week. In our other fortnightly craft activities, 123 young people have taken part in craft at the Museum. Due to staff illness, both our January Make It! Craft sessions were cancelled.

Our formal learning programme continues to go from strength to strength. We have hosted 19 class visits, including 3 homeschool sessions, in this reporting period – the Heritage Learning Officer’s extra marketing work has certainly paid off.

We have also worked with the Kent Downs Geopark team, who have facilitated visits from the Beacon School and East Kent College to the Museum to learn more about Folkestone’s unique geology.

## **4. Collections Development & Care**

We continue to work on our botany collection to identify missing accessioned specimens – we have now reconciled 45% of the large number of ‘missing’ samples from this collection. We have also started the same work on our shell collection, and we are halfway through the process of reconciliation.

Our Collections Development and Access Officer has begun the process of disposing of the taxidermy agreed at the last meeting.

## **5. Volunteering**

The Museum’s volunteers totted up 62.5 hours of work in the last reporting period.

## **6. Events**

We tried a Christmas Wreath making workshop before Christmas with local artist Catherine Farr. Though we had great feedback from our participants, unfortunately the event didn't break even.

Since the last Community Services meeting, I have completed my BIIAB Level 2 award for Personal Licence Holders. I am currently in the process of applying for my personal alcohol licence so I can allow alcohol to be sold on our premises – at that point, I will schedule in our next Late event for adults, as we'll be able sell alcohol to generate more income during the evening.

## **7. Local AI Project**

We submitted our grant application for an Unlocking Collections grant in December. We are still awaiting a response from Arts Council England – which hopefully will come soon!

## **8. Museum Accreditation**

It is very likely that Folkestone Museum will be called to submit a Museum Accreditation Return in 2027.

As part of our Accreditation return, we are required to have a forward plan in place to cover the next three years of activity at the Museum. Much of this work is shaped by our existing policies and plans, as well as our Audience Development Plan, which I and the Museum team will be working on in the next few weeks, in time for our next meeting.

## **9. William Harvey 2028 Celebrations**

I have been invited to be part of the committee organising the celebrations of William Harvey in 2028. I have also had a fruitful meeting with the Royal College of Physicians, who will be loaning us some objects for our exhibition all about William Harvey and his discovery.

The Museum will hear back about our Places of Science grant application by the end of February.

## **10. Metropole Collection**

The Folkestone Art Trust have transferred over the website regarding the Metropole Collection into our care – this includes biographical information about the artists and images of the artworks in the collection, which we now have permission to use. We will use Google Analytics to investigate whether it is worth continuing an independent website for the collection over the next year. If website

traffic is low, we will close the website and move the information about the collection onto the Museum's website in 2027.

## 11. Corporate Plan KPI Performance 2024-2025 Financial Year

<b>KPI</b>	<b>Reporting period (Oct '25-Feb '26)</b>	<b>Previous Year (2024-5)</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>C1</b> Visitors to Town Hall	9468	9089	28659
<b>C10</b> Website visits (Museum only)	6200	9700	14500
<b>C11</b> Facebook followers	4072	Not known	4072
<b>CS3</b> Exhibition room bookings	1	0	3
<b>CS4</b> Volunteer hours	62.5	39	249
<b>CS5</b> Wellbeing activity sessions	2	0	3
<b>CS6</b> Formal education sessions	19	13	28
<b>CS7</b> Loan box bookings	1	4	7
<b>CS8</b> Young people involved in engagement activities	308	259	1513
<b>CS9</b> Adults engaged in Museum engagement activities	5	0	86
<b>CS10</b> Uplift in Donations	£235.48	Not known	£906.08

Folkestone Museum's Instagram account also has 2774 followers (up from 2725 reported in CS/25/399).

	Your Recommendation	How Will This Benefit The Community?	Are You A Local Resident?
Play Parks	Improvements to the very run down playground in the warren by east cliff	It is a beautiful area with a lot if <i>[sic]</i> families nearby, and would encourage more people to utilise the green space away y <i>[sic]</i> the town centres	Yes
	I recommend expanding and updating the warren play park on wear bay road. Some of the main structure is unsafe, and is at the end of its useable life.	Many families who live between wear bay road and tram road regularly visit this play area, as well as children at the local primary schools. Families who cannot easily access the beach or walk further to another play area rely on the play park here, which had become unfit for purpose. A larger, destination playground would create a sense of community for this area.	Yes
	Develop the play park on the bottom left of Wear Bay Road. Create an outdoor play area that can be accessed without crossing dangerous roads from Hollands Avenue. A skate ramp would be great.	Healthy activity for mind and body. Help parents meet each other. The existing play equipment is tiny and poorly made. There is a great need and lots of space.	Yes
	A lot of playgrounds in the area, but once kids are 10+ or adults there ain't enough areas for them to play outdoors so please install some proper multipurpose outdoor sport facilities: e.g. outdoor gyms, football & basketball hard surface and not grass/mud as at the newest playground at near Tower Theatre. Many more ideas, thank you.		Yes

