F&HDC have made a successful bid and have been awarded a Safer Streets government grant of £335,546.64. The fund will be used to invest in crime prevention initiatives that focus on reducing levels of crime in the district, anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.

Consultation on the proposed District-Wide Carbon Plan is still open. This plan sets out the suggested approach towards a net zero future. The plan is open for comment until 5pm on Friday 1 December 2023 and you can give your comments either online via council website <https://folkestone-hythe-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/> or emailing [DWCP.Consultation@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:DWCP.Consultation@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) . Public consultations have already been held at Hythe and in Sellindge.

An easy – to – follow guide detailing the best way of achieving net zero carbon in a house build or renovation has been published by Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

A brilliantly successful event for phase two of the Folkestone – a Brighter Future project was held. This involved wearing special goggles for visitors to enjoy a Magic Carpet ride enabling them to fly high above the town centre getting a bird’s eye view of the proposed changes. This was especially enjoyed by the younger people visiting the event.

There has been slow take up of the Folkestone and Hythe Green Business Grant Scheme. The grant is to help small businesses to save carbon, become more energy efficient and, in turn, to save the business money. All the information regarding the scheme can be found on the Folkestone Works website (<https://folkestone.works/>).

F&HDC are continuing their progress in looking for a strategic partner for Otterpool Park. Without this extra funding the development of the project would be in jeopardy. They are only looking to enter into agreements with those partners who have a track record of facilitating development at scale, and a commitment to delivering the Council’s vision for Otterpool Park.

An early Christmas present from F&HDC for you; the Free Parking in Folkestone and Hythe District will be back on the 9th, 16th and 23rd December. Plenty of time to buy those Christmas goodies!

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