

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT JANUARY 2023

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New County Council Cabinet Portfolios

Reminder for the new County Council Cabinet Portfolios as of 1 January 2023.

Adult's Health and Care:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Liz Fairhurst; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Jan Warwick

Children's Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Edward Heron; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Steve Forster

Universal Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Nick Adams-King; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services

- Leader, Cllr Rob Humby; and
- Deputy Leader, Cllr Roz Chadd

Cllr Kirsty North will continue as Cabinet Member for **HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diverstiy**

New Year changes to upholstered seating disposal

Residents wanting to dispose of upholstered seating at their local household waste recycling centre will see a change introduced in the new year, due to the national requirement for all waste upholstered domestic seating to be separated from other waste and safely disposed of by incineration, in line with Environment Agency guidance. This change will be effective from 1 January 2023.

[New Year changes to upholstered seating disposal | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

Pick your top three school preferences when applying for school places in year R and 3

As the 15 January deadline for school place applications approaches, Hampshire County Council is urging parents of children due to start school in reception year or move to year 3 in a junior school in September 2023 to indicate three school preferences on their application.

[Pick your top three school preferences when applying for school places in year R and 3 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

A solid start for future independence

A ground-breaking ceremony at Brockenhurst College on 16 December has hailed the official start of a brand new 'Independence Hub for post-16 students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

[A solid start for future independence | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

Safe and supportive for all – Hampshire Libraries' national award for work to support communities

Hampshire County Council's Library Service has gained national recognition for its work to provide a safe and supportive space to people from all communities. Hampshire is the first county-wide library network to gain the 'Library Service of Sanctuary Award' which has been granted by City of Sanctuary UK

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Satisfaction with Hampshire Highways is on the up

Hampshire residents' satisfaction with how Hampshire County Council maintains the county's 5,500 miles of highway has improved, following the County Council decision to provide additional local funding to try to reduce the impact of the year-on-year reductions in Government funding for local highway maintenance over the past decade

[Satisfaction with Hampshire Highways is on the up | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

Struggling to keep your home warm? Help is at hand

As more people feel the impact of rising energy costs and increasingly cold weather, Hampshire County Council is reminding those struggling to heat their homes that help is available.

[Struggling to keep your home warm? Help is at hand | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

Hampshire Youth MP speaks up in Parliament

Hampshire Youth MP Dev Sharma swapped a school desk for the front bench when he led a debate on the impact of the cost-of-living on young people in the House of Commons

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Advice for staying safe and well during a cold snap

Follow these top tips to help yourself and others stay well during the cold snap:

- Heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F) day and night – and keep bedroom windows closed. You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer. Help is also available for anyone struggling to heat their homes: [Hitting the cold spots | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)
- Use a hot water bottle to keep warm in bed.
- Draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts.
- Keeping active and wearing layers will help keep you warm. Exercise also has health benefits.
- Try to have at least one hot meal a day. Food is a vital source of energy, which helps to keep your body warm. Warm drinks are a good way to keep warm as well.

- Try to avoid going outside when it is cold and icy. However, if you do need to go out, remember to wrap up warm. If you have an older neighbour or relative, look out for them during winter to make sure they are safe and well. If you are worried about your health or that of somebody you know, ring NHS 111.

For more information visit: [How to stay well in winter - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

County Council commits to work with local groups to move forward with plans for Titchfield Haven

Hampshire County Council has committed to work positively with local groups over a potential six-month period to investigate a transfer of Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve to new ownership

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Hampshire Highways ready for the winter

We are fully prepared for the cold weather. Our salt bins are well stocked, with around 20,000 tonnes of salt available, and our gritter fleet is ready to go. Earlier last year, all of our HGV gritter drivers received specialist driver training to equip them with the necessary advanced driving skills to stay safe in icy conditions.

We all need to make sure that we take extra care and drive according to the weather conditions at all times – even on the roads that have been salted. Please be patient around the salting lorries which need to keep to a maximum speed of 30mph when spreading salt.

There are thousands of blue or yellow salt bins across Hampshire filled for community use. Salt from these bins is for use on public roads and pavements and can be particularly useful to 'join up' salting from the main road, carried out by our salting vehicles, to smaller access roads and pavements. Spreading just one tablespoon of salt (about 20 grammes) is sufficient to treat up to one square metre of road or pavement surface. Please let us know if a salt bin needs refilling. This can be reported via the County Council's website: [Request a salt bin refill | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

Hampshire Highway's dedicated fleet of winter vehicles are all fitted with the latest technology to ensure salting is deposited on the highway accurately and efficiently, including full satellite navigation guidance, automatic salt delivery and dedicated snow ploughs.

Further information on salting routes and community salt bin locations is available on the County Council's web pages: [Hampshire roads during severe weather | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

For advice on clearing snow and ice from pavements yourself visit: [Clear snow from a road, path or cycleway - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Follow our 'gritter twitter' @hantshighways to find out when and where the salting lorries are going out, throughout the winter.

Just the ticket – scheme to speed up bus journey times in Portchester completed

Bus passengers travelling in and Portchester can look forward to more reliable journey times as Hampshire County Council completes work on a scheme to improve priority for buses at Castle Roundabout on the A27.

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Services provided by Hampshire County Council include:

- [Education and Learning](#) including supporting Hampshire schools. (excluding privately run Academy Schools)
- [Services for children and families](#) including adoption and fostering, safeguarding, and support for young people.
- [Maintenance of Hampshire's roads](#) (except motorways and trunk roads which are the responsibility of National Highways), [licensing](#) for providers who need to work on the highway, and support for operators of [public transport](#).
- [Planning](#) applications for mineral extraction, waste management and public buildings.
- Provision of [social care and health](#) in Hampshire.
- The [Hampshire Library Service](#).
- The [Countryside Service](#), looking after [rights of way](#), and many of the county's [important green spaces](#)
- [Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) where residents can dispose of unwanted items. (District, borough or city councils manage kerbside household waste collections)
- [Trading Standards](#), ensuring fair trading in Hampshire, by supporting the county's businesses and protecting Hampshire consumers.

District, borough and city councils

District, borough and city councils provide services such as:

- Household waste collection
- Domestic planning applications
- Council Tax collection
- Housing

[Find your local district or borough council](#)

Parish, community and town councils

These councils operate at a level below district and borough councils and in some cases, unitary authorities.

They are elected and can help on a number of local issues, like providing:

- allotments
- public clocks
- bus shelters
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood planning