

Update from Hampshire County Council

Waste Less Applications for the Hampshire Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund are invited from now until 6 September 2021. The fund is open to community, neighbourhood, voluntary groups, parish, and town councils. Applicants should discuss their ideas with the County Council's Waste Prevention Team before applying - email waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk to arrange an informal discussion.

Grants are available for community projects which will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair service to the local area - to help build a network of waste prevention services across the county. Full details of what can and cannot be funded, as well how to apply, are available online at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210628CommWastePrevGrnt>

Highways England M3 Junction 9 Project Highways England have started their consultation for this project. The consultation ends soon on 11:59 8th July 2021.

All documents can be viewed on Highways England's website - <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvements/>. Hampshire County Council will continue to liaise with Highways England about the important impact of diversion routes and the mitigation for residents on affected routes. Agreed mitigation measures on these diversion routes eg speed reduction measures, road surface and adherence to the correct diversions will be important for local residents.

Climate Change Hampshire County Council's Cabinet are proposing a one off **£1.2m** spend on internal climate change pilot projects with a strong educational focus. These include decarbonisation of fleet vehicles (switching to electric or vegetable oil), additional tree planting, landscape regeneration, expansion of LED and solar PV installations. Many of these will be public facing to include the **Sir Harold Hillier's Climate Change Frontier Garden, the climate positive carbon negative River Hamble Country Park, and the food waste station at Royal Victoria County Park.**

Public Health Consultation is proposing to re-focus the budget to support the public health work across the Local Authority but deliver key mandated services. The consultation focuses on a series of potential changes within the four service areas, including reducing the number of premises from which services are delivered, staffing levels in commissioned services, a reduction in behaviour change campaigns, and a digital-only offer for some elements of support. The consultation is open from midday on 14 June 2021 and closes at 11:59pm on 9 August 2021. https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/15062021_healthconsultation

Queen Elizabeth County Park's new Bike Base project will deliver a package of cycling improvements including:

- A mountain bike skills area will introduce riders to the different features and surfaces they will experience on the park trails.
- A mini-wheels track
- A new 'green' cycle trail for mountain bikes

Parliamentary Boundary Change Proposals the Boundary Commission for England is conducting a review of parliamentary constituencies. If you wish to comment upon these proposals, you can do so on the Boundary Commission website before Monday 6th August <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>

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