

District Councillor Report – Sellindge 9 July 2024

General Election 2024 – Our thanks go to Officers and Staff at both FHDC and ABC for the efficient way in which the election was run. I wish our two new Members of Parliament, Sojan Joseph for the Ashford Constituency (of which the North Downs is part) and Tony Vaughan for the Folkestone & Hythe Constituency, the best of luck as they come to terms with their new positions. My commiserations to Damian Collins and Damian Green our outgoing MP's and I wish them well for the future.

Cross Channel Traffic Disruption - The Kent and Medway Resilience Forum has published a letter aimed at residents in the Folkestone & Hythe and Dover districts. It explains why measures such as closing the Roundhill Tunnel and Dover Tap are necessary and seeks to reassure that the emergency services have plans in place to get to anyone that needs help when traffic is disrupted – see letter [Letter to residents and businesses.pdf \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/letter-to-residents-and-businesses.pdf)

Corporate Plan – please look out for the consultation on the new Corporate Plan which is due to be published shortly. Priorities for the next five years are set-out in the plan and residents will have the opportunity to comment on them.

Police & Crime Commissioner – The Commissioner has reported in his News bulletin that crime in Kent is falling. He has also instigated hotspot patrols in Kent which have begun. As a result, crime is falling, burglary is down and so is violent crime. This may not be everyone's experience yet – but if you need help contactyourpcc@kent.police.uk

Microchipping for cats is now compulsory On 10 June 2024, it became law in England mandating the microchipping of all pet cats meaning all cats over the age of 20 weeks must be microchipped. You can be fined up to £500 if your dog or cat is not microchipped. DogorCatmicrochipped on the Gov.uk website.