

# Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for: Hambledon Parish Council

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## Business as usual for Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres and Road Improvements

Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres will remain open as the country goes into a second lockdown to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

There is clarity from the Government in for this lockdown, the national guidance defines waste services as essential. It is also good news that the Government has said that construction is not expected to close operations down. The booking system at the HWRCs has been operating well for some time now. There are social distancing measures in place to ensure each of our sites is able to operate in a COVID safe way.

It is also confirmed that improvement works on Hampshire's highway network will continue. Covid-safe working standards were implemented earlier this year and all highways maintenance work on Hampshire's roads is carried out in line with the Construction Leadership Council's Site Operation Procedures, which is based on Public Health England guidance. It is therefore business as usual for our work to improve Hampshire's road network. With an anticipated drop in traffic, good use will be made of this quieter time on the roads to press ahead with improvements across the county. This includes our Operation Resilience programme to make the roads more resilient to the impact of severe weather, as well as new schemes, such as those at Stubbington, the BRT busway extension in Gosport, and new cycling and walking provision at Whitehill and Bordon."

Booking slots are available seven days in advance at each of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs, and can be made online at [www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment) or, for those without internet access, by phone on 02380 179 949, between Monday and Friday 9am to 5:30pm.

Visiting a Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centre:

- There is no need to bring confirmation of the booking to the site, the site will have information on confirmed bookings;
- Site staff will check registration plates upon arrival – people will need to arrive in the vehicle specified in the booking;
- Anyone turning up without a confirmed booking will not be allowed entry to the site;
- People wishing to cancel or amend a booking can do so via the link received on the confirmation email. This link enables residents to either cancel a booking or reschedule it to another available date and time.
- As per government guidelines, residents in the specified vulnerable category (those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, people over 70 and pregnant women) are strongly advised not to visit a site;
- Specific parking arrangements are in place with site staff guiding vehicles, from a safe distance, into spaces
- As far as possible, only one person per household should leave their vehicle during their visit to the HWRC.

- Due to social distancing measures, site staff will be unable to provide any assistance with unloading material or carrying material. Residents are asked to bring only the amount of waste they can comfortably carry and empty into containers.
- Everyone must observe social distancing and keep at least a two-metre distance from others at all times.
- Most waste materials will be accepted.
- Reuse sales areas will unfortunately have to be closed, in line with Government restrictions on non-essential shops. Where possible, please continue to store items of furniture which could be reused, donate to local furniture charities, or use online platforms (e.g. Freecycle / Facebook / Gumtree). Please see the [Smart Living](#) website for more information on furniture reuse.

### **Local support for families in need in Hampshire this half-term**

Hampshire County Council is working with partners to immediately distribute £150,000 of funding which the Authority announced on 27<sup>th</sup> October to support food banks and charities that are helping support the most vulnerable families in Hampshire this half-term

Councillor Andrew Joy, Hampshire County Council Executive Member for Communities, Partnerships and External Affairs said: "We are very grateful for the support of the voluntary sector in helping us to reach the families in most need. In particular, our thanks go to Community First who will distribute this funding via the established local networks. This will ensure that the money is targeted and allocated swiftly to existing food assistance projects and organisations across Hampshire."

Tim Houghton of Community First said: "There has been a huge wave of collective support across Hampshire this half-term, and food banks, charities and organisations are pleased to be playing a crucial role in helping families and children impacted by the many effects of Covid-19."

Any vulnerable family in need of support with food at this time can visit the Hampshire County Council webpages - [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) - where they will find local contact details for their nearest source of support.

### **Bonfire Night.**

Large events to celebrate Bonfire night are strongly discouraged because of the potential for mixing of large numbers of people, the risk of infection spreading from other areas of the community, and the potential for required support from emergency services. Private events must adhere to government guidance around gathering and social distancing, with people encouraged to watch firework displays virtually wherever possible. Hampshire County Council will be working with the Fire Service to ensure appropriate messaging around safety, including the requirement to be Covid-safe.

### **Remembrance Sunday & Remembrance Day.**

Hampshire County Council will work with its partners to ensure that any events taking place are able to go ahead safely and are planned in accordance with government guidelines. Where events do take place, strict social distancing must apply with public attendance carefully managed by the event organisers. Parades are strongly discouraged because of the potential for mixing of large numbers of people and the risk of infection spreading from other areas of the community. The County Council will work with the faith community to provide continued support, particularly with regards to special ceremonies and support for our armed forces and veterans. Overall, wherever possible, private moments of remembrance and reflection are encouraged.

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