

District Councillors' Report 12 July 2066 – Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey

Closure of Broad Street Lyminge - KCC have planned to close Broadstreet Lyminge for 42 days from 25 July. Jenny is in contact with KCC, Damian Collins MP and Officers' at the District Council to try to find an alternative solution to 42 days complete closure. This is a Kent Highways decision.

Otterpool Park - Otterpool Park LLP has teamed up with [Strange Cargo](#) to run some new free craft workshops at Westenhanger Castle throughout the school summer holidays.

Otterpool Green Stars (OGS) is a new initiative that encourages young people to think about their environment and the future. The events are the first of a series of OGS activities and will be held every Tuesday throughout the holidays, from 26 July, from 11am to 2pm. They are suitable for children aged 4 and over.

Everyone attending will receive a Otterpool Green Stars membership card with their photo on it. There will be range of fun craft activities, including:

- Create your own Otterpool Green Stars superhero and give them a superpower – reducing pollution and waste, protecting plants and creatures, saving water and energy or make up your own!
- Make a clay pot and plant a seed to take home.

The workshops are free to attend, but places must be booked in advance through Eventbrite – just search for 'Westenhanger Castle'.

Annual Canvass - Residents in Folkestone & Hythe are being urged to check their details on the electoral register are correct to ensure they do not lose their voice on decisions that affect them. The annual canvass of all households in the district gets underway this week as part of the council's legal requirement to make sure the register is accurate and up to date every year.

Scams – there have been numerous internet, telephone and cold calling scams recently. If you are at all suspicious please call the Police on 101 or report on line or if an emergency call 999. Please also report to www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040 – and/or report@phishing.gov.uk

Consultation on taxi tariffs increase - The public is to be asked about the first rise in licensed taxi fares in Folkestone & Hythe for 10 years. The maximum fare that hackney drivers can charge while they are working in the district is set by the council. Following 34 representations from local drivers, Planning & Licensing committee members agreed this week (28 June) to increase the baseline hackney tariff by 10% - the first rise since

2012. This will go out for a four-week public consultation and if no objections are received, the new fares will come into force.

My Account – is so much easier to use. Residents are encouraged to sign-up or if registered already, to have a look at the new 'front page' as it has recently been updated. Users are able to see council information relevant to them all in one place - including bin collections, benefits and council tax - as well as making payments and tracking the progress of reports made to officers.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council – to see a video promoting Folkestone & Hythe District please see www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2a3iUi-NZc