

KCC Member for Romney Marsh Report **29.08.2022**

Here is my latest report for Lydd TC.



Highways matters.

Even with the hot weather we still have lots of 'pot holes' appearing. If you find a problem, please report it on the site address below.

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>

KCC Bus Funding Reduction

We should have more information in September about local service cuts from Stagecoach. The No. 11 service supported by KCC is not as I understand affected.

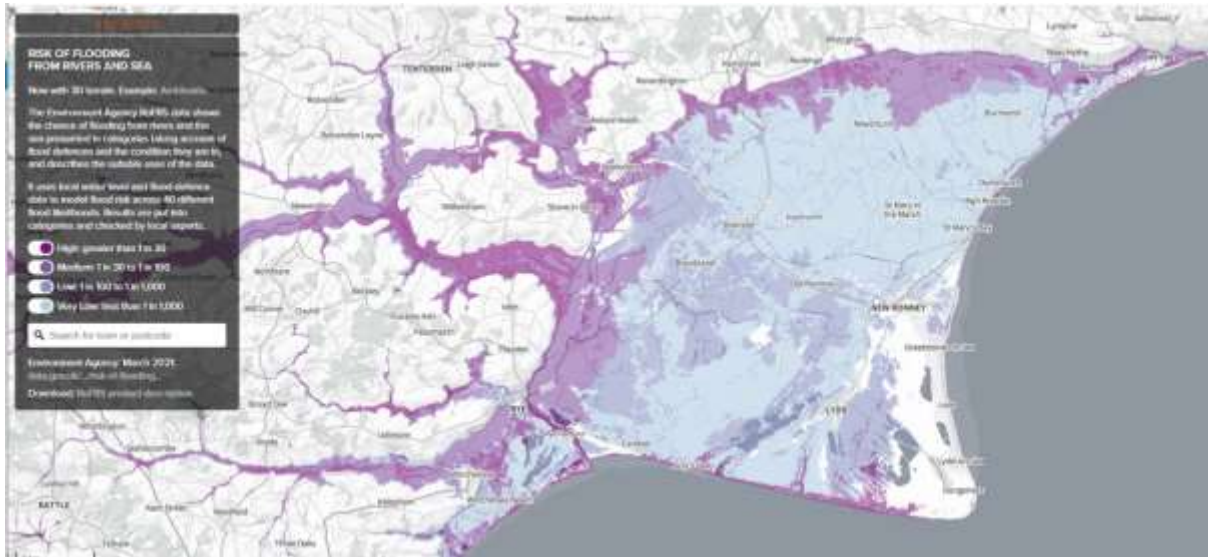
Sea Defence special report

Jurys Gap

Yes, I know we have a hosepipe ban in parts of Kent, not on the Marsh yet...but as we approach Autumn, with the possibility of storm events, we must be prepared.

Last Wednesday I visited the sea defence construction works down at Jurys gap to protect the western shore, Lydd ranges and Lydd itself.

The work is part of the 'FoCES Plan' (the Folkstone to Cliff End strategy) to protect the district and in particular Romney Marsh from flooding.



The Southern Region Flood & Coast Committee (I serve on this committee for Kent) arranged a site visit to inspect the work so far. We saw the great job being done by Van Oord and the EA. This is the second year on construction and is due to be completed next year when we should have the major beach nourishment of 80,000 tons of shingle to complete the protection.

The images below show what we saw last week the construction of over 30 hardwood groynes. 30,000 tons of shingle being unloaded from the 'mother' barge by the 360 degree digger to unload shingle at 'high water' and then at 'low water' it is 'bulldozed' into position.





Remember only two years ago we storm Ciara (8-9 February 2020) which almost breached the Green Wall at Jurys Gap.



We are now better protected as a community and this level of defence should take us past 2050.

Climate Change

Following the hottest spell in our history. As a point of interest the 'Coastal Survey' is giving a local sea temperature of up 21 degrees (as I write this)...again not very surprisingly after a very warm summer. As I said in my last report extra heat creates extra moisture in the atmosphere, which can create stronger equinox storms,

The Economic Emergency

With things getting more and more difficult for our residents the Romney Marsh Community Hub is having meetings with Folkestone & Hythe District Council to see how best we can help those in our community most at risk. Contact RMCH on 01797 363888 website: rmch.org.uk

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