

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Folkestone Harbour –
Councillor Ray Field**

Subject: Custom Folkestone CIC
Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 12 March 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Cherry Truluck Halpin
East Yard
Folkestone Harbour Arm
Folkestone
Kent

Name and description of project:

Folkeshare –

Administrative and running costs for Folkeshare, the Folkestone and
Hythe Time Bank

DECISION:

To provide funding of £868 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Folkeshare is supported by Custom Folkestone who are providing the resources to make this happen, but is independent of us - we are just passionate about the benefits this can bring to our local community and can't wait to get started.

Since launching on a tiny budget in October 2019, we have signed up 40 members and hosted 3 community 'get-togethers' at Custom Folkestone. These get-togethers have been well-attended and attracted many new people who were not already involved in Custom's community programmes.

We are already working with the Hythe Environmental Community Group and have begun developing partnering relationships with other local charities and community groups including the Beacon School, the Rainbow Centre and Social Enterprise Kent, which will enable people to use the timebank as an opportunity to improve employability, life skills and general quality of life.

As Folkestone includes some of the poorest wards in Kent, it is clear to see that this initiative could provide huge support to people most in need as they are able to benefit from help from others without any financial expense. Funding will enable us to get out to into the community and ensure equality of access to the project for these people.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.



Signed:

**Councillor Ray Field
Folkestone Harbour**

12 March 2020