

# *Southwick & Boarhunt*

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The Chaplain Writes.....

Dear Friends

Welcome to the August and September edition of the magazine and to the height of summer

In a previous edition of the magazine we read about the delivery of sunflowers to Boarhunt residents, which are now planted outside and doing very well and contributing delightfully to a 'Boarhunt in Bloom'

C S Lewis said, **“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”** And it is true, by means of the sunlight, we witness the wonders of God’s creation.

When the sunshine moves into our hearts, the impact is equally impressive. And yet our outlook is regularly tested by the cross-winds of life itself. Things like a family bereavement or carrying long term illnesses or experiencing recent ailments can all be very challenging.

We grow though the resistances we meet in our families, communities work and wider environment. It is not so much what happens to us, but what we do with it which determines the result and outcome. It is a fact of human nature that learning and growth, development and change require a process, and so often the most important changes take place within the framework of struggle or a wrestling of circumstances. It was this insight that led the Psalmist to record the above truth: **“my suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees (or commands)”**.

In overcoming the impediments of life, we complete ourselves. The world around us is like an emery stone on which we sharpen ourselves revealing lessons through our adversities.

Things that strike into our lives make us **'bitter'** – or **'better'**– according to the way we respond.

What do we want it to be? How we handle it decides whether it is a **'groaning point'** or a **'growing point'**.

St Francis of Assisi said, **"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows"**. Doubt, fear, anxious, worry and resentful are examples of shadows that disrupt our outlook. Although there are many ways of winning over these negative emotions, the most important point to remember is that we are God's children and His personal responsibility. Nothing that happens to us can outwit God's loving provision.

I am inclined to agree with an unknown author who said: **"we delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty"**.

And who knows what life challenges we have experienced of late, yet our inner beauty remains intact. We become a sunbeam to others too and are driven to do good all around us starting with our family, community, schools, helping our vulnerable residents in and beyond our villages. The internal rays of sunshine become infectious spreading from person to person until the sunshine flourishes in the hearts of us all. How lovely!

Your affectionate friend and Chaplain

Simon

## CAPTION COMPETITION

A new feature of the magazine is the caption competition. Here is last months photo and caption submissions:



From Caroline Scarth: "Nearer my God to thee!" "I'm sure I left my winning lottery ticket up here somewhere"

From Heather Lane: "An English Vicar's home is his castle"  
"The harder the climb the better the view" "I see no ships!"

I wonder if Alex Churchill could drop the time capsule into the hole from here?

And From Becky Aquilina; "God is always watching..... and so is the vicar!! - (too creepy lol)

Now where did I park my midlife

And this months photo:



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## **Spirit of D-Day lives on! Southwick Revival 25**

This year's Southwick Revival saw another extraordinarily successful weekend despite the first rainy Saturday late afternoon on 7<sup>th</sup> June that we have seen in the decade since the village began to host the Spirit of D-Day in our beautiful historic village.

Spirits were definitely high across the length and breadth of the village with so many immersive activities to enjoy as part of this popular 40s Revival.

The new village main entry point from the car park set the scene, with our scaled-down Pegasus Bridge ingeniously installed across the river, with a replica Horsa glider, soldiers guarding the entrance and exciting sound effects of battle amongst the 'mined' undergrowth as you approached the Café Gondre-styled ticket office.

The new experiences didn't stop there. The 21<sup>st</sup> Field Army encampment set deep in Place Woods was for those who dared to step on board the transport to that Top-Secret location. Here in the forest, ghosts of May/June 1944 who had camped in this exact place 81 years ago, were brought back to the future so that visitors could encounter the style of briefings and military training prior to D-Day itself.



This year, the Southwick Revival was delighted to host VIP guests Jack Churchill and his son, Alexander, who both conducted the Grand Opening ceremony and afterwards spoke proudly in the event marquee of their illustrious Great Grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill. Alexander later presided over the burial of the Southwick Youth Club's 2025 Time Capsule in St James' churchyard.





Back in the centre of the village so much that was familiar to previous years' Revivals was still hugely enjoyable. Especially exciting is the rumbling of the spectacular military motorcade through the village. The Squire's Paddock was buzzing with excited children keen to enjoy the vintage funfair and the spectacular runs of the Cadet Field Gun Crews. Bravo Zulu to the speedy cadets from HMS SULTAN this year and commiserations to the sporting team from HMS EXCELLENT, all cadets delivered a great show.

