



The latest news

Test Valley  
Borough Council



## Garden Show at Broadlands

**Broadlands Park, Friday 29 September 10am - Sunday 1 October 4pm**

The Garden Show is set to return to Broadlands this September. This will be an excellent opportunity to explore all that autumn planting has to offer. The show will be set over three days and will feature specialist growers, garden related goods, artisan designs, homeware products, fashion accessories and delicious food. There will also be talks, demonstrations, expert advice and music & entertainment.

## Dogs in Hampshire can snap up a National Trust Pooch Passport



Four legged friends and their owners are being encouraged to explore some of the top National Trust locations for dogs, with the arrival of the new Pooch Passport.

Dogs can visit some of the specially selected locations for a great day out, and there's a chance for them to collect stamps and receive a special treat!

## **Joint annual Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils (TVAPTC) and Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)**

**30 September King's Somborne Village Hall.**

Register your place now by responding to the email below. The conference is open to all Parish and Town Councillors and Clerks and is free to attend, please do share with your colleagues.

From 9:15 Arrival and Refreshments

09:45 Workshops

There will be four workshops each lasting 30 minutes. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend all workshops.

### **Local Plan and Community Planning**

A workshop to provide an overview of the development of the Local Plan 2040 and an opportunity to explore community planning including identifying local housing need and how neighbourhood plans work within the broader local plan context.

### **Engaging with Communities**

A workshop on the processes and support in place to engage with communities in a deliberative way to identify and evidence need, prioritise outcomes and looking at the resources available to take forward projects to ensure communities thrive.

### **Waste Services**

An overview of the range of services provided by TVBC Environmental Services and opportunity to find out about the proposed waste changes as a result on the introduction of the Environment Act 2021

### **Supporting Communities to Thrive - a new four-year plan**

An overview of the new four-year plan launched in May 2023. Details of the actions which will contribute to achieving the ambitions for Test Valley communities and what this means for parishes, their communities and individuals.

12:15 Close

To register your attendance please contact Rebecca D'Alcorn

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## Test Valley Creative Events



The rural communities have a huge amount of creative talent. For anyone interested in getting involved and wanting to gain experience with public art commissions.

Come and attend an evening held by CAS (chapel Arts Studios) in Andover on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

The second event is our annual **Big Band Buffet** which is a free event for all those aged over 55 years. Tickets are now available and include a swing band, free buffet lunch and speakers from Police, Fire, energy companies, and others, on how to keep safe and secure in their homes. It is being held at Test Valley School in Stockbridge on Saturday November 1st. There is a telephone number to call to book tickets which are limited in number and no group bookings taken. We do hope plenty of our Mid Test residents will come along as the feedback has always been very positive.

Tel 01264 368840

Limited transport is available and must be requested at time of booking

## Unity

Unity is a non-profit incorporated UK charity part-funded by Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, working with local organisations to support vulnerable members of the Test Valley Community.

### What do we do

Our role is to support those in the community across Test Valley who may be facing hardship through the provision of information, signposting, social prescribing, home support and a range of other community-based services designed to help make lives easier and improve health and wellbeing.



## Funding Drop In Sessions

Do you need help with your grant application?

We understand that applying for a grant can be overwhelming, and we are here to help!

#### During a session we can:

- Check that you meet the grant criteria.
- Identify any gaps in what you tell them, so that you tell an engaging story.
- Confirm that the need for your project is supported by evidence.
- Confirm that you show that you have the ability to meet those needs.
- Ensure that you spell out the differences that the project will make.
- Clearly define who the beneficiaries are.
- Advise on how beneficiaries can be included in the bid itself.
- Help connect you to potential partners or co-applicants where appropriate.
- Ensure that your budget adds up and is at the right level for the project.
- Review if the application will be successful.

We hold virtual “surgeries” to support groups looking for an independent review of their grant application. These take place at **10am** on the **third Thursday of every month, starting 21st September 2023**

Groups will be able to meet with a member of our team for advice and feedback as well as help finding other sources of potential funding.

Please book an appointment via email  
[info@unityonline.org.uk](mailto:info@unityonline.org.uk)  
or phone  
0330 4004 166

Come to a Drop-in session on grant applications. These take place every third Thursday of the month. Book an appointment via email [info@unity.otg.uk](mailto:info@unity.otg.uk)

## Guided Bat Walk

**Anton Lakes Local Nature Reserve**

**Free guided Bat walk**

Saturday 30 September

7:00 pm onwards

Meet at Anton Lakes car park (SU357466)

Get up close and personal with the use of a Bat detector to listen to the bats echo location as they use the site to forage for food

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

For more information please contact Daisy Cameron, Reserves Officer on 01264 368000





**Join our countryside team as they embark on another free bat walk!**

Andover Anton Lakes, Saturday 30 September, 7pm onwards

**On Saturday 30 September, meet at Anton Lakes car park at 7:00pm for a chance to get up close and personal with the use of a bat detector and listen to their echo location as they forage for food.**

**Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**

## Romsey Farmers Market

**Enjoy the great taste of Romsey Farmers market!**

**Savour the delights of been reared, grown, brewed in Hampshire. shopping for meats such well as dairy products, juice, bread, cakes, fresh fruits and vegetables.**



**Hampshire at the**

**truly local food that has baked, caught and Look forward to as buffalo and game, as freshly pressed apple aromatic chutneys, and**

**Romsey, Alma Road Car Park, Sunday 1 October, 10am - 1pm**

## Romsey and Andover tennis courts set for renovation

TVBC and the Lawn have agreed a new life into local park and Romsey. The of investment into the Road, Andover and the Romsey. Investment Government and LTA Tennis Project, being delivered by the LTA.



Tennis Association (LTA) partnership to breathe tennis courts in Andover project will see £37,000 tennis courts at Vigo War Memorial Park, comes from the UK Tennis Foundation's Park

## Entertainment

### Cinema

#### Stockbridge Community Cinema

We are pleased to provide details of our screenings next season which as usual offer a variety of film genres and hopefully with something to interest everyone.

*Saint Omer* (October) a novelist attends the trial of a young woman accused of killing her 15-month-old daughter.

*One Fine Morning* (November) - a touching reflection on love and loss.

Our **Wednesday** films offer something lighter.

*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* (October) based on the novel by Rachel Joyce starring Jim Broadbent as a man who passes through life on the sidelines.

*What's Love Got to Do With It* (November) A British romantic comedy in which a documentary filmmaker (Lily James) films a man traveling to Pakistan for an assisted marriage.

We end the year with a 'recorded live' screening of one of the most popular ballets - *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets for all films and further details on our website.

#### Somborne Community Cinema

##### **Polite Society (12<sup>th</sup> October)**

A British comedy fuelled by boundless energy, *Polite Society* overflows with creativity, humour, and action.

##### **Barbie (9<sup>th</sup> November)**

The box-office hit of the year, *Barbie* is a fun movie that has plenty of heartwarming moments and good messages.

**Mission : Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (14<sup>th</sup> December)**

Ethan Hunt and his IMF team must track down a dangerous weapon before it falls into the wrong hands.

Tickets for these films are just £6 each and are available from the Somborne Community Cinema web site at [www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk](http://www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk) or at the door on the night.

For more details of events and activities taking place this month, take a look at the [Visit Test Valley website](#).

**If there are any issues in this copy that you would like to discuss, or any items of news that you would like to be considered in a future copy please contact any of the Borough councillors.**

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