

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Hythe Town Council

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What 2022 has in store for Hythe

2022 is a big year for Hythe, with many different exciting community events taking place throughout the year.

On 6 February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June.

Other Hythe Events:

The 17 August this year will see the Venetian Fete. The Hythe Venetian Fete is a tableaux of decorated floats in various themes held on the Royal Military Canal. Following the opening ceremony by the Mayor of Hythe the daylight parade of the imaginatively decorated floats will begin.

Also, in May this year, the Speakership of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports comes to Hythe.

Further information to follow.

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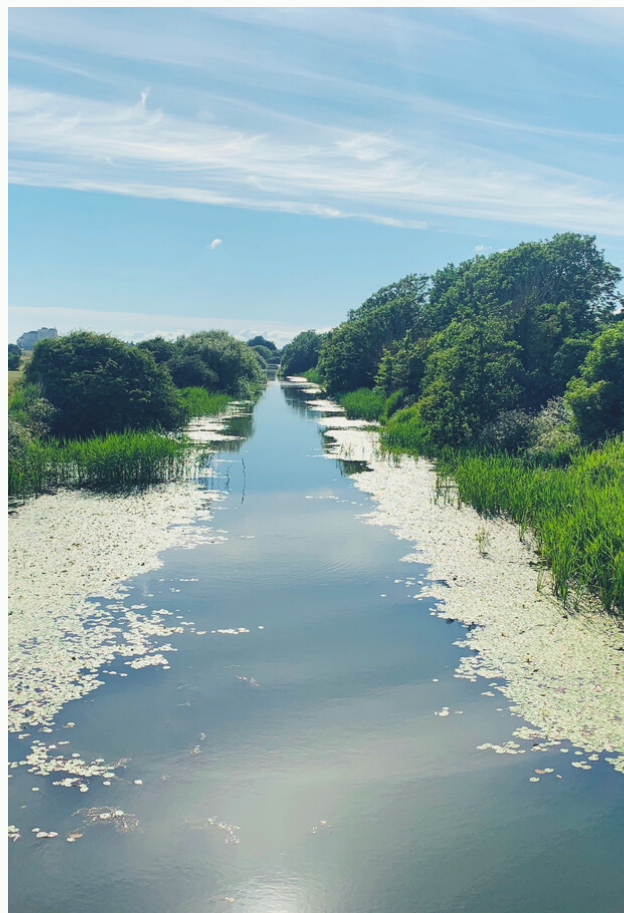
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Welcome to Hythe Town Council's First Community Newsletter

The First Edition

After more than a year of COVID restrictions and times where we had to help and support our community remotely rather than in person, we are more than happy to be able to welcome the community in person again. Our website and social media channels, in particular Facebook, have become more important than ever, providing local news to keep the community connected. We are of course aware that not everybody has access to the internet or a social media account and this is how the idea of this newsletter was born. In our community newsletter we aim to keep everybody informed and up to date with relevant news and information about Hythe.



Looking Ahead

Our staff at Oaklands are committed to maintain and provide an efficient service for all residents and are always happy to help. In addition, we look to the future as the Town Council has ambitious plans to make Hythe an even greater place to live. Here are a few of the community projects we aim to deliver in the coming year:

- 1) Play area equipment and upgrades.
- 2) Our services and administrative systems will be made more efficient and accessible for the public, by making bookings an easier process, as well as being able to pay invoices online.
- 3) A new business strategy that sets out the community's priorities and reflects your feedback.
- 4) Extended opening hours for tennis and bowls hire.



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Becoming a Plant-Based Council

As another logical step in our climate and ecological crises response, Hythe Town Council voted to become a plant-based council. This means that we will only serve plant-based food and drinks at all council functions.

Moving to plant-based catering for all council functions is another important step in reducing the council's carbon footprint. Plant-based foods have the smallest carbon footprints. Producing meat, fish, eggs, cheese and milk emits more greenhouse gases than producing their plant-based equivalents. Animal-exploiting industries are also major contributors to rainforest deforestation, other habitat destruction, drought, and water and air pollution.

The Committee on Climate Change recommends that people reduce their meat and dairy consumption and encourages the public sector to lead the shift to less carbon-intensive diets.