New again for this year was the French Quarter themed to mark the 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. Here we enjoyed some Cordon Bleu fare while being entertained by the excellent can-can dancers from the Butterflies Dancing Troupe, with a starring appearance from Vicki Michelle, aka Yvette Carte-Blanche, the French waitress in the BBC comedy series 'Allo 'Allo.

Our popular French chanteuse, Murielle, drew crowds of admirers and even got people dancing along in the French Quarter. Adding to the atmosphere of a Normandy village, the Petanque competitions were in full swing throughout the weekend. Who won? Who knows... but it was the taking part that counted.

Mother Attwell's 1940s Tea Room in the D-Day Memorial Hall was literally jam-packed and the voluntary team worked their socks off delivering gallons of tea, coffee and home-made cakes to the hungry and thirsty hordes.

Southwick Residents and the community surrounding the village have been incredibly supportive since the Revival began back in 2014.

If readers of this article have any thoughts on the Revival please do get in touch either by emailing: [Info@southwickrevival.co.uk](mailto:Info@southwickrevival.co.uk) or by contacting any member of the Southwick Revival committee.

The Revival Committee are an enthusiastic and well-motivated core group of about 12 locals, led by Martin Bazeley BEM and Lesley Attwell, ably assisted by many villagers and other external organisations. We would warmly welcome more volunteers to help plan the event and support the set-up over the weekend. Our motivation is driven to fundraise for military charities, Rowans Hospice and local community organisations to give back to our deserving community. The Committee will hold an appreciation evening in October (date to be confirmed) to which all are invited to announce the funds raised in 2025 and donate large cheques to these organisations.

Our thanks must also go to our generous sponsors, headlined by Lockheed Martin for helping us to bring the event to life and supporting our fundraising efforts. Amongst our sponsors, the local businesses include the Southwick Estate, Welborne, The National Museum of the Royal Navy, Fort Southwick Ltd, WillBox, L&S Waste Management, Heathfield Contracting, Taylor and Wallis, St James’s Place Wealth Management, BCG Electrical Service Ltd, P J Hayman and Alexander Vaughan Ltd.



## Garden page

I expect most of you are enjoying the sunny weather, however in order for plants and crops to grow well we must have some rain. As many of you will have heard on the news Yorkshire water have introduced a hosepipe ban! Will we be next?

We have just spent a week on holiday, but now home we must start sorting out the garden and allotments. While away our friends Lynsey and John Pink watered our many pots of plants and also our greenhouse for us. They live in our lane and hold the “Old World Salvia Species Collection“, you can view their garden by appointment if interested please contact the Parish Clerk who will pass on your request. Or you could visit their garden on Saturday 20 September during the morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support when their garden will be open to look around.

I have been asked can you plant herbaceous plants in a heavy clay soil and yes you can and a favourite of mine is Astartia. There are many varieties of the plant that will all grow in a range of soils including heavy clay, a good variety to start with is Astartia “Roma”, this has won an award from the Royal horticultural society called an AGM award of garden merit. When looking up names of plants you will come across the letters AGM which means the plants has been tested over a number of years to see if they grow and flower well if they do exceptionally well they are given an AGM so that people know it is a plant that is really worth growing.

We have picked many bunches of sweet peas and we also have runner beans in flower in our garden. In the greenhouse we have six Aubergine plants, three Tomato and three Cucumber plants all are fruiting well. Outside side there is also a hanging basket of tomato plants called “Tumbling Tom”, which have many fruits that are beginning to ripen. We have also grown some lettuces and some have now been harvested. Don't forget if you have any questions please let the Parish Clerk know and they then can be passed to me.

Roger Young

## Castaway Corner

### **The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP Fareham and Waterlooville**

The August September castaway is The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP, Conservative MP for Fareham since 7 May 2015. (Waterlooville was added in 2023)

In June, Suella joined visitors to the 2025 Southwick Revival declaring her support and enjoyment of the village's annual fundraising celebration of the Spirit of D-Day on her social media pages.



A law graduate from Queen's College, Cambridge, Suella lived in France for two years studying for a Master's degree in European and French law at Pantheon-Sorbonne University. She was called to the bar (as a barrister) at Middle Temple in 2005.

