

# WINCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Vicki Weston

## CENTRAL MEON VALLEY

### New Year Greetings

Best wishes from all your local Winchester City Councillors for 2021, we are all hoping for a better year than the last one. However, the coronavirus pandemic is proving to be an extremely challenging time for many and with the recent rise in cases it does not seem that we can look forward less stringent social distancing interventions till after Easter. Please stay safe and help keep everyone else safe.

As we start a new year, some useful reminders and links:

- **New garden waste service** should be getting under way around the time of publication. If you have not ordered your new bin yet but would like one or it hasn't arrived, go to the Winchester City Council website at [www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-collection-sign-up](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-collection-sign-up) or call 0300 300 0013.
- if you need a reminder on when your bins are due to be collected and which bins to put out, follow this link and enter your post code - [www.winchester.gov.uk/bins](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/bins)
- if your bins aren't collected on the due date, be sure to report it as soon as possible so this can be rectified - this can be done online at [www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling) or by using the Your Winchester app. Alternatively you can email [customerservice@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:customerservice@winchester.gov.uk) or phone 0300 300 0013. It's important to remember that the Council will only commit to pick up a missed collection if it is reported by midday the day after your usual collection day. So be sure to let them know!
- **Recycling Centres**, you still have to book in advance to get a slot at Hampshire County Council's recycling centres in Bishops Waltham and elsewhere. However, its very simple to book and the system seems to have been working well - go to [www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment)
- **Flytipping**, if you do see any fly tipping blighting our beautiful area, be sure to report it unless you see a large W painted on it. Again, this can be done through the Your Winchester app or online at [www.winchester.gov.uk/report](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/report) or by calling 0300 300 0013. If fly tipping is taking a while to be removed, please do let one of us know and we can follow up on what is happening.

### Speeding and noisy bikes

A local group CANS (Communities against noise and speed, [www.canshampshire.co.uk/community/communities-against-noise-and-speed-15072/home/](http://www.canshampshire.co.uk/community/communities-against-noise-and-speed-15072/home/)) are working with Meon Valley Ward Councillors on various initiatives. A forum has been set up to bring all stakeholders together, including local MPs, the police, Hampshire County Council and local councillors. A number of police operations have also been carried out. The overall objective is to discourage the small minority of motorcyclists who ride in an antisocial manner from coming to the area.

Various parishes have acquired what are called speed indicator devices (SIDs). These show the speed vehicles are travelling and have a good success rate at reducing speed, especially if moved around to various locations.

Decisions from the last Cabinet meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December included the below. For more details on the meeting and papers these can be found on the Winchester City Council website.

[Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 16th December, 2020, 9.30 am - Winchester City Council](#)

<https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=2434&Ver=>

A detailed budget is to be prepared for consideration by Full Council in February 2021  
This will include:

- a. A Council tax increase of 3%
- b. The implementation of “cashless parking”, phased over 2 years, as set out in section 18.
- c. That fees and charges are increased by an average of 3% and that a report be brought to Cabinet in January 2021 setting out all fees for services
- d. That Building Control fees increase by 10%
- e. That the budget for “small grants” is reduced by £15,000
- f. That a one year grant agreement based on a maximum grant of £147,200 be approved for “Play to the Crowd”.
- g. That the Council no longer directly delivers a programme of sports and physical activity but remains an active partner in the Winchester Sports and Physical Activity Alliance and continues to work with partners across the district to support programmes aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of residents.
- h. That financial support for the annual Criterium event is not continued in 2021.

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