“The science speaks for itself – a plant-based diet significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions. With consumption of meat and dairy fuelling global warming and habitat destruction, including rain forests for feed and grazing, this was an obvious, easy, sensible and cost-free step to take.” – Martin Whybrow, Hythe Town Council

PETA Recognition

Since the above motion was passed, the animal rights organisation PETA has presented Hythe Town Council with a Compassionate Council Award, which is great news and a lovely recognition for our efforts!



Councillors M Whybrow, D Wade and P Graham with the PETA Compassionate Council Award.

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Remembrance Day

At 11am on Remembrance Sunday Hythe men, women and children gathered at the War Memorial to honour the memory of all the service men and women who gave their lives in armed conflicts past and present.

Over 40 wreaths were laid during the service, covering the memorial in red poppies, as a token of the Town's thanks for the sacrifices made to secure our peace and freedom.

We are grateful that the Acting Commanding Officer of the Small Arms School Corp, Major Byrne, with his wife and WO1 James Smith were able to attend the parade and represent the School which has played such a big part in the history of Hythe over the years.



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Memorial Benches at Oaklands Park

The memorial benches in Oaklands Park were funded by Councillor Jim Martin through his Ward Grant at Folkestone and Hythe District Council.

The plaque reads: 'This Bench was erected in 2021 by Davis Oaklands Charitable Trust - Funded by FHDC & HTC on behalf of the grateful people of Hythe in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives so we could live ours.'

"I have been delighted to use my Ward Grant to pay for three memorial benches, commemorating the people who gave their lives in order for us to live ours. This year I intend to install a bench commemorating the people in the NHS who died during the pandemic while saving the lives of others." Councillor J Martin



Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights were switched on, on Tuesday 3 December 2021, for all the residents, traders and visitors to enjoy.

Hythe definitely celebrated Christmas in style this year by lighting up the High Street.

The Christmas lights were funded by Hythe Town Council, Hythe Business and Tourism Association, Hythe Life Magazine, Councillor Jim Martin, one generous anonymous donor and the Community Engagement Working Group.

While at Red Lion Square you would have found the magically lit Christmas tree topped with a special festive star. The Christmas tree was funded by Hythe Town Council.

And in the Undercroft in front of the Town Hall, Hythe Rotary had their first Santa's Grotto, which was also a great success.



Bird Boxes

In line with Hythe Town Council's Declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency, councillors at Hythe Town Council have been supporting projects to protect wildlife in and around Hythe, such as planting trees and wild flowers, providing homes for bees and swifts, and looking to reduce the cutting of ivy and long grass to support insect life.

The latest project, organised by Councillors Doug Wade and Jenni Hawkins, involved Ecology Officers from Kent Wildlife Trust visiting Seabrook Primary School to talk to pupils about the decline in bird life nationally and locally, and what we can do to help birds and start to reverse the disastrous decline in their numbers.

Pupils were also provided with the materials to make bird boxes, dozens of which have now been put up all around Hythe to provide safe and suitable nesting places for a wide variety of bird species.

The children will now be able to visit the boxes that they made and see the birds nesting in them, as well as the fledging of the next generation next summer.

Hythe Town Council now hopes to build on this successful scheme with other schools and community groups to support birds, bats, bees, frogs, and all manner of threatened wildlife in our area. Hythe Environmental Community Group, The Hythe Green Preservation Society, and the Bumblebee Trust are already partners with the Council to this end and more partners are eagerly sought.

If you are interested in working to protect wildlife in and around Hythe and would like to work with Hythe Town Council to achieve this, please contact admin@Hythe-tc.gov.uk.



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Kent Association of Local Councils

Community Award Scheme

The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe, Councillor Naomi Slade, presented the Kent Association of Local Council Community, KALC, Awards to the nominees that had been put forward for the KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020 and 2021, who had made a significant contribution to the local community.

Jackie Mortimer (right) of Instep, Brockhill Preforming Arts, was awarded her certificate in 2020 for all the work she has done over the years with youngsters in dance.