Suella was elected as the Conservative MP for Fareham at the 2015 general election and steadily increased her share of the vote at the 2019 general election. In 2023 the constituency merged with part of Meon Valley to form the Fareham and Waterlooville constituency. At the 2024 general election Suella was re-elected as the Conservative MP for this constituency, which covers Southwick and Boarhunt.

Suella has held the ministerial appointments of Attorney General for England and Wales and Advocate General for Northern Ireland during which time she was made QC. Since the coronation of HM King Charles, she is now King's Counsel (KC). She has been appointed Home Secretary twice, initially in 2022 under Liz Truss but left the post on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 only to be quickly reappointed by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak until November 2023 when she was replaced by James Cleverly MP. Suella now sits on the back benches but maintains a high public profile and in the media with her strongly held conservative views in news articles and speeches.

**Follow Suella via her Website, Facebook and Twitter, and sign up to her monthly Newsletter.**

Sometimes we all feel like we would like to get away from it all. We asked Suella to imagine that she was shipwrecked and marooned alone on a desert island and to answer several questions that reveal how she would cope with the challenges.

**Question:** What are your personal skills that would help you to survive on a desert island?

**Suella:** I was a Brownie, Girl Guide and Ranger Guide and did my Duke of Edinburgh award as a teenager. So I would hope that my camping and survival skills that I learnt then would come in handy!

**Question:** If you did find yourself marooned, which two people would you prefer to be marooned with and why?

**Suella:** Surely Crocodile Dundee would be very useful. And Bear Grylls, of course to help us get out alive!

**Question:** What food would you miss and why?

**Suella:** My daily Americano to wake me up as well as sushi which is my favourite food.

**Question:** If you could take something with you from your home what would it be, and why?

**Suella:** My children and my husband!

**Question:** If you could take with you one item you consider is the greatest invention ever, what would it be?

**Suella:** My iphone.

**Question:** If you could choose a book to have with you, what would it be and why?

**Suella:** “*War & Peace*” – It’s been on my list of books to read but I’ve never had the time.

**Question:** If you were allowed one piece of music to play whilst marooned what would you choose?

**Suella:** Anything by Leonard Cohen.

## Welcome to the Garden Patch!



Hello everyone! My name is Sjoke Ring and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the owner of Swift Horticulture. I hope you enjoyed reading my last article and used some of the tips I provided. My journey in horticulture began right here in Hampshire, when I was just 17 and started working at a wonderful local establishment called Rumsey Gardens in Clanfield it was owned by the amazing horticultural guru Mr Norman Giles. It was there that I first immersed myself in the fascinating world of plants, Mr Giles taught me everything from nurturing tiny seedlings to understanding the complexities of mature garden landscapes. That hands-on experience in a plant nursery environment truly shaped my passion for horticulture, teaching me the Latin names of plants, propagation and plant maintenance.

I started my own garden maintenance business when I was 20 years old and it's still going strong and I'm excited to share some of my knowledge and enthusiasm with you right here in our parish magazine.

### **August & September: Bridging Seasons in Your Garden**

As we move from the glorious warmth of summer into the gentle embrace of autumn, August and September are pivotal months in the garden. For many of us in this area, this period offers a last hurrah of vibrant colour and a final bounty from our efforts, but it's also a crucial time for preparation and forward planning.

## **Harvesting & Enjoying the Bounty:**

If you've been growing your own fruit and vegetables, these months are prime time for harvesting. Tomatoes, runner beans, courgettes, and many soft fruits will be at their peak. Remember to pick regularly; it encourages more production! For flowers, deadheading spent blooms continues to be key to encouraging new flushes of flowers and keeping your displays looking their best.

## **Planning for Next Year's Bloom:**

This is where my nursery background really comes into play! While you're enjoying the present, smart gardeners are already thinking ahead. August and September are ideal for:

- \* Collecting Seeds: If you have favourite annuals, let some go to seed and collect them for next year. It's incredibly rewarding!
- \* Dividing Perennials: Many established perennials, like Hostas, Daylilies, and hardy Geraniums, can be lifted and divided now. This helps to rejuvenate them and gives you 'free' plants to spread around your garden or share with friends.
- \* Planting Spring Bulbs: Start thinking about those glorious spring displays! Tulips, Daffodils, Crocuses, and Hyacinths can be planted from September onwards. Getting them in the ground now means a burst of colour when the days are still short.