Sports Centre	Provide a new/improved swimming pool & leisure centre	Resonably priced access to learning to swim & other sports	Yes
	This money would be well spent on re-opening the sports centre. Having been a member for many years it is missed as it was affordable	Health, social meeting others on a regular basis. Employment for people. Schools & children/people learning to swim. Living by the sea it is essential	Yes
Skate Ramp	Develop the play park on the bottom left of Wear Bay Road. Create an outdoor play area that can be accessed without crossing dangerous roads from Hollands Avenue. A skate ramp would be great.	Healthy activity for mind and body. Help parents meet each other. The exisiting play equipment is tiny and poorly made. There is a great need and lots of space.	Yes

	<p>A skateboard halfpipe ramp to be built near East Cliff Sports on Jocks Pitch. It could be a simple, off-the-shelf half pipe, built from weather resistant materials. Easy to install and maintain.</p>	<p>Skateboarding is a fantastic pursuit for children and adults alike. The past few years has seen an explosion in popularity, especially among pre-teens who particularly need free and safe places to learn and practice. At present the nearest free outdoor facilities are in Hythe and Dover. F51 skatepark is a great park but prohibitively expensive for many, and lacks the appeal of outdoor skating, especially for younger skaters. Through the summer months this would be a fantastic resource for the young especially, at a very economic outlay. Lots of skaters in Folkestone currently congregate on the Leas, in car parks, and around the town centre. Having an open, dedicated place to meet friends and practice would be a wonderful benefit to the young in the area. Locating it near the fantastic East Cliff Sports facilities would be a great chance to encourage intergenerational socialising too. I have witnessed youngsters practicing in their driveways on Wear Bay Road and often think it would be great if they had somewhere dedicated to help them progress!</p>	Yes
Trees	<p>To replant trees of some sort along the length of Shaftesbury Avenue, like there were years ago, when I first was brought here by my parents to live (1969). This is an Avenue, and as such by its name means it should have trees planted.</p>	<p>It would benefit the climate and would look lovely and make the avenue look very nice and attractive. The only downside of it would be in Autumn when leaves drop - but wouldn't this create extra jobs for people?</p>	Yes (for the time being. I might be moving)
	Plant more trees in Cheriton	This will benefit everyone	Yes
Community Projects	Improve local facilities: community centres, play areas, libraries, parks	It will help all of the community	Yes

	<p><b>1.</b> I'd really like to see some of the funding go towards green and blue infrastructure in the town centre.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Alternatively, I'd love to see investment in local schools to help teach children about the value of managing and re-using rainwater. This could include installing small SuDS planters, rainwater harvesting systems, or even clear demonstration pipes</p>	<p><b>1.</b> Many streets in Folkestone are wide, which creates great opportunities to introduce sustainable features that reduce flood risk, improve habitat, and bring wider environmental benefits.</p> <p><b>2.</b> So children can see how rainwater moves and understand the benefits of using it more sustainably.</p>	Yes
	<p>I have a recommendation for the CIL funds (as mentioned in the town council magazine) - I would like to suggest that the green space beyond Jocks Pitch (alongside the road into the Warren) and the enclosed/gated triangle of land opposite be turned into a community meadow and food growing space, developed on forest gardening principles. The area could have a focus on semi-wild and self-sustaining crops that enhance biodiversity in this underused green space, and bring people together with nature through having integrated seating and meeting areas, and being used as a space to run courses on growing and wellbeing. It could link to the Geopark proposal, the Community Fridge, amongst other local food growing/sustainability networks.</p>	<p>With the loss of the Locavore Garden last year, this would be a great asset to the East Cliff area and there is already a team of skilled people who could support the realisation of the idea, which has emerged from an artist community climate breakfast held during the Triennial.</p>	Not Supplied

