

1. Blue Plaque Historical Window Vinyl

To consider financial support and/or partnership on promoting a blue plaque historical trail throughout Hythe. **It is proposed to recommend this item.**

I am very excited about the possibility of Hythe Town Council promoting and supporting my new blue plaque project.

A little bit of history of my new company. I moved to Folkestone in Oct 2020 having retired from photography after a 38-year career as an architecture photographer.

I have always been interested in history especially that of homes as throughout my career I photographed many

I started to look into the history of the buildings on Folkestone's Old High Street and to approach businesses. I now have 18 blue plaque window vinyl's there with a further 2 in Church Street and one in Rendezvous Street with a further 70 in homes in Folkestone, Sandgate and Hythe and other towns notably Ramsgate.

I would love to get more in Hythe as its history is of interest to me and quite different to Folkestone. I also have literature on the town that will help me to find out occupants, especially along The High St. I know for a fact that many businesses in Folkestone say that the plaques improve footfall and now a local walking guide is including the information that I have found in his walks.

I would love to add information in the form of blue plaque window vinyl along the route of The Hythe Civic Society's Thurs guided walks as it would add extra information for the experts and talking points for visitors and potentially generate custom for local businesses.

In our phone call you mentioned the possibility of funding some aspects of the project, this would naturally be very attractive to the businesses along the route of the guided walks / high street. I would personally talk to all concerned, which worked so successfully in Folkestone.

I would love to be able to work in partnership with Hythe Council on this project, to showcase Hythe's fascinating history and help support local businesses.

If you require any more information, please get in contact with me.

Regards Simon Warren

Simon would like to make a 3-minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting under item 6.on the Agenda.