## **Tidying & Preparing for Autumn:**

While it's tempting to relax, a little bit of tidying now will save you a lot of work later.

- \* Weeding is still important to prevent them from seeding and spreading.
- \* Give your hedges a final trim for neatness before winter.
- \* Start thinking about composting fallen leaves and spent plant material – it's gold for your garden's soil!

I hope these tips help you make the most of your garden as we transition into autumn. Gardening is a continuous journey of learning and discovery, and I look forward to sharing more insights with you in future editions. If you have any questions or gardening dilemmas, don't hesitate to reach out to Swift Horticulture on Instagram @swift.horticulture



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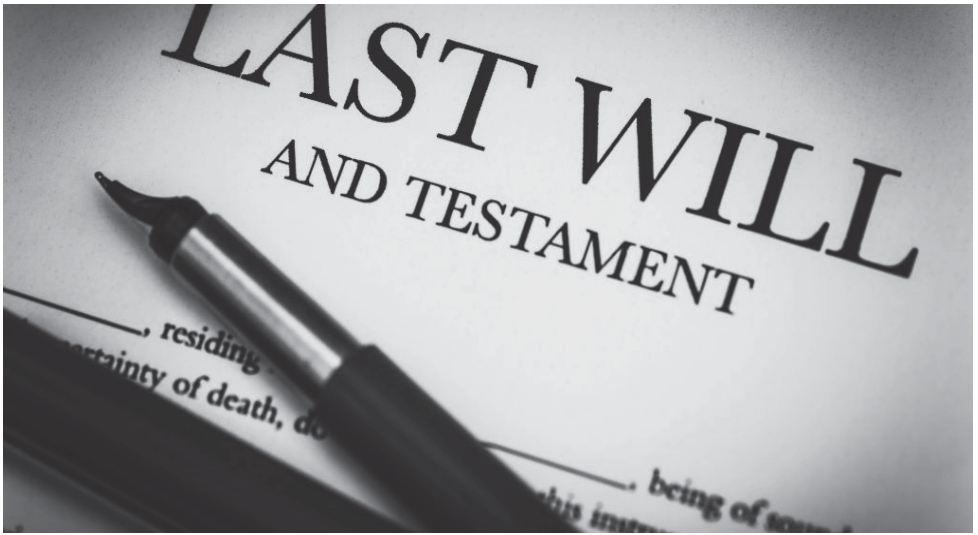
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Using a solicitor is the best, as their regulatory processes make solicitors professional and safe.

If you have questions, Help can be found by calling Age UK, Portsmouth 023 9286 2121

## **SOUTHWICK AND WIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Highlights of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th June '25

C/Cllr Stallard had provided a written report, which can be viewed in full on the Parish Council Website.

D/Cllr Chamberlain gave a verbal report. He spoke about food waste recycling; information will be going out to households in the Autumn. The initiative is driven by carbon savings and reduction of residual waste bin waste. Local Government Reorganisation was mentioned. A series of proposals are beginning to emerge, there is some pressure from Portsmouth to take some of the Southern Parishes, but this will only happen with the consent from residents.

### **Playing Field Matters:**

Cllr Woodard gave a verbal update; The bill for the Annual Grass Cutting Inspections had been received. It was agreed that the grass will be cut in readiness for the Revival

### **Street Lighting Matters:**

Cllr Woodard gave an update regarding street lighting. Street lights 16 and 1A are both still out.

**Roads and Highway Matters:** Bench repairs have been carried out a bench in West Street. Timber was rotten, the Chairman arranged repairs as a matter of urgency as there was a risk of injury. A quote was sourced and the work carried out by Solent Carpentry. Cllr Woodard mentioned that steps in the vineyard require some work as there is trouble with access. Hampshire County Council should be informed about this and the footpath requires some maintenance.

**Planning Matters:** No matters to report

**Members Business:** Cllr Clear asked regarding the taxi share scheme, as it will be disappearing what will happen? An update was given; the council are exploring a community bus option.

The Chairman reported that he had taken Suella Braverman MP around the village, she spoke to many residents.

The meeting closed at 8:19pm

Date of next meeting – 8th July 2025 at 7:30pm.