Hayley Ross, on the left, and her team at Hythe Community Support Hub, were awarded in 2021 for their tireless work in supporting the most vulnerable people in our community during the Covid-19 pandemic.



The Triangle

An update from HTCG

The Triangle is a community garden sitting at the junction of St Leonard's Road, Albert Road and Windmill Street. The land, a Grade II listed former animal pound, was purchased in 2016 using funds from generous local residents, businesses and a grant from Kent County Council. Since 2016, we have held regular activity days in the garden to manage weeds and generally keep the site clean and tidy while we figure out our longer term plans.

In July 2020, the two existing trustees were joined by four new trustees who all live locally. We face a number of challenges in the next few years, the biggest being the extensive and costly repairs needed to the boundary walls.

Restrictions during the pandemic meant we weren't able to do much on site but our volunteers were champing at the bit to get back on site the second things started to ease. In the last few weeks we've been clearing the area around the boundary wall. The work isn't easy but the rewards are great! Our goal is to create a haven for wildlife that attracts the eye of passers by but we can't do that without funding, and volunteers - both on site and behind the scenes.

Our activity days are advertised on the notice board in the Triangle and on our Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/hyhetriangle).

To talk to us about the project, to volunteer or to share ideas, you can call us on 07843 851236 or email us, our address is hello@htcg.org.



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An Update from Hythe Green Preservation Society

Following the successful partnership of Hythe Green Preservation Society and Hythe Town Council in securing the Green's protection by Fields in Trust, we can finally be reassured that there will now be no further threat of development. This leaves us free to enhance the Green as a precious amenity for the people of Hythe and for visitors to the town.

Hythe Green Preservation Society's first project has been to oversee a crowd-funding campaign to establish a native woodland in the south-western corner of the Green. This includes horse chestnut, silver birch, oak, beech, hornbeam, field maple, flowering cherries and holm oaks. It will be underplanted with elder, holly, hawthorn, hazel, dogwood and butcher's broom among other species. The wood will act as a visual and acoustic buffer to HV Wooding's factory and will connect the recently opened Woodland Walk along the western boundary with the southern fringe bordering Hythe Bay School. This southern path will also be a sheltered walkway and Hythe Green Preservation Society is continuing to work on its agreed five-year management plan with Hythe Town Council to ensure that the trees, mainly cherry plums, and undergrowth along this area are properly cleared and maintained.

The initial campaign to purchase, plant and maintain a wood of 35 trees reached its target of £13,500 in July. Kent County Council supported Hythe Green Preservation Society's bid with £6,000 and in all almost 100 individuals and organisations made pledges of support.

We are very grateful to them all. We are also indebted to the charity The Kent Men of the Trees (www.kentmenofthetrees.co.uk) who offered us a variety of native species.

The wood - eventually totalling 100 trees - has now been put in place and a watering system has been set up. We have been actively supported by HV Wooding in allowing us to use their roof in rainwater harvesting for the trees.



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Photo courtesy of Richard Bateman - Hythe Green Preservation Society



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An Update from Hythe Green Preservation Society ctd

In addition to the 450 screening whips planted by Hythe Green Preservation Society along the southern school boundary, we have purchased 80,000 bluebell seeds and these will eventually flower to fill the western and southern walks at the edge of the Green. Repeat bluebell and also snowdrop planting at this rate will be carried out annually.

A further enhancement will be the additional planting of a line of cherry plum trees along the edge of the new wood, providing both a shaded path and a continuation of the southern boundary walkway, enabling a sheltered walk along two sides of the Green.

Hythe Green Preservation Society continues to provide updates via its Facebook page and through events held on the Green.

For more information, please contact Geoff German, Treasurer, Hythe Green Preservation Society on 01303 237056.

