



Winchester Councillors' Report January 2026

Glass Collection Bins in the Station Car Park

WCC have put a sign on every bin urging users to follow the time restrictions for their use. The notice also points out that these are for domestic users. Bars and restaurants should be making their own commercial contracts to clear their waste.

It is also clear from the photos that the bins are very much used by residents, despite the domestic glass collection service now rolled out.

Your councillors have spent much time trying to address this thorny issue. Despite their best efforts no other site has been found. Other ideas such as 'quiet' bins have been explored, these were found to be ineffective. Neither is it possible to provide a second domestic glass bin. The weight of collected glass is already very high in the trucks.

We do urge Alresford residents to respect the time limits and to recognise the sound of bottles crashing into the bins is a major disturbance for nearby residents.



Local Government reorganisation

This time it's HMG's consultation, please give your views at [General 3 – LGR](#)

As you know, we favour the Mid Hants option, Option 2, but are quite relaxed about 1a. The consultation closes on the 11th January.

National recognition for WCC's natural environment planning strategy

The Winchester Nutrient Mitigation Strategy has been recognised and commended at the prestigious Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) 2025 National Awards for Planning Excellence in the Planning for the Natural Environment category.

The award celebrates outstanding projects that improve the natural environment through conservation, restoration or enhancement. The joint award submission by Winchester City Council and the Partnership for South Hampshire is based on the work that the city council has undertaken to protect and improve the water quality of important rivers (Itchen) and chalk streams across the district, while still being able to provide new homes.

The project was previously nominated for the regional award for Best Project earlier this year, and at the national finals the judges commended this project for "its innovative

phosphorus mitigation, which unlocks housing development and significantly improves water quality, setting a benchmark for sustainable planning.”

To re-cap slightly, back in April 2022 Natural England brought in a ban on any development that increased nitrates into local water courses. This brought all development, by builders big and small and householders to a screeching halt.

Community Buildings Forum

Your councillors are frequent visitors to village halls across the ward, so we are aware of the problems that beset them.

WCC have teamed up with Action Hampshire to host a Community Buildings Forum on Monday 26 January and we welcome anyone involved in the running of community buildings across the district to come along.

The Forum, which takes place at Wickham Community Centre from 10am to 12pm, is a great chance to hear about topics such as funding, governance, training and making your building more sustainable with solar panels. You can also hear from experienced speakers about the kinds of support available to community buildings.

Fly Tipping Prosecution

A Fareham man has been successfully prosecuted by Winchester City Council after a fly-tipping offence in Titchfield. The successful prosecution followed a fly-tip offence caught on camera. The court heard that a surveillance camera installed by Winchester City Council captured images of the culprit taking commercial waste, including bags of cement, PVA glue in a plastic container and rubble, from the boot of his car and dumping it in bushes at the entrance to Tynfield Caravan Park in Whiteley Lane. The offence took place on the afternoon of Thursday 2 November 2023.

The culprit was ordered to pay a fine of £600, prosecution and clearance costs of £385.64, plus a victim surcharge of £240, making a total of £1,225.64.

Winchester City Council Cabinet Member for Recycling and Public Protection Cllr Steve Cramoysan said: “Fly-tipping is a crime which causes huge damage to our local communities, wildlife and the environment, and at Winchester City Council we will continue our zero-tolerance approach, seeking to prosecute when possible. “A camera was key to success in this case, but we also rely on reports and witness statements from the public to prosecute – I’d encourage anyone who witnesses or captures footage of someone dumping waste illegally in our district to report it.”

It is worth noting before being deluged with emails on the topic that cameras are usually not as effective as in this case. Malefactors cover number plates, wear hoodies etc. Most of are tracked down by careful collection of evidence from fly tipping sites.

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