

It's full charge ahead for our car parks - The first of the district's new 94 charging points for electric vehicles (EV) are now up and running.

These are in car parks at Church Road, New Romney, High Knocke, Dymchurch, and The Paddocks, Hythe. From Friday 11 March, those at Tram Road, Folkestone, and Wilberforce Road, Sandgate, will be working, making a total of 20 points across the five car parks.

Work is underway at 23 more sites and it is expected all will be operational by the end of April 2022.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council has partnered with Kent County Council and five other local authorities for the roll out, which will see one of the largest networks of consistent charging points.

The new charging points are being installed by Connected Kerb, one of the UK's biggest providers. The six existing off-street points, provided by F&HDC, will be replaced. A total of 23 charging points provided by commercial businesses are already in place and will remain.

The charging points offer a mixture of fast 7Kwh, 22kw and rapid 50Kwh, depending on the location.

A total of 600 points will be installed across the county over the next two years, with districts applying for 75% funding through KCC, and Connected Kerb funding the remaining 25%.

The remaining 23 car parks where the charging points are being installed are:

Folkestone - Civic Centre Visitors, East Cliff, Foresters Way, Pleydell Gardens, Sandgate Road, Shellon Street, The Coastal Park, Upper Payers.

Hythe - Battery Point, Fisherman's Beach, Military Road, Mount Street, The Lade, Twiss Fort.

Dymchurch - Dymchurch Central, Martello.

Sandgate - Castle Road, Lower Sandgate Road West.

Cheriton - Broomfield Road.

Greatstone - Jolly Fisherman.

Littlestone - Coast Drive.

Lyminge - Station Road.

New Romney - West Street.

For a guide as to how the charging points work, go to:

<https://www.connectedkerb.com/drivers?hsLang=en>