

**COUNTY CLLR JAN WARWICK PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
MARCH 2025**

**DEVOLUTION PRIORITY PROGRAMME**

Hampshire County Council has been accepted onto the Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) – marking a significant milestone in the journey towards devolution for Hampshire and the wider area. You can respond to the Government’s consultation on Devolution here (closes on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025):

[Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK](#)

**HENRY BEAUFORT SCHOOL**

I was pleased to visit the science block at Henry Beaufort School this week. Originally built in the 1960s the science block consists of several classrooms but with large, single-glazed windows and very little insulation. The £3.4m refit project has insulated walls and roof, added solar panels, LED lighting, double-glazed windows, and new fittings and reduce energy consumption considerably.

**COUNCILLOR GRANTS**

My county councillor grants have now closed for this financial year. I have been pleased to support several projects including:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant (£)</b>
Otterbourne Parish Council	D-Day 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	500
Winchester Scouts	Pinsent Barn equipment	400
Play to the Crowd	Winchester Hat Fair	500
Littleton Junior Football	Defibrillator	500
Olivers Battery Parish Council	Swish clothes swap event	400
Sparsholt Parish Hall	Floor Cleaner	900
Southern Voices	Schools’ music workshop	350
Compton Primary PTA	Playground equipment	1000

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCIL TAX INCREASE TO SUSTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Hampshire County Council approved budget plans for 2025/26 to include a 4.995% increase (2% for adult social care needs), prioritising the delivery of vital public services to residents who are most in need, while ensuring budget pressures can be managed for the coming financial year.

[Hampshire County Council approves Council Tax increase to sustain essential services | Hampshire County Council](#)

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