## RAINFALL FOR JUNE AND JULY 2025



May 11.8mm      June 46.2mm

March, April and May combined total rainfall was 38mm making this the driest spring since records began at Offwell. Most of the June rainfall fell the night before, and the Saturday afternoon of the Revival weekend!

Comparisons have been made with 1976, which the farm diary entries confirm was similar. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 1976 it reads ‘Intense heat: 95F + at times. Grass disappearing! Corn ripening/dying’. The drought and heat continued until 11<sup>th</sup> September when the entry reads ‘Drought really broken at last, 1.6 inches of rain last night’.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### **Fast-Track Employment Training**

The highly successful Hampshire Skills Bootcamps programme is set to run again for a third year, thanks to funding of £7 million secured by Hampshire County Council from the Department for Education (DofE) – almost double that of the previous year.

This funded, fast-track training benefits Hampshire’s residents aged 19 years and over, enabling job seekers, as well as those in work to gain further training, while employers across the county can benefit from upskilling their workforce. Based on local employer demand and the skill-sets currently in short supply, the Bootcamps provide a direct path to employment upon completion, with a guaranteed job interview at the end of each course for those who are unemployed.

Over the last two years, Skills Bootcamps training has given hundreds of working adults confidence in their abilities and helped advance their careers for a more secure future for themselves and their families.

The latest round of funding will enable training to be offered to at least 1,750 learners to study across a variety of subject areas, including AI, leadership and management, teaching assistant, data analytics, and B2B sales. All courses are flexible and include a minimum of 60 hours of learning across a maximum 16-week period.

Residents in Hampshire can benefit from this learning and development training offer by simply signing up for a course and completing at least 60 hours of learning over a period of up to 16 weeks. The courses are flexible with learning planned to fit around professional and family commitments allowing people in different circumstances to gain the skills employers are looking for.

For most Skills Bootcamp courses, no previous knowledge in the subject is needed. Courses can be classroom-based, on-the-job or online and unemployed participants are guaranteed a job interview at the end of their course.

More information and guidance is available for residents and businesses online at [hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp](https://hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp), including how to find a course and how to apply.

For those who need help deciding on suitable courses, an online National Careers Service Skills Assessment is available to establish an individual's existing skills and match them to potential careers. See <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/discover-your-skills-and-career>

In 2024/25, the County Council enrolled over 1,000 learners onto the Bootcamps in project management, digital marketing, data analytics, coding, construction, early years, health and social care, hospitality, film and TV, engineering, and green skills – such as installing residential heat pumps, and electric vehicle repair and maintenance.

## **Help Nature Recover across Hampshire**

The public have recently been asked for their views on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire which sets out a series of biodiversity priorities to help reverse nature's decline. Produced in conjunction with a wide range of organisation, the draft strategy maps the most valuable existing habitat for nature, setting out proposals for creating, restoring and enhancing habitats, and suggests priorities and targets for nature's recovery. Among a broad range of suggested priorities and actions, the draft strategy includes proposals that could:

- ♣ shape how future funding for farming and land management is used
- ♣ help local planning authorities to understand locations important for conserving and restoring biodiversity
- ♣ identify the highest priority areas for habitat creation and connectivity
- ♣ provide guidance on actions on farmland and woodland to achieve nature recovery and move towards more sustainable farming practices
- ♣ help guide local communities with funding applications for nature recovery projects
- ♣ suggest potential measures for embedding nature into urban infrastructure, such as stormwater management

In 2021, the Environment Act required local areas to produce Local Nature Recovery Strategies. The Government designated Hampshire County Council as the Responsible Authority for delivering the strategy for the whole of Hampshire, including the areas covered by Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, as well as the New Forest and South Downs National Parks (that are within Hampshire). The final version of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire is expected to be published by the end of this year.

## **Ageing Well**

While living longer is something to be celebrated and our ageing population presents opportunities, it also has implications for the economy, services and society. Knowing the size and structure of the population is fundamental for decision makers and policy makers in the UK. The latest census data confirm that the Hampshire population continues to age. There are over 300,000 people living in Hampshire who are aged 65 years and

over, this equates to over one in five of our residents (22%). Hampshire's population is older than England overall where 19% of the total population are 65 years and over.

