

SEPTEMBER 2016 – WCC Councillor Vicki Weston's Report to Hambledon Parish Council

A reminder to everyone that Hampshire County Council will be introducing new charges to the Household Waste Recycling Centres from 1st October.

This new change may cause increased fly tipping in our country lanes and rural landscape and we need to keep a check on this. This was one of the main concerns that I highlighted like many of you when we filled in the Hampshire County Council consultation on the website. I note that there is a Hampshire County Council workshop on a Fly Tipping strategy but unfortunately this has not been communicated very well and was the first I heard about it reading another email this weekend.

Winchester City Council pays for and organises the clearing up of fly tipping, so this may increase our costs. I will be keeping a watch full eye on this!

[Press release from HCC](#)

'Hampshire County Council introduce New charges for 'DIY' waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres from 1 October

Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be introducing a charge for soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos from 1 October 2016.

Soil and rubble, which is usually created from construction, alteration or repair of homes and gardens, will be charged at £2.50 per part or whole 30 litre bag, or per item.

Hampshire County Council will also be implementing a charge for plasterboard and cement-bonded asbestos. Plasterboard, which is accepted at all sites, will be charged at £10 per sheet, or £6 per 30 litre bag. Cement-bonded asbestos, which will continue to only be accepted at Andover, Basingstoke, Efford, Netley and Portsmouth HWRCs will be charged at £12 per sheet. No other type of asbestos is permitted. Cash and card payment options will be available at each centre.

Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Rob Humby, said: "Managing Hampshire's waste costs all the councils in the county around £100 million each year, and, coupled with ongoing reductions in Government funding, we needed to look carefully at how we deal with and pay for waste. This type of DIY and construction waste is particularly expensive to dispose of, costing Hampshire's council taxpayers around £1 million each year.

"This new charge is being introduced from October 1 to cover the additional costs of disposing DIY and construction waste compared to household waste, which we believe is the fairest way for as many as possible, and which residents told us they support. Many authorities elsewhere in the UK already charge for this type of waste to cover their cost of its disposal, and Hampshire will now be doing the same.

"If you are due to start a large renovation project, I would suggest looking at the cost of hiring a skip versus multiple trips to your local HWRC with items that you will be charged for. However, I would stress that these charges apply to the specified waste types only and no household will be expected to pay for normal household waste, green garden waste or recyclable materials such as scrap metal or glass."

Soil and rubble includes construction and demolition materials such as stone, rubble, clay, concrete, bricks, blocks, sand, tiles, paving slabs, and ceramic bathroom suites. There will be no charge for crockery or clay/terracotta flower pots. The limit of six bags of soil and rubble per household per month will be lifted.

The charges follow a public consultation in 2014, in which 6,500 members of the public responded to proposals on how to meet savings the County Council is required to make. A further consultation which took place this year, looked at cost savings in other areas such as changing opening hours, trade waste charges and the possibility of charging for other non-household materials.

Hampshire HWRCs will also be accepting trade waste from small and medium sized businesses on a chargeable basis from October 1, accepting the same materials that the sites currently accept from residents. More information will be available in due course.'

Annual Canvass

You should have received a letter from Winchester City Council about electoral registration.

We carry out a "canvass" every year to ensure that the electoral register is up to date. With the introduction of [Individual electoral registration](#) (external website), the annual canvass process has changed.

What we're doing

We will send a letter, known as a "household enquiry form" (HEF), to every household in the district. The letter will be addressed to "the occupier" and will contain the details of all those in the household who are registered to vote.

What you need to do

We will ask you to confirm that the details of those living at that address and registered to vote are correct. Anyone in the household can respond to the letter.
Please don't ignore the letter.

All the details are correct?

If the details are **correct**, all you need to do is follow the instructions on the letter.

