District Councillors' Report – November 2021

Age UK Hythe & Lyminge – A reminder that **Dementia Daybreak** is available at Lyminge 3 days a week on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sessions are flexible and can include a two course freshly prepared lunch with tea or coffee. The Café and Charity Shop are open and welcome visitors. For further details see <u>Dementia daybreak (ageuk.org.uk)</u>

Folkestone Leas Lift - has been awarded a development phase grant of £344,828 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, giving the lift charity two years to complete further works and to raise further funding of £400,000. For information on fundraising activities see <u>https://leasliftlockout.co.uk/about/</u>

Electrical Charging points – The District Council has partnered with Kent County Council and other local authorities for the roll out, which will see one of the largest networks of consistent charging points. Our six existing off-street charging points will be replaced and all will be installed by Connected Kerb, one of the UK's biggest charging point providers. A total of 23 charging points provided by commercial businesses are already in place. There will be a minimum of four EV charging points in at least 25 of the district's 27 car parks (unfortunately, some car parks are not suitable), offering a mixture of fast 7Kwh, 22kw and rapid 50Kwh, depending on the location. Installation work will start early next year.

Revenue and Benefits – has won a top industry award – having been a finalist in more categories than any other authority. The Excellence in Education and Staff Development title was awarded by the Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation (IRRV), the largest professional institution operating in this field. The team was shortlisted in three other categories; benefits and welfare reform team of the year, revenues team of the year, and excellence in social inclusion.

East Stour Solar Farm – Jenny attended the further exhibition of the proposed plans on 2 November at Aldington Village Hall. Please see edf-re.uk/renewables/east-stour for information. The Consultation deadline is Monday 29 November.

Christmas Parking and Waste Collection – details will be in 'Your District Today' which is due to be published shortly.