

KCC Member for Romney Marsh Report **26.10.2021**



Here is another report in these 'covid' recovery times.

Highways matters.

So much needs to be done. The weather is not helping with the onset of 'sudden down pours'...but the roads have been a bit quieter (when not queuing for fuel!) As I always say the quickest the to get into the repair System is to go online...

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

Here is the press release published earlier this month.

Media release 05/10/21

Equal distance of Kent to Bristol covered in county road surfacing works

Highways officers have completed an annual round of road repairs using methods which will make road conditions last longer, for less cost and achieving significant carbon reductions.

Kent County Council's highways department has treated the equivalent of 127 miles of road, an equal distance from the county to Bristol, during the 2021 road surface preservation season that ended on September 7. As part of this programme, 1.1 million sqm of Kent's roads have been treated, extending the working life of a large volume of our highway network.

Using these specialist materials and techniques on our roads achieves a significant saving in greenhouse gas emissions and results in minimal waste needing to be removed during the works.

Vehicles also reduce the amount of CO² they emit, by up to 5%, due to the smoother road surface following surfacing works.

This is part of the wider £50 million annual road maintenance programme, of which £11 million is set aside to prevent potholes from forming.

This approach is set out in the council's Highways Asset Management Plan, which continues to ensure KCC uses the best methods and prioritises work in line with its five-year Forward Works Plan.

Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, David Brazier, said: "A key part of what we do as an authority is making sure we future-proof everything, and this includes our roads.

"Our specialist treatments are critical in sealing the surface of our roads to preserve their structure for the future and prevent potholes forming.

"This also has vast environmental benefits and is more cost-effective, delivering on the aims of KCC's Highways Asset Management Plan."

The cost of the methods used is about £7 per square metre and can get a road in good condition for about eight to 10 years. Compared to traditional resurfacing methods, which cost between £25-£35 per square metre.

During the smarter, cost effective works no material needs to be removed or disposed of from the site, and preservation processes use lower temperature materials, significantly reducing carbon output to between one and three kilograms of CO² per square metre, compared to nine kilograms for more traditional work.

Kent's separate £30 million road renewal programme continues and is expected to be completed later this Autumn.

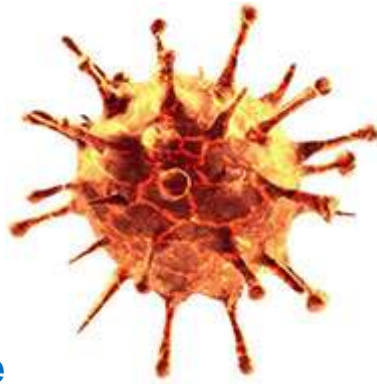
Principal Operations Manager at Amey, Judith Bilboe, said: "2021 has remained a challenging year for many of us but due to the hard work of our highways operatives we have delivered a successful road surface preservation season, treating over 127 miles of roads across the county, future proofing and ensuring a smoother journey for those travelling on the network."

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Sea Defence News

I spoke to the EA recently concerning the construction of the Lydd Ranges Sea defence. With the good weather in September great progress has been made. This is a two year build project, but we are on schedule.

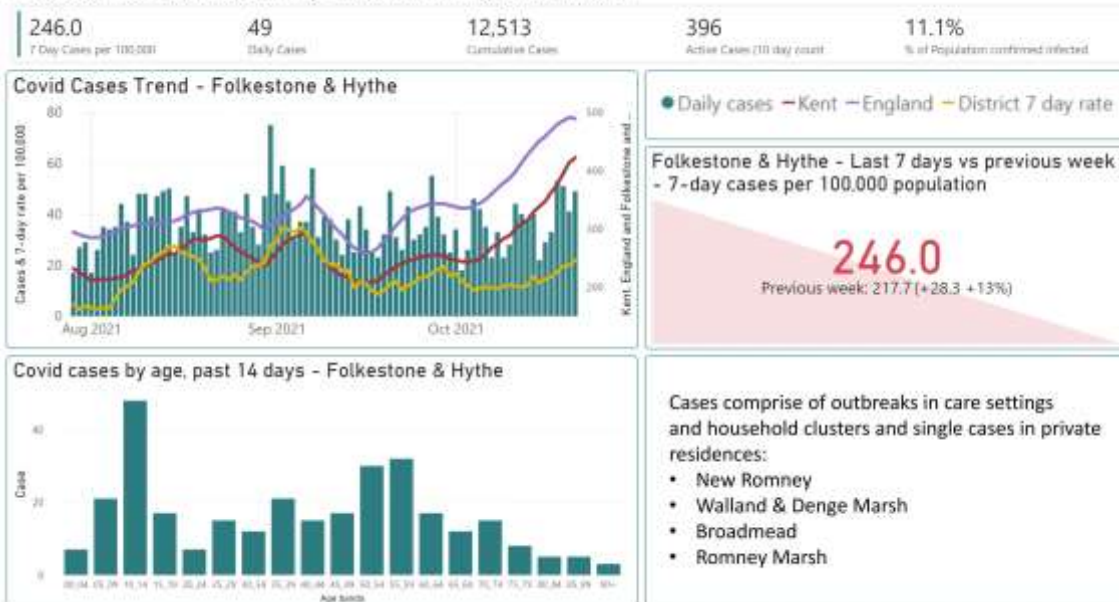
The 'Shoreline Management Plan' number 11 is still being discussed. I will not agree to any plan that does not agree to defend the Southern side of the Marsh past 2055 from the sea.



Covid update

A slight change up this week, but we still are doing well compared to the rest of Kent.

Folkestone & Hythe Summary - Data for 7 days to: 21/10/21



KCC Covid recovery assistance

As I stated last month, each member of KCC has been awarded a small amount of money this year to help local charities and other community organisations recover from the pandemic. If anybody wants me to consider a bid, please get in touch.

KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres

Thanks to everybody who took time to respond to our consultation on the booking system to access KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres...we had our biggest response ever over ten and a half thousand!

Tony Hills Kent County Council Member for Romney Marsh