Choose only one of the three options:

1. [Click here to complete the online form](#) to confirm that there are **no changes**. You will need the two security numbers printed on the letter to complete the online form.
2. Phone 0800 197 9871 to confirm that there are **no changes**. You will need the two security numbers printed on the letter to confirm by phone.
3. Complete the paper form we sent you and return it using the pre-paid envelope. **You do not have to return the form if you have used either option 1 or 2.**

Station Approach

The redevelopment of Station Approach was first proposed as part of the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 in March 2013. A Design Competition was set up and the outcomes of the Design Competition and the options available were taken to Cabinet and Full Council. At a meeting of Full Council on 21st July, the decision was taken to not make an appointment to the highest scoring bidder in the Design Competition and the Council is now giving consideration to how the development can be progressed.

Action Hampshire pilot project

Faced with funding cuts and the withdrawal or reduction of services, we are all going to have to do more for ourselves in the future. We need to encourage and help communities to move away from grant dependency and relying on others towards a more enterprising culture.

Action Hampshire offers advice and support to communities to help them identify gaps in services and facilities in their local area and to consider ways they can fill those gaps. This might mean setting up a community led enterprise or a different approach. We are looking at a pilot project in two rural locations. The aim is to begin with an ideas generating exercise and to follow this up with session(s) to: look at what people can do to deliver their own solution(s); and identify (and deliver) the support, training, confidence building and potential funding sources required to bring about a successful outcome.

If you have any comments or would like to be involved in the project, contact Joanna.dixon@actionhants.org.uk; 01962 857354.

Police and Crime Plan consultation

Message from your Police and Crime Commissioner

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, my mission is **to make you, your family and your community safer**. I am currently consulting on my Police and Crime Plan which sets out my priorities and the pledges I intend to make to people living in, working in and travelling through the Hampshire Constabulary area.

To support this, I am seeking to develop my Police and Crime Plan for 2016 – 2021 and as a member of the local community residing in the Hampshire Constabulary area, you have a valuable perspective and I am keen to hear your views. This Plan will be a critically important document as it sets the strategic direction for policing and crime reduction in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Please take some time to read my draft priorities and plan and complete my consultation survey: www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/survey. Your responses will help me to develop in full my draft Police and Crime Plan, which I intend to publish in October 2016.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2939050/Public-Consultation-July-2016>

I very much look forward to hearing your views.

Michael Lane

Police and Crime Commissioner

Serving Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton

A public consultation has been launched by the Police and Crime Commissioner to seek views on the proposed objectives for the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021. Responses are being requested via a short questionnaire. The deadline for responses is 14 September - <http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/About-Us/My-Police-and-Crime-Plan-2016-2021.aspx>.

Fly-tipping Strategy for Hampshire workshop – 8 September 2016

An email was circulated to Forum members on 8 August detailing information about a workshop to help develop a Fly-tipping Strategy for Hampshire.

When and where: 8 September 2016 (13.00-16.00), Ashburton Hall, Ell Court, Winchester SO23 8UQ

If you are interested in attending contact paula.shergold@hants.gov.uk by Thursday 1 September 2016.

Fly-tipping in the news this week highlights the national problem and a new measure to identify fly-tippers through DNA testing.

Supportive Communities workshop – 26 September 2016

As part of the Supportive Communities Programme (HCC Adult Services) a workshop is being held with a broad range of people from the voluntary and public sectors, health and statutory partners, offering a forum to get to know each other and share ideas. There will be no speeches or presentations - simply a room of people having conversations about how Hampshire can work together to build a stronger network of supportive communities. The workshop will be exploring questions such as: how can we best work in communities to enable people to have good local support and life choices?; what do we really mean by 'promoting more neighbourliness'?; what can we contribute to make this happen?; and what do these changes mean for me and my work?

When and where: 26 September 2016 (13.00-16.30), Ashburton Hall, Ell Court, Winchester SO23 8UQ.

Places are limited and will be confirmed at the beginning of September, to express an interest contact supportivecommunities@hants.gov.uk.

Telecoms watchdog seeks rural volunteers

TELECOMS watchdog Ofcom wants rural people to tell it about the broadband challenges they face.

Ofcom said it wanted to find out more about the "rural broadband experience" by encouraging rural people to join its research panel.