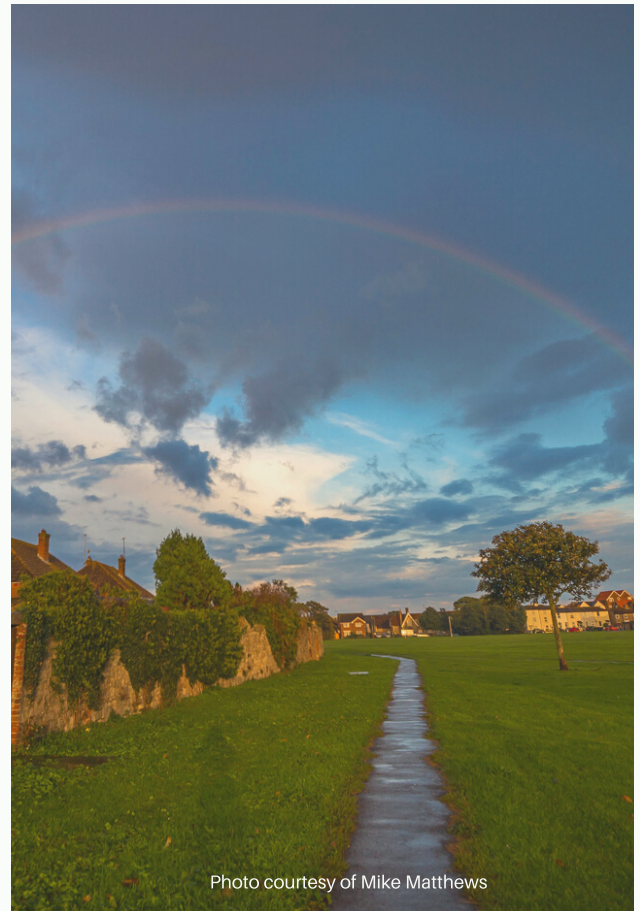


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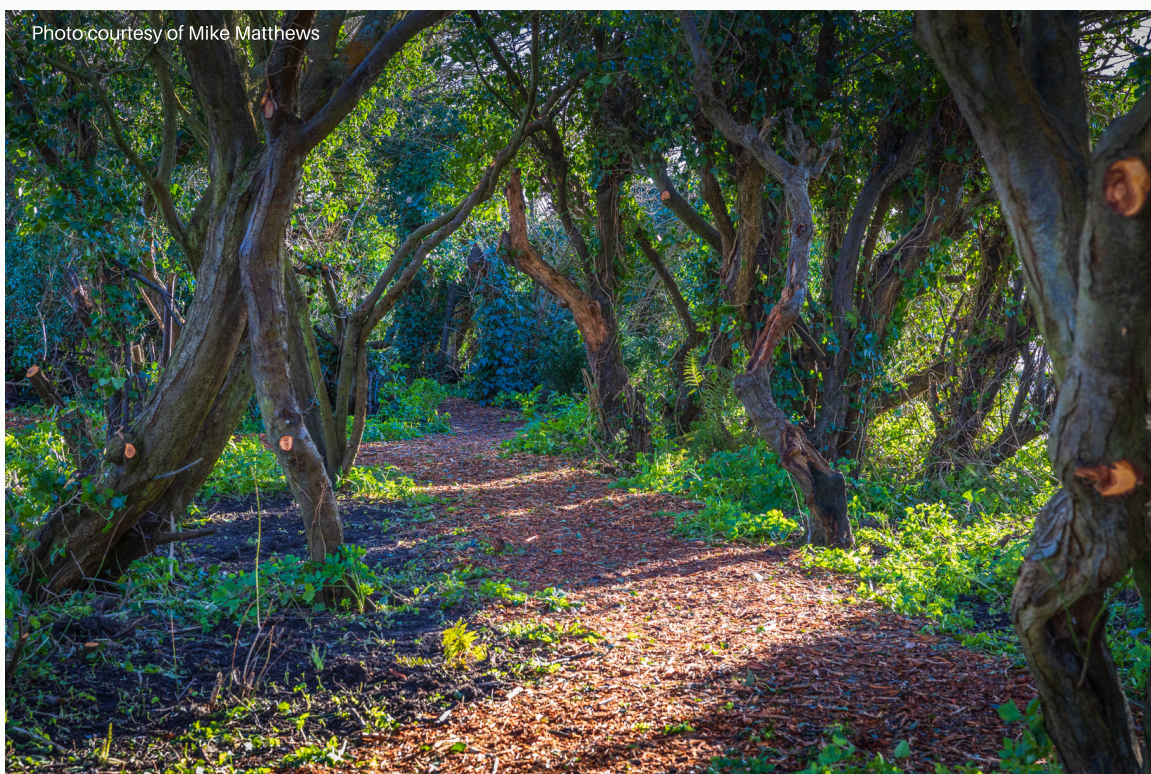


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Princess Diana Sensory Garden Regenerated

Organised by Hythe Civic Society, the Tuesday gardening volunteers team consists of members of Hythe in Bloom, Hythe Civic Society, Hythe Environmental Community Group and other gardening enthusiasts. They meet every Tuesday at 9am at the Hythe war memorial.

