

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL report to Boarhunt Parish Council – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Road Repairs

Hampshire County Council's latest figures show 37% increase in annual road repairs. From April 2023 to April 2024, 180,909 repairs were delivered, marking a 37 per cent increase. Road defects and potholes can be reported to the County Council's highways team online - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways> - or by using the OurHants app, downloadable from a mobile phone's app store



### Finding more Foster Carers

Hampshire County Council has joined 19 other councils in the South East to form the country's largest local authority fostering partnership, in a bid to increase the number of foster carers across the region



With over 11,000 children in care across the South East, and fewer than 3,000 local authority approved foster carers, there is an urgent need to find more people to provide safe, loving, and local homes for vulnerable children.

If you care about making a difference in your local community and have a room to spare, please consider fostering and get in touch with the Hub's friendly recruitment team on 0300 131 2797 to find out more. More information on becoming a foster carer can be found on Local Authority Fostering South East new website - <https://www.lafosteringse.org.uk/>

Prospective carers can also contact the regional hub directly to speak to a member of the recruitment team by calling 0300 131 2797. To contact Hampshire County Council's fostering service directly, call 01489 587052 or email [fostering@hants.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@hants.gov.uk).

### Domestic Abuse Red Card

While a major sporting event like the Euros is an exciting time for many, during these events the number of incidents of domestic abuse and violence often goes up. Research shows that domestic abuse incidents increase by more than a third when England loses a game and by around a quarter when they win.

Anyone concerned that domestic abuse may be impacting the welfare of a friend, family member, neighbour or colleague, or concerned about the behaviour of someone they know, should contact the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/domesticabuse> - People subjected to domestic abuse and those using abusive behaviours often struggle to reach out and get the help they need, so it is vital that others speak up, if they can.



### How to Get Help

- If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse, seek help. Call the Hampshire Domestic Abuse advice line on 03300 165112.
- If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police. Find out how to call the police when you can't speak - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help#how-to-call-the-police-when-you-cant-speak>
- If you're concerned about your behaviour towards someone else, help is also available. Call the Hampton Trust - <https://hamptontrust.org.uk/> or ring 023 8000 9898.

### What Happens to Your Waste?

The contents of your household waste bin will be sent to one of three Energy Recovery Facilities (ERFs) in Hampshire, where it will be safely incinerated.

*Each year, the three ERFs generate enough electricity to power 53,000 Hampshire homes!*

Mixed recycling collected from Hampshire households is sorted at one of two Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) in Hampshire. The MRFs sort your recycling into different material streams to be recycled into new items.

*Less than 5% of Hampshire's household waste is sent to landfill.*

## **Recycling**



All of the recyclable materials from Hampshire's kerbside collections (cans, plastic bottles, paper, card, tins and empty aerosols) are sent to one of two Material Recovery Facilities in the county, in Portsmouth and Alton.

The materials are separated using a combination of manual and automatic processes, including magnets, conveyor belts and lasers, before being baled up and sent to private companies for recycling into new products.

## **Recycling**

*Together, the two facilities are able to handle up to 157,000 tonnes of recyclables every year.*

## **Rubbish**



Most of the non-recyclable waste collected from homes in Hampshire is taken to one of three Energy Recovery Facilities located in Marchwood, Chineham and Portsmouth.

These facilities safely incinerate the waste and use the heat from this process to create steam, in turn generating electricity which is fed to the National Grid.

## **Rubbish**

*Each year these facilities create the same amount of electricity to power 53,000 homes.*

## **Garden waste**



All the green garden waste collected at Hampshire's recycling centres, as well as that from any local collections, is taken to one of two composting sites in the county, Herriard near Basingstoke and Chilbolton near Stockbridge.

The green waste is composted in long heaps called windrows for 20 weeks and turned so it breaks down evenly. The finished product is 'Pro-Grow', a high quality soil conditioner that is available to buy at every recycling centre.

## **Garden waste**

*Together, the two sites process over 75,000 tonnes of compost material every year.*

## **Landfill**



There is now only one landfill site open in Hampshire for disposing of household waste.

The only household waste currently landfilled is bulky items delivered to recycling centres. We are working to address this and move as close to zero landfill as we can.

Hampshire County Council is also responsible for 11 closed former landfill sites, and has a duty to ensure that they are returned to nature as best as possible.

## **Landfill**

*Hampshire sends less than 5% of its household waste to landfill.*

See - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/whattodowithwaste/yourwaste>.

It is your duty of care to dispose of your waste correctly. You could be fined an unlimited amount by your local council if your waste ends up fly tipped. See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/flytipping>

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