

## **District Report November 2021**

### **Travel Free To Winchester Sport & Leisure Park**

We've been working with Stagecoach South to launch a free travel trial to encourage residents to use the city's Park & Ride service when visiting our new sport & leisure park.

The trial will run for four weeks between Monday 18 October - Sunday 14 November, meaning you can now catch a P&R bus between The Broadway and Barfield Close and travel for free – just tell our drivers where you're going!

[Find out more.](#)

### **Council issues £5,000 in fly-tipping fines in three months**

Winchester City Council has upped its efforts to rid the district of illegally disposed waste with four cases leading to successful prosecution over the summer.

Residents have continued to play a vital role in spotting and reporting fly-tipping. Hundreds of cases of illegal rubbish dumping have been reported via the Your Winchester app and the council's customer service team.

With the recent shortage of HGV drivers and reduced capacity at local recycling centres, people have been looking for alternative ways to get rid of their unwanted items.

To further tackle the issue the council has installed CCTV cameras at known 'hot spots' and launched a poster campaign to stop would-be fly-tippers.

Winchester City Council is also asking local people to be aware of companies in the district who are offering to dispose of items for small sums of money. Whilst some legitimate businesses in the area offer this service under license, there are others who operate without license and who take the payment only to dispose of the waste irresponsibly. If residents pay a business to remove rubbish that is illegally disposed of, they could be liable for an unlimited fine when the waste is recovered and traced.

This means that it is important to check an operator holds the necessary license to avoid unwittingly having your waste fly-tipped and risking a large fine.

#### **Top tips for how to deal with fly-tipping in your area:**

##### **Do**

- Check to see if it has a sticker attached to it. If it does, we're aware and we're arranging disposal.
- Use the MyCouncil app to log the exact location or lookout for the nearest landmark.

## **Don't**

- Approach the culprit. They're committing a crime - your safety is paramount.
- Touch the waste it could be dangerous and it can be used as evidence.
- Remove anything from the site.

Please report any fly-tipping you find or witness to Winchester City using the [Your Winchester app](#), [online reporting form](#) or calling Customer Services 01962 840 222.

## **Be Scam Aware**

### **Received a cold-call about a new phone contract recently? You're not alone...**

Hampshire Constabulary have had numerous reports recently of calls by fraudsters, claiming to be from mobile phone retailer Carphone Warehouse and targeting local residents by offering fraudulent mobile phone contracts.

Please remember:

- You should never provide personal or banking details over the phone to someone, even if they suggest they are from a well-recognised retailer, bank or even the police. **These organisations will never ask you for your card details**
- Suspicious about a phone call? Hang up and then contact the retailer directly. You should wait 15 minutes, just in case the fraudsters have kept your line open
- If you think that you have been a victim of crime, including fraud, please report this to Hampshire Constabulary by calling 101.

## **Water for Life Plan**

We're working with Southern Water on their 'Water for life' plan! They have now released an [update](#) on the plan which focuses on water supply in our region... keep an eye on their website for more.

## **Central Winchester Archaeology Day – latest findings revealed**

Winchester City Council hosted an Archaeology day on the Central Winchester Regeneration site last week, offering local residents the chance to see some of the tools used in the investigations that have been undertaken far, as well as some of the items that have been found, including animal bones and pottery fragments.

At the event, held on Wednesday 6 October, Keith Wilkinson from ARCA, University of Winchester spoke to over 50 interested local residents on site during an informal drop-in session in the morning. This was followed by a presentation hosted online highlighting some of the findings so far, and a Q&A session with the Central Winchester Regeneration Archaeology Advisory Panel.

The day also offered the opportunity for the Archaeology Advisory Panel to discuss the findings and to review their recommendations made to the council regarding the best way to address the archaeology on the site.

Speaking as Chair of the panel, Professor Martin Biddle said:

“We now have a powerful body of evidence about the area. This reinforces the recommendations we, as a panel, made to the council before the work commenced and we encourage them to continue to follow them.

We are now able to document deposits on the site and this can be used to ensure that any foundations proposed as part of any new development take the archaeology into account, and that appropriate excavation be undertaken beforehand if required.”

The heritage of our beautiful city is part of what makes it so special and this will inform all the decisions we make about its future. It was fascinating to hear the thoughts of both the panel and the public today and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to join us either on site or online.”

### **Abandoned Puppies Now Safe**

Our RSPCA Gold Award-winning Animal Welfare team has once again come to the rescue!

Seven Labrador puppies were found on the South Downs Ways by cyclists this week. The finders stayed with the puppies until Three Oaks kennels, who are contracted to look after our stray dogs, were able to come and collect them.

The puppies, estimated at between 12 and 16 weeks old, have all been given ‘L’ names! Check out the boys; Lionel Lennie and Leo, doing a yoga class with Abi from Three Oaks... the girls have been named Laura, Lisa, Lillybet and Laurie.

The dogs are now being properly fed and have been bathed at the kennels. They'll be coming under our care as stray dogs and then the priority will be finding suitable homes for them via one of our fantastic local rescue centres.

Cllr Laming, Warwick and Williams