<p>I am the grandmother of a ten-year-old with a physical disability, and our family has visited Folkestone for many years. Sadly, Sunny Sands beach is currently inaccessible to him. He cannot be carried safely across the sand, and his powered wheelchair cannot operate on this surface, excluding him from activities enjoyed by his siblings. Other coastal areas provide specialist beach wheelchairs that travel on sand and enter the water, enabling disabled visitors to participate fully. Introducing these at Sunny Sands would greatly improve accessibility, inclusion, and the visitor experience for families and the community</p>	<p>Improved Accessibility. Inclusive Participation. Enhanced Visitor Experience. Social Inclusion. Community Reputation. Tourism Appeal. Demonstrates commitment to diversity and accessibility. Health and Wellbeing.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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Maps of Folkestone Project	<p>The New Folkestone Society - Maps of Folkestone Project. Abraham Walter's Book of Maps of the Folkestone area 1699 In colour, which was in a dilapidated condition, has been conserved and stabilised. A facsimile of the book as it would have been when newly drawn, will be made to be housed in Folkestone, for hands on experience. Funding will assist with this. John Powells 12 maps of Folkestone in 1782 indexes – to be digitised. Haynes plans of Folkestone area 1798 – with indexes - to be digitised. Training on special software - teamwork involved -All generations will see how their town has evolved over the centuries and how it was before the coming of the railway.</p>	<p>These maps are educational. People will have access to their heritage, many are unaware how Folkestone has developed over the centuries before the railway came. People will see who lived in what properties, what they were used for: businesses, the workhouse, the theatre, horse transport or by foot. Social history peeks out at us. They are full of information. The 1798 maps are a record of the surrounding lands, what was grown, the acreage, who owned it. People will learn there were reed beds that saffron was grown, people rented gardens if they were lucky. learn where the courts were held. They will be available on line for Research.</p>	Yes
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	<p>Funding to be put towards the New Folkestone Society Map project. The 1698 reduced version of the restored maps showing the topography, land use and layout of Folkestone is planned to be made available to the people of Folkestone for the first time as a facsimile book. Furthermore there are plans for the map to be digitised, as well as the 1782 and 1798 map</p>	<p>This is important, previously hidden, heritage for the people of Folkestone which needs sharing widely. Viewing these maps brings to light Folkestone before the railway ,giving the local community an insight into how the town has developed. An example being the Pent Stream mainly hidden from view nowadays; viewing the map shows the steam flowing down what is now Tontine Street. People will discover where they can still see where the castle walls were, workshops are planned where young people will develop the skills to try to solve the puzzle of Shouters Field. This type of heritage will bring the community together , its not about looking back but helping communities understand the now and foster a sense of belonging</p>	Yes
Cemetery	<p>The Old Cemetery by Morrisons could be spruced up with a little aid from the Town Council. A litter bin by its east / town end gate and another at the bus stop by the pelican crossing would be useful. A weekly visit by a "town sprucer" and community officer could also help. Funding for three grass strims a year and a clear of grass cuttings would encourage many kinds of wildflower to return. Butterflies, bees and insects would increase and wagtails and other small birds benefit. There would still be room for long grass and wilder patches around the area's edges.</p>	<p>A neater appearance would make the area look safer and more attractive. Even more people would stroll through benefitting from the greenery, open air and exercise. The history of our town is on shown there and it could be a valuable history and nature resource. Those regular foreign visitors, looking for family relatives, may well base themselves in Folkestone, and their internet posts attract others.</p>	Yes

Christmas Lights	Provide new xmas lights for Folkestone and Cheriton bringing more to the town	Less complaints better festive being happy faces but all the work you've done is great	Yes
Pavillion at Aldridge Road	The Pavilion at Aldridge Road: Use as social venue: Table Tennis Club. Car Park only mostly used at weekend. Install basketball hoop similar dual use of car park as in Etchinghill Village Hall. Many more ideas, thank you.		Yes

	Shelter on Mermaid Beach for sea swimmers	Nowhere to change for sea swimmers, especially outside Summer season in all weathers.	Yes
	In Broadmead Village, build housing tower blocks on top of or replacing the Master Brewer pub, also on the spare land at the top of Pike Close/Links Way corner.	Increase cyclng, town shopping trade, safer streets, increase housing stock etc THANKS!	Yes
	Try to make some use out of the 2 Saga buildings.	<i>No benefit was given</i>	Yes
	Kickstart funding for a Community Centre in Otterpool Park	Social cohesion in new housing areas is vital. Community facilities such as a Community Centre allow all sorts of room hirers: NHS, religious, sporting, youth, cultural. A well funded & managed hall with kitchen can become a hub for all residents	Yes
Bins	Decent, much larger, bins along the seafront to reduce waste flying away & protecting our beaches & wildlife. Seagull safe.	Conservation - the amount of rubbish is disgraceful harming nature	Yes
Cycle Hoops	Hovemore Street cycle hoops to lock up bikes, especially around the top of Sandgate Road and Cheriton Place and town centre/ High St.	Increase cyclng THANKS!	Yes
	The Levelling Up scheme is going to vastly improve matters but there is one location that is crying out for bike storage which falls outside the perimeter of the scheme. The wide pavement outside Chaos Cards on Sandgate Road. Approx. £150 per stand.	Promotes Sustainable Transport. Supports local economy. Improved accessibility. Health and wellbeing. Tourism & Visitor appeal.	