The Princess Diana Sensory Garden was established at Oaklands, Hythe, in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, following her death in 1997.

Recently, the garden underwent a transformation. Following a programme of cutting back and weed clearance, the volunteers planted more than 70 shrubs in the beds, returning them to their former glory. Fragrant plants included Perovskia, Rosemary and Choisya and next summer they will look and smell wonderful.

Funding for the project was provided by Councillor Doug Wade from his District Council Member Ward Budget. In support of the project, Councillor Wade said: "Hythe Town Council takes great pride in the area around the Council offices at Oaklands, so it was a pleasure to hear that the gardening volunteers and Hythe Civic Society had plans to regenerate the Princess Diana Sensory Garden. I was happy to support the project with my Member Ward Budget and I look forward to sitting in the garden next summer and enjoying the fragrances and sounds of the new planting scheme."

The volunteers also planted shrubs in Prospect Road, Hythe, recently, courtesy of Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Blue Shield Insurance Services Ltd who were delighted to see the area outside their offices turn green once again.

The team is always looking for new volunteers and everyone is welcome. No commitment to regular attendance is required.



Photograph shows L to R: Councillor Doug Wade, Roger Taylor, Imogen Taylor, Paul Reeves, Evelyn Scrace, Barbara Coatesworth and Sally Chesters inside the Sensory Garden.

Useful Contact Details

Police

101 in Non-Emergencies,

999 in case of Emergencies.

Hate crime reporting: 0800 138 1625 – 24 hour
freephone number



Folkestone and Hythe District Council

Visit www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Call 01303 853000 for

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Collection of Large Household Items
- Council Tax
- Dog Fouling / Lost and Found Dogs
- Electoral Registrations
- Fly Tipping
- Housing Advice
- Housing Benefit
- Licensing
- Missed Bin Collection
- Parking Fines, Permits and Season Tickets
- Parks, Beaches and Open Spaces
- Pest Problems
- Planning
- Street Cleaning



Kent County Council

Visit www.kent.gov.uk

Call 03000 414141 for

- Bus Passes
- Blue Badges
- Household Waste and Recycling Sites
- Pavements and Footpaths
- Pot Holes• Road Gritting
- Roads – Works, Drains and Signs
- Street Lighting



For Matters relating to HTC Open Spaces, Events & Buildings

Visit www.hythe-tc.gov.uk or call 01303 266152

Out-of-Hours Emergency number: 07493 635897

Useful Contact Details

Fly-tipping

Illegally dumped rubbish spoils the environment and creates health and safety hazards. It is a criminal offence. It carries a maximum penalty of £50,000.

Report it to Folkestone and Hythe District Council, who will arrange for it to be picked up and try to prosecute the fly-tippers.

Report Fly-Tipping:

www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/form/fly-tipping Provide the following information:

- Location
- items being fly-tipped
- how large the area that the fly-tipping covers
- date and time of the offence
- description of the person/people involved
- description and registration details of any vehicles involved

If it's a serious incident, for example lorries dumping waste, call:

The Environment Agency 24-hour hotline on 0800 807060

Litter Picking

Why not get involved by joining in with Hythe Environmental Community Group, who meet on the first Saturday of every month at 10am?

Locations vary, so either check their website (<https://hytheenvironmental.community>) or keep an eye on our noticeboards at Oaklands or the Town Hall for further monthly information.

Let's help to make the Hythe area a more fulfilling, sustainable and environmentally aware place to live.

