

Update from Hampshire County Council – July 2023

Improving Recycling and Reuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres

From July residents are being asked to separate their waste ahead of a visit to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to reuse and recycle more, and to reduce the amount of material that goes to costly disposal methods such as landfill. By taking a few moments more to sort our waste material, we could save up to £200,000 of taxpayers' money every year. The HWRC teams will be on hand to answer any questions and offer advice. A wide range of waste can be recycled at the HWRCs. In addition, there are fantastic re-sale sections at all sites where reusable items can be left. It's a great place to hand in things you no longer need, or to pick up a bargain.

Most HWRCs in Hampshire will be able to recycle the following materials:-

- Garden and green waste
- Metals
- Wood
- Cardboard
- Electrical equipment and appliances
- Batteries, printer cartridges, and light bulbs
- Furniture
- Clothing and textiles
- Paints, chemicals, engine oil and gas bottles

Check the County Council's website to find out what is accepted at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Residents need to book an appointment to visit a Household Waste Recycling Centre via the County Council's website.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230630HWRCsRecycle>

Don't miss out on free summer activity schemes for your child – sign up now!

Parents and carers of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Hampshire are being encouraged to sign up for free places at more than 140 local holiday activity schemes this summer

Hampshire County Council, in collaboration with schools across the county, is urging parents and carers to take up the thousands of places available through the government-funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme so their children can enjoy healthy food and fun activities.

More information on the HAF and other cost of living support measures available to struggling households in Hampshire can be found at:- www.connect4communities.org

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230619hafsign>

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Plans for an extra £22.5 million pothole repair boost announced by Hampshire County Council

An extra £7.5 million each year for the next three years will be spent on repairing more potholes across Hampshire under new plans outlined by the County Council Leader, Councillor Rob Humby today

At the meeting of the Authority's Cabinet (13 June), Councillor Humby announced the Council's firm commitment to deliver stronger roads for Hampshire, amid recent lobbying of the Prime Minister together with four other neighbouring south-east highways authorities for more Government investment to maintain the region's road network in the longer term.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20231306PotholeExtraFunding>

Residents' views sought on difficult decisions for balancing the budget

Hampshire County Council is asking people for their views on ways to help the Authority prepare its budgets over the next two years, through to April 2025, as it looks to balance the books in future years in the face of rising costs, higher demand for local services and years of underfunding by central Government

To date, by planning ahead and using its reserves carefully, the County Council has successfully found ways to deliver services differently and more efficiently, saving £640 million from its budgets since 2008, but how it continues to deliver local services in future is getting harder with much less money available.

The consultation runs from midday on Monday 12 June 2023 to 11:59pm on 23 July 2023.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/budgetconsultation>

Trading Standards investigation leads to jail sentence for fraudulent 'car-clocking' operation

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards has welcomed a successful prosecution following their investigation into the fraudulent sale of second-hand cars.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230906TradingStandardsCourtCaseCars>

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