

Update from Hampshire County Council – October 2021

Restrictions lifted on visits to Hampshire household waste recycling centres

Hampshire County Council will be lifting the one visit per week limit for residents taking waste to one of the county's 24 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs). The new arrangement will be effective from Monday 4 October. While there will be no limit on the number of bookings per week, the County Council requests any bookings made which later are not required, are cancelled so that they can be available to others.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210930HWRCBookingRestrictionLifted>

Young people invited to stand as Hampshire's next Members of the UK Youth Parliament

Do you know a budding politician? Perhaps your daughter or son speaks like a future Prime Minister, your young neighbour is passionate about the environment, or you know anyone between the ages of 11 and 18 who would like to make their voices heard to a wider audience. The UK Youth Parliament enables young people aged 11 to 18 across the UK to use their elected voice to bring about social change. The elections are non-party political, and candidates campaign based on issues about which they are passionate.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211004-parliament>

'Walktober' – striding out for health and cleaner air around Hampshire's schools

October is the International Walk to School month. To celebrate, Hampshire County Council is encouraging parents to leave the car at home for all, or part of the school run, and to walk the journey instead - to help build opportunities for exercise in their children's school day, and to improve air quality around schools. Even if it's not possible to leave the car at home for the entire school run, 'Park and Stride' sites may be available at schools and turning off idling engines while waiting can make a positive difference too.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/30092021WalktoberPR>

County Council takes steps to expand Hampshire's recycling capability

Hampshire County Council has agreed to commission Veolia UK to prepare and submit a planning application seeking permission to develop a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh. The new facility will enable a wider range of dry mixed recyclables, collected at the kerbside, to be processed - sorting them into the constituent materials ahead of distribution to market and ensure that Hampshire's waste authorities continue to operate in line with Government expectations and legislation.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210924recyclingplans>

Former Hampshire County Councillors honoured

Four former Hampshire County Councillors have been recognised today for their distinguished service to the people of Hampshire – with the award of the title of Honorary Alderman. The title of Honorary Alderman is made to recognise the eminent and lengthy service of former County Councillors who are no longer elected Members of the Council.

Roy Perry - served as a County Councillor from 2005 to 2021, representing the Division of Romsey Extra until 2017 and then the revised boundary of Romsey Rural. He was Leader of the County Council from 2013 to 2019. Roy was the leader of TVBC until 1995 and has also been an MEP.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/3092021HonoraryAldermen2021>

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Trading Standards reminds Hampshire food firms to get prepped for 'Natasha's Law'

A major new change in food labelling comes into force from 1 October which will help to protect consumers with allergies – and businesses that make and sell pre-packed food must be ready, Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards has reminded. Natasha's Law has been implemented following the death of teenager Natasha Ednan-Laperouse, who died after suffering an allergic reaction to a baguette. Under current legislation, food prepared on the premises in which it is sold is not required to display allergen information in writing. It meant there was no specific allergen information on the packaging of the baguette that caused Natasha's fatal reaction.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211004natashaslaw>

Early progress set out for a County Deal for Pan-Hampshire

Early options and proposals for a potential County Deal for the Pan-Hampshire area will be set out to members of Hampshire County Council's Cabinet on 12 October, marking the start of work to prepare a detailed starting proposition for negotiation with Government later this year. A summary 'prospectus' document, which sets out the ambition, priorities and options for taking forward a County Deal for the Pan-Hampshire area (covering Hampshire County Council, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the Isle of Wight Council) has since been developed and will form the basis of further discussions with the area's borough, district and unitary authorities during the autumn, as well as wider consultation with other stakeholders.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/04102021CountyDealforPan-Hampshire>

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