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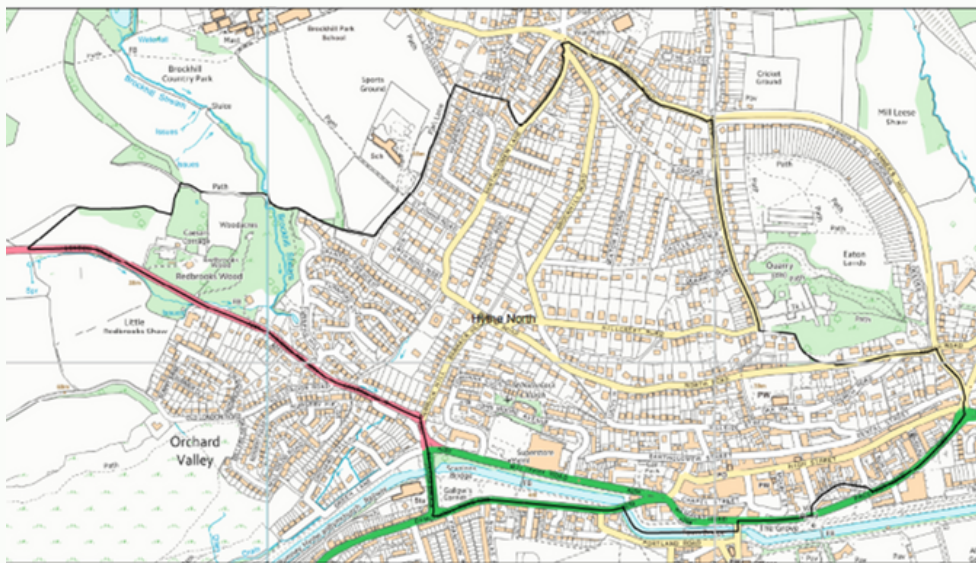
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Flags Flown from the Town Hall

Flags to be flown for one day unless stated otherwise. The recent Council decision to fly the Union flag at all times in between does mean that on occasions the flag is already up for some of these days.

Holocaust Day, 27 January

Commonwealth Day, second Monday in March

Queen's Birthday, 21 April

St. George's Day, 23 April

VE Day, 8 May

Rainbow Flag / LGBTQ Pride Month, June

D Day, 6 June

Official Queen's Birthday, second Saturday in June

Armed Forces Day, week around the 25 June

VJ Day, 15 August

Merchant Navy Day, 3 September

Battle of Britain, 15 September

Trafalgar Day, 21 October

Remembrance Day, 11 November

Armistice Day, 11 November

Speakers Day, 13 November

Prince of Wales Birthday, 14 November

Mayor's Birthday



Hythe Museum

About the Museum

The local history museum is based within the Town Council office, a former Doctor's home and surgery adjacent to the Royal Military Canal, and accessed via the local library.

Its collection is set out in cases along with detailed information boards. These take visitors through the history of Hythe from Roman times and then as a Cinque Port, with maps, furniture, costume, military equipment (linked to the Small Arms School of Musketry in Hythe for over 100 years before it was moved to Warminster), commercial, civic and social objects. Each one provides for different age groups enabling them to find inspiration, learning and enjoyment from the collection resulting in frequent re-visits and numerous related questions.

Hythe Museum is open during Library hours.

Touchscreen

Our most recent addition to the Museum is a touchscreen.

Now you can navigate yourself around an assortment of topics related to the history of Hythe or follow a timeline of Hythe up to the present day. Topics include art, The Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, The Venetian Fete, The Royal Military Canal – and many more.

For young and old there is also the opportunity to try your skill at jigsaw puzzles of art work found around the Museum and at the Town Hall.



Hythe Museum

Wheels of Time

Hythe museum is part of the Wheels of Time network of over forty museums throughout Kent. Each participating venue has a unique badge. Youngsters can collect their badge from the Library desk after their visit. Alternatively, for those collecting Wheels of Time e-badges, the code is hidden among the exhibits for you to find.

Youngsters can go on to collect Roamin' Rex's Badges at other participating museums to eventually gain bronze, silver and even gold awards.

Hang on to your Hat in Hythe!

