

Garden waste collection suspension – Monday 4 July

Please see the following note below sent to customers:

With our apologies for any inconvenience this is likely to cause but due to unforeseen circumstances, we will have to temporarily suspend the garden waste service for the week commencing Monday 4 July 2022. This unfortunate disruption to our service is due to unexpected staffing shortages.

If you are due a garden waste collection next week, we ask that you please do not put your garden waste bin/containers out for collection. We will contact you again by email when the service resumes and please be assured we are working hard to avoid any further disruptions and our intention is that only one garden waste collection will be missed. No other services are suspended, so all other bins and containers should be left out as normal.

If you cannot store your garden waste until your next scheduled collection it can be disposed of at your local household waste & recycling centre free of charge.

As your garden waste will not be collected and we are unable to return at a later time to collect, we are reviewing what options are available to compensate you for this inconvenience and will email you again as soon as possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience this unavoidable suspension of service may cause and are working hard to resume our usual service as soon as possible.

Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

For any further information or should you have any questions, please contact
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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Winchester Business Excellence Awards were held at the end of June at the University of Winchester. After the last two years of really challenging times it was fantastic to see all the different members from our community attend the event.

11 awards were presented that recognised businesses for leadership, charity, sustainability and more!

The Millennium Egg was kindly donated to the council by Jeremy France of Jeremy France Jewellers, this ornament is a lifetime achievement award presented annually to an outstanding local business person for their services to the economy of the Winchester District.

NET ZERO GRANTS FOR BUSINESSES

Are you working toward becoming net zero? Free support is being offered to businesses in the Winchester district...

We've teamed up with Meercat to help businesses reduce their carbon emissions through grant funding. Monthly webinars will be hosted by Meercat to answer questions any business owners have.

Other support is available from programmes such as Low Carbon Across the South and East (LoCASE), which offers grants up to £10,000 or green audits for businesses where more intensive work is needed.

UKRAINE REFUGEE SUPPORT

It's national Refugee week with this year's theme being 'healing' and we agreed to provide a specialised team to support Ukrainian refugees in helping them to secure longer-term housing, prevent homelessness and to integrate smoothly into our community.

We have now supported at least 138 families through our community support hub for Ukraine. We have one more hub session running on Tuesday 28 June, 10am-2pm in the Guildhall, Courtyard. We will then be moving to monthly extended hub sessions from July to September.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated clothing, we have had an overwhelming response. We would like to continue accepting the following donations only until Friday 8 July:

Carrier bags

Toiletries and makeup unused/unopened

You can either drop the items into customer service or round to the communities team, situated on the 1st floor of city offices.

If you need further information or need to direct people for support email Ukraine@winchester.gov.uk

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

We're excited to announce that Winchester will be taking part in the Queen's Baton Relay in this year's upcoming Commonwealth Games!

The Baton will visit Winchester on Wednesday 6 July at the Winchester Sport and Leisure Park and University of Winchester's Sports Stadium at around 2pm.

In partnership with Everyone Active and the University of Winchester, we have organised a primary school Commonwealth Games sports festival from 10am – 3pm on Wednesday 6 July. Everyone in the district is being invited along to a community picnic from 1pm on the day at the university.

KING GEORGE V SKATEPARK

The King George V skatepark was officially opened by the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Derek Green on Saturday 11 June.

We hosted a skate jam event with competitions and live music with skateboarders and BMX enthusiasts joining us to test out the new playing fields.

A plaque was installed to commemorate our Open Spaces Officer, Susan Lord, who had been working closely on this project but sadly passed away before it opened.

Cllrs Laming, Warwick and Williams