

District Councillors' Report – 12 April 2022

Ukrainians arriving in the district and their hosts now have access to a range of information to help during their stay. A handbook – produced by Folkestone & Hythe District Council – provides guidance on many issues and advises people where to get support. Topics covered include welfare and finance, emergency food, health (including mental health), education and other assistance for children and young people, sports and leisure, and housing. As well as the handbook (which is being translated into Ukrainian and Russian), a dedicated telephone number 01303 853600 and email address (Ukraine@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) have been set-up to manage enquiries which come to the Council. KCC's dedicated contact number is 03000 412424. A Council web page has been created and this provides information on support available for those taking part in the Homes for Ukraine programme. The web site is being updated as new information becomes available - <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/support-for-Ukraine> A key role for the Council is to carry out checks on properties put forward for the Homes for Ukraine programme to ensure they are suitable and fit for purpose.

Parking in Folkestone town centre – a review is being carried out and the public is being asked to take part. There is an on-line survey and there will be face to face interviews. The online survey is available here: [Folkestone town centre parking - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/support-for-Ukraine) Following the surveys, workshops will be held to look at the findings and agree next steps. These will include developing options and measures to address any parking options that are raised and emerging transport trends.

Red Arrows set to fly high again over Folkestone - The world-famous Red Arrows will make a welcome return to the district this summer at the 2022 Folkestone Air Display. The iconic Royal Air Force aerobatic team is set to thrill crowds on Sunday 21 August and will be joined by an exciting line-up, which will be announced nearer the time. Full details of the display - including the other performers, timings and parking facilities - will be announced in the lead-up to the event.

The Council's pledge to lead the way to a green future is a step closer thanks to a district-wide carbon plan. Full details of this initiative can be found at [How carbon plan will benefit all in the district - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)