

Helping Older People

Hampshire County Council is investing more than £3 million to help older people in the Winchester District stay independent for longer. Funding has been approved to commission “around the clock care” to be provided at the new Chesil Lodge Extra Care Scheme in Winchester. As well as providing a safe environment, Extra Care housing also enables couples with different care needs to stay living together and is more cost effective than residential care.

We know that most people would prefer to continue to live independently in a home of their own, rather than enter residential care. The County Council is therefore investing up to £45 million over a decade to help to develop schemes of this kind. The £15 million Chesil Lodge scheme is due to be completed in autumn 2017 and will provide 52 Extra Care flats on the site of the former Chesil car park. For more information on Extra Care visit the County Council’s [Extra Care web pages](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adultsocialcare/housingoptions/otherhousing/extra-care.htm) at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adultsocialcare/housingoptions/otherhousing/extra-care.htm>

New Director of Public Health

Following a national search and selection process, Dr Sallie Bacon has been confirmed as Hampshire’s Director of Public Health (DPH) by the Local Authority and Public Health England. Dr Bacon has held the position of Interim Director since December 2015. She now formally replaces Dr Ruth Milton, Hampshire County Council’s first DPH subsequent to the transfer of public health responsibilities from the NHS to local government.

With 1.3 million residents, Hampshire’s population is becoming more diverse, getting older, living longer which is good news, but there are greater inequalities and more people are experiencing lifestyle related illness. The role of Director of Public Health is critical in helping to tackle these issues. Dr Bacon has overseen the recent launch of a new five year public health plan – Towards a Healthier Hampshire - which sets out the Local Authority’s public health priorities for the next few years. See web site <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/healthierhampshire>

Wheels to Work

For young adults living in rural areas getting to and from work, apprenticeships, training, or interviews beyond where they live can be a struggle. Public transport options may be limited and they may not have access to their own means of transport because without a job the necessary funds are not always available. The County Council Wheels to Work scheme helps break that cycle, by providing mopeds to young adults in parts of rural Hampshire. It offers those aged 16 years and over a moped to get to work, apprenticeships, training or job interviews so they can access their full employment potential.

For a small weekly charge, Wheels to Work can loan taxed and insured 50cc and 125cc mopeds to young adults living in East Hampshire, Winchester District, Test Valley and the New Forest. Helmet, gloves, a high visibility jacket and a locking device are included. Find out more about the scheme, check eligibility, and how to apply, visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/wheels-to-work>

Support for Alcohol or Drug Misuse

The County Council provide treatment, recovery and support services for people with an alcohol or drug problem. If you need help with an alcohol or drug problem you can contact the Hampshire treatment services for adults or young people. Inclusion Recovery **Fareham** Hub provides a range of interventions for anyone **aged 18 years and over**, using drugs and/or alcohol or experiencing any of the problems that are associated with its use and live around the Fareham area. These include:

- Advice and Support – *including information on a range of drugs and alcohol.*
- Harm Minimisation Services – *Needle Exchange including overdose and safer injecting advice, blood borne virus screening and vaccinations.*
- Medical – *substitute prescribing for opiate dependency, access to inpatient and community based detoxification and healthy lifestyle clinic*
- Psychological – *Relapse prevention and access to a range of online, one to one and group based psychological therapies.*
- Practical Support – *support and signposting around subjects including education, training and employment, housing, finance and debt advice.*

- Access to Peer Support and Mutual Aid – *both one to one and through groups.*
- Specific Support for Families and Carers.

Ring 0330 124 0103 (by selecting option 4), or email to inclusionhants@sssft.nhs.uk and they will be in touch.

Fareham Library

Fareham Library closed from 6th February as part of a commitment made to reinvest £500,00 a year from the Book Fund until 2020 into library buildings and technology. The Library will re-open on or around 18th April. A new café will be installed and two new community spaces will be created which can be used by the County Council and partners for small meetings or consultations. The library will also have a new space kitted out with IT and equipment to help customers develop new skills which will make them more digitally aware and confident in using new technology. The space will be launched shortly after the Fareham Library has re-opened and if successful will be used as a model for future libraries. Books will not be subject to fines or charges during the period of closure. Citizens Advice at Fareham will continue to operate during the temporary closure with the service being accessed via its own entrance.

Tackling Rural Crime

Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service are to provide extra eyes and ears to support Hampshire Constabulary's Country Watch as part of a new partnership to tackle rural crime. Around 75% of Hampshire is classified as rural, and these areas are home to 300,000 people - 21% of the county's total population. The Countryside Service manages more than 7,400 acres and 3,000 miles of rights of way across the county. Locally-based teams have good knowledge of the areas they look after, and are in a good position to notice any changes or suspicious activity when out performing their duties.

As part of the partnership, The County Council's Countryside Service staff will receive training from Hampshire Constabulary's Country Watch Team on signs of rural crime to look out for, to help gather intelligence and report incidents. Around 20 Countryside Service vehicles will also be badged with the Country Watch logo to help give rural policing a more visible presence.

Hantsweb Events

Did you know that if you are planning an event, you can advertise it for free at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/events/submitevent.htm>. Hantsweb events is for anyone who wants to publicise their event held in Hampshire and the surrounding border areas. Any event submitted that contains unacceptable content will be rejected. Unacceptable content includes (but is not limited to) that which does not conform to UK, European and international legislation - for example copyright and data protection law or would be considered offensive or threatening. You can delete your event at any time by emailing hantsweb@hants.gov.uk with a link to the event you want removed.

Hampshire Notes

- Hampshire covers 1,420 square miles
- Hampshire's Population - In 2011 it was 1.32 million - up 6.3 % since 2001
- Third most populous county (after Kent and Essex)
- Hampshire is ageing faster than the rest of the UK
- Between 2001 and 2011 numbers aged 65 and over grew by 21% – almost double the national increase. By 2018 more than 1 in 5 people will be aged 65 or over (21%)
- Between 2001 and 2011 the number of pre-school children (aged 0-4) grew by 7%
- Young people (aged 0-19) make up 23.4 % of the population
- 10% of residents (132,000) provide unpaid care – an increase of 17% since 2001
- 12.6% of households are pensioners living alone

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