Ofcom said it existed to make communications markets work for everyone. One of the ways it did so was by conducting research to find out about the customer experience across the UK.

Each year, Ofcom reports its findings in its flagship Connected Nations report – which provides a snapshot of the state of the UK communication network.

To inform this and wider work, Ofcom is calling for volunteers to sign up to join its expanded research panel of broadband customers.

Ofcom said it was "particularly looking to sign up more people who live in rural areas in order find out more about the challenges they face".

Potential participants are encouraged to sign up via Ofcom's partner's website at <https://signups.samknows.com/ofcom/>.

Volunteers who meet Ofcom's sample requirements will be sent a unit to plug into a mains socket and connect to their home broadband router.

Further details of the sign-up process are set out below.

1. Broadband users sign up to take part in the research by completing an online form on SamKnows, Ofcom's technical partner's website here: <https://signups.samknows.com/ofcom/>.
2. SamKnows compares these volunteers to Ofcom's sample plan, which is designed to ensure that the panel is statistically robust and nationally representative. Please note that not all of those who volunteer to take part in the research will be selected.
3. Those who fit Ofcom's sample plan will be asked to complete an online end-user licence agreement.
4. Volunteers are then sent a whitebox hardware measurement unit that they plug into a mains socket and connect to their home broadband router using the provided cable. Please note that the whitebox will not interfere with the panellist's connection as it only runs tests when the connection is not in use, and it does not monitor what the panellist uses their connection for.

Further detailed information about the process can be found at <https://signups.samknows.com/ofcom/faq>.

If you have any questions or would like further information about this work, please contact Jose Kurian at jose.kurian@ofcom.org.uk.

New transport Group for Winchester District

A new group to consider transport issues across the district is being set up by Winchester City Council.

The Winchester District Transport Board will be led by key members and officers and will focus on how to deliver the aims and objectives set out in the Council's Community Strategy.

It will also consider transport-related issues in Portfolio Holder Plans, strategies and policies and the delivery of major projects as well as enabling stakeholders to raise issues of concern.

The City Council hopes that public transport providers, transport policy-makers and other interest groups will form part of this new Board. In addition, there will be opportunities for public input and engagement as work develops.

Rural housing website

A new rural housing website (www.ruralhousingalliance.net) has been launched by the Rural Housing Association. It aims to promote the work of experts striving to improve the provision of rural housing.

Statistical Digest of Rural England

Defra has published its latest [Statistical Digest of Rural England](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/539305/Statistical_Digest_of_Rural_England_2016_May_edition.pdf) - https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/539305/Statistical_Digest_of_Rural_England_2016_May_edition.pdf a collection of statistics on a range of social and economic subject areas.

Grants available for rural communities in Hampshire

Two Hampshire County Council grant schemes to specifically help rural areas are now open for applications.

[Community Challenge Fund](#) - offers grants of up to £5,000 for projects to improve community resilience and support volunteering in rural communities, support access to transport and take full advantage of mobile and broadband availability. Larger grants are also available to support community-led flood alleviation schemes.

[Rural Retailers and Community Enterprises Grant](#) – offers grants of up to £20,000 to provide financial support to help rural retailers grow, increase their productivity and provide new services, as well as encourage the development of both new and existing community enterprises which have a retail element. For more information, contact jennie.pell@hants.gov.uk or oremily.preston@hants.gov.uk.

Other County Council grant schemes of interest to rural communities include: the [Small Grants Scheme](#); [Countryside Access](#); the [Community Buildings Fund](#); the [Community Transport Grant](#) and the [Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant](#).

Community Grants up for grabs

Community grants from Winchester City Council for buildings and projects are open for applications until noon on **Thursday 8 September 2016**.

Not-for-profit organisations may apply for grants of over £500 for funding towards the cost of one-off projects, specialised equipment, start-ups and improvements, renovations or construction of facilities. For further information see:

www.winchester.gov.uk/community/grants/project-grant

To discuss potential applications or if you need any further information or support please contact: Melissa Fletcher, mfletcher@winchester.gov.uk, 01962 848 492 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday).