

District Report March Draft 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE: COUNCIL TAX REBATE

Support is being offered to some households from the government to help with rising energy costs.

The payments will be made directly to you from your local authority. To be the first to hear from us about this, sign up to manage your council tax online [here](#).

- [Our website updates can be found here](#)
- [Find the full government statement here](#)

CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY AREAS: HAVE YOUR SAY

The Boundary Commission for England is holding an independent review of all constituency boundaries in England and is inviting you to have your say on its proposals by 4 April.

To view the proposed new constituencies for your area and share your views click here.

You can join one of the 32 public hearings across the country, if you'd prefer to express your view in person. Find your nearest event [here](#).

BIODIVERSITY IN OUR DISTRICT

To keep our bees buzzing and our wildflowers blooming, we're cutting back on shearing a select amount of road verges in New Alresford and Badger Farm...

Cutting road verges less often can support 700 species of wildflowers and provides nectar for insects, bees and butterflies...

We're not trialling this work near busy junctions and blind corners to reduce risks and worry for drivers.

This is the second year of the pilot scheme, and we're looking to expand into the other areas over the coming months.

[Click here to find out more](#)

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES

If you run a business you're looking to make more sustainable, you can get financial support from the Low Carbon Across the South and East (LoCASE) of up to £10,000.

The LoCASE programme provide match funded grants to help cover the cost of resource efficiency measures for small or medium sized business. Plus, they can help businesses in the low carbon, renewable energy or environmental goods and services sector to expand and develop.

[Find out more](#)

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the Winchester Business Excellence Awards 2022...

Make your nomination before 28 April! [Find out more](#)

Cllr Laming, Warwick and Williams