Across the geography of Hampshire districts there are distinct differences, the area of Rushmoor has a comparatively young population with 15% aged 65 years and over. The New Forest has the oldest population structure where almost one third of the population (29%) are aged 65 years or more. The number of older people is expected to continue to rise substantially, local forecasts show that the biggest increase will be the in the 75 years and over population which is forecast to increase by 24% by 2028.

### **Local Government Reform**

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) sees the Government requiring all two-tier council areas in the country being replaced by single-tier unitary authorities which deliver all services in their area. Under the Government's plans, the 15 councils currently covering the Hampshire and the Solent area, would cease to exist by 2028 (Hampshire County Council, 11 district / borough councils, Southampton and Portsmouth unitary councils, and Isle of Wight Council), and instead be replaced by fewer unitary councils.

The County Council are working on plans to ensure that any new councils created in Hampshire and the Solent prioritise the best interests of residents and a financially strong future by taking into account the large-scale services the County Council delivers. HCC provide by value the vast majority of council services people receive across Hampshire and the Solent which support people at every stage of life. They are vital to those people who need them most, so the Council want to ensure they remain high quality, resilient, and financially sustainable through strong unitary councils that can meet future challenges.

Since submitting initial proposals to Government this Spring HCC, jointly with local authority partners, have been carefully studying all the data and evidence, weighing up the pros and cons of various potential options, and gathering early views from residents and from the people who help keep public services moving – like the Police, Fire Service, NHS, head teachers of our schools, and others across local government, as well as our own

Authority, to gain real-world feedback on what LGR needs to deliver. This has helped to inform our shortlist of four options which HCC are now assessing.

The four options are listed below:

**Option 1**

- North: Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester
- South: Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, Southampton
- Isle of Wight

**Option 2**

- North: Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester
- South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton
- South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth
- Isle of Wight

**Option 3**





- North: Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Winchester
- South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton, Test Valley
- South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth
- Isle of Wight

**Option 4**

- North-East: Basingstoke and Deane, Hart, Rushmoor
- Central: Test Valley, Winchester, East Hampshire
- South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton
- South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth
- Isle of Wight

HCC are now in a position to dig into the detail of four options and consider which best meets central Government criteria. Once this next stage of robust analysis has been completed, we will propose a preferred option from these four, which will be considered by councillors. If this single option is then agreed by the County Council and Cabinet, the

County Council will ask for feedback on it from residents and stakeholders later this summer. Your views will help HCC shape our final design for the future of Hampshire and Solent area councils, which will be submitted to Government this autumn, alongside other options presented by our partners. Government will consider all the proposals and carry out a formal public consultation on their agreed option for our area next year.

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## More Special Needs School Places

More children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gosport and the New Forest will access the right support closer to home, thanks to the addition of new special needs places in two local schools.

- A new Resourced Provision at Newtown Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Gosport for 10 pupils aged four to 11 with Autism Spectrum Condition, to open in phases from September 2025. A Resourced Provision is a specialist environment for children with SEND within a mainstream school.
- The expansion of an existing Resourced Provision at Ashley Infant School, New Milton by eight places, providing 15 places in total for pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition and 17 places for pupils with Speech, Language and Communication needs, from September 2025 for children aged four to seven.

This follows two formal statutory consultations which were carried out on the proposals earlier this year.

## **Adult Social Care Support**

If you need support on any of the following -

- Support with mental health conditions
- Support for those with learning disabilities and for autistic people
- Care and support for those with vision impairment or hearing loss
- Support for adults over 65 years

Please see

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/individuals>

## **Help with the Cost of Living**

The ongoing struggle with the cost of living poses a significant challenge for many Hampshire residents who are having to make difficult choices regarding their household finances. Help and support is available from a number of services. This includes warm spaces in libraries to hot school meals and expert advice on reducing heating bills. We encourage everyone in Hampshire to take full advantage of these resources.

- Food and essentials
- Fuel and energy
- Money and debt
- Staying well and resilient
- Warm spaces
- Support for community organisations assisting the public

To get help visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/costofliving>

## **And finally...**

Please note, I continue to hold a Councillor Surgery on the first Saturday of every month [except August] in The Heath Room, All Saints Church, Denmead, 10.00 am – 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

Patricia Stallard, Hampshire County Councillor, Winchester Southern Parishes

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## Directory

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