Hats may generally be a thing of the past, but over the years they have represented an office or occupation held, or organisations to which people belonged. Hats could show someone's status or reflect changes in fashion.

In the museum, we have a collection of hats – a few too many to put them all on display – but each one showing a different aspect of life in the past. Trying to decide upon what headwear to exhibit was not easy, although it was eventually decided to show an assortment of civic hats, a bowler hat and a lady's fashion hat worn in the 1930s, a police helmet, a collapsible opera hat and a fireman's helmet. Alongside these, we sourced a Scout and a Guide beret, a Scout 'lemon squeezer' and a cub cap. Quite a variety!

The museum store has headwear ranging from an air raid warden and soldier helmet to a headscarf, a flat cap and a sailor's hat. When groups of youngsters visit, we use them along with pretend Roman, Viking and knight helmets to help bring history to life. Many children love a dressing-up box, especially if they find a hat to wear – perhaps there's even a hat or helmet from the past you'd wear if you had a chance!

Why not do something different today and visit the museum to take a look at what there is here.



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Events in 2022

Hythe Green Preservation Society - Tree Planting for the Queen's Jubilee - February 2022

Hythe Town Council Planting Tree with Schools for the Queen's Jubilee - March 2022

The Queen's Jubilee Weekend - 2/3/4/5 June 2022

Hythe Green Preservation Society - Community Funday - Saturday 18 June 2022

Armed Forces Day - Saturday 25 June 2022

Hythe Canal Raft Race - Saturday 25 June 2022

Community Hub (AGE UK) Funday - Saturday 16 July 2022

Venetian Fete - Wednesday 17 August 2022

Hythe Life Food Festival - 27/28/29 August 2022

Speakers Day - Saturday 01 October 2022

Band of the Grenadier Guards - Friday 14 October 2022

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 13 November 2022



Hythe Tennis & Bowls.



Opening Easter Weekend through to
September 2022
Come along and have some fun!



BOOT FAIR DATES 2022 THE GREEN, HYTHE

KENT MARINE CADETS ~ 15 MAY

HYTHE BAY SCHOOL ~ 22 MAY

HYTHE SCOUTS ~ 29 MAY

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ~ 5 JUNE

ROTARY CLUB ~ 12 JUNE

HYTHE GREEN PRESERVATION SOCIETY ~ 19 JUNE

SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ 26 JUNE

GIRL GUIDES ~ 3 JULY

MAYOR'S BOOT FAIR ~ 10 JULY

HYTHE TWINNING ASSOCIATION ~ 17 JULY

MACMILLAN ~ 24 JULY

AGE UK ~ 31 JULY

SAMARITANS ~ 7 AUGUST

HYTHE FOOTBALL CLUB ~ 14 AUGUST

HYTHE & ROMNEY MARSH LIONS CLUB ~ 21 AUGUST



ACCESS FOR SELLERS FROM 7.00

ACCESS FOR PUBLIC FROM 8.00

Events in 2022



HYTHE TOWN BANDSTAND CONCERTS SUMMER SEASON LIVE 2022

THE LINE UP ...



SKIES ~ 12 JUNE

DAYS GONE BY ~ 19 JUNE

HYTHE TOWN CONCERT BAND ~ 26 JUNE



ELVIS ~ 3 JULY

THE TRANSIENTS ~ 10 JULY

GUMBOOTS ~ 17 JULY

UNSHACKLED - 24 JULY

THE DULCETTES ~ 31 JULY



LIVE

MUSICIANS

FREE ENTRY 3PM-

5PM

OAKLANDS, STADE STREET

HERE COME THE GIRLS ~ 7 AUGUST

CONCORDS ~ 14 AUGUST

ABBALICIOUS ~ 21 AUGUST

DAVE FERRA ALLSTARS BAND ~ 28 AUGUST



HYTHE TOWN CONCERT BAND ~ 4 SEPTEMBER



Located just 2 mins walk from
the High Street - adjacent to
Oaklands Health Centre & Library
Cancellations & changes of acts may occur
without prior notification

Nearest Car Parks
Mount Street and Portland Road ((By The Green)
Facilities : Oakland's Cafe, Children's Play Area and
Nearby Toilets, Occasional Seating Provided