

Non-UK EU citizens in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is seeking to increase awareness about the Government's EU Settlement Scheme, which is designed to protect the rights of EU citizens living in the UK after Brexit. Over the last 12 months, the County Council has sought to provide assurance to its own staff and to signpost Hampshire residents to advice about the EU Settlement Scheme.



The scheme, which involves an online registration process, has been designed specifically to enable those non-UK EU citizens, already lawfully based in the UK, to remain post-Brexit and to avoid them being adversely affected by plans for a new immigration system from 2021.

There are over 40,000 non-UK EU residents living in Hampshire – many of them highly valued members of our communities. It is encouraging that by the end of June this year over 9,000 EU citizens living in Hampshire had successfully registered with the scheme. There is considerable support available to help people through the process. For those people who do not have the skills or confidence to complete an online application form, the Citizens Advice Bureau is a source of advice and is working with a wide range of organisations and charities in Hampshire. Guidance about how to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme is set out on the Government's webpage <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> and

Southampton Registration Service is offering an ID scanning service – see <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/ceremonies/citizenship/eu-settlement-scheme.as>

Construction Trainees

A free construction skills training programme, launched across Hampshire last November, has been a roaring success with almost 400 people completing the two-week course so far – and there are places for another 400 before the scheme ends next March. The County Council's programme which aims to open up opportunities in the industry to a wider range of people while filling the County's skills gap, has been funded by a £1 million award from the Department for Education (DfE) and the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB). The Authority's bid was one of 26 approved from a total of 60 bids nationally.

In Hampshire, and nationally, there is a shortage of skilled building workers, so the opportunities are there for anyone who passes this basic training. The minimum qualification to work on a construction site is known as the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Card, which covers health and safety, first aid and basic building skills. Once on site, qualified labourers are able to take part in further training, including apprenticeships, to specialise or improve their skills. For further information on available training courses, visit www.hampshire.gov.uk/construction-skills

A Unique Trial

A unique collaboration between the County Council's adult social care team and the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) is reducing the number of people in the south east of Hampshire being admitted to hospital unnecessarily – by more than 580 in the last eight months. At the end of last year, the Authority placed a qualified social worker at SCAS's emergency operations centre to work collaboratively alongside 999 emergency call takers in a unique trial. Believed to be the first of its kind across English Ambulance Services, the trial is designed to ensure people needing social care support were not being admitted to hospital unless there was a clear medical reason for doing so.

Once a 999-ambulance crew has attended an emergency incident, the paramedic team assesses the situation, and if they consider the patient requires adult social care support rather than medical intervention, the SCAS based social worker intervenes and organises the required help and assistance, freeing up the crew to attend their next call. Due to the success of the trial, the County Council and SCAS are continuing to work in partnership and there are plans to extend this service for the next financial year.

Re-using Furniture

Hampshire County Council has launched a survey to find out more about people's attitudes towards getting rid of, repairing and donating large items of furniture and household appliances, alongside buying second hand over new. The survey [<https://etehamshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=156576938721>] explores attitudes to buying and donating old furniture and electrical appliances and explores what the barriers may be which prevent people from

exploring the possibilities of re-use to keep these items out of the waste system. The online survey is open to all Hampshire residents until 20th November 2019 and the results will help inform the County Council's Smart Living campaign which began in 2015 to encourage people to make small changes to their lifestyles in order to waste less and save more. Everyone who completes the survey is eligible to be entered into a draw to win a £100 Leisure Voucher.

Why not Become a School Governor?

As the new school year gets underway, schools across Hampshire are looking for volunteers to help them to be the best and make a positive difference to children's education by becoming a School Governor. With 524 schools and academies in the County, there are more than 6,000 Governors supporting them. However, while many schools have a full quota of Governors, others have up to three vacancies on their Board. People volunteering to be Governors do not need to have previous experience. All that is required is to be over 18 years, and to have enthusiasm, commitment and time. Full training for the role is available through Hampshire Governor Services at no cost to individual Governors. Interested? Find out more by visiting the Hampshire Governor Services website, or by contacting the Governor Services team on 02380 814820 or email_governors@hants.gov.uk

Become a SCAM Champion

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service is looking for approachable and enthusiastic volunteers who want to help their local community by training as SCAM Champions. Postal, telephone and doorstep scams are often targeted specifically at disadvantaged consumers or those people who are in periods of vulnerability. It is estimated that the detriment to UK consumers as a result of these scams is between £5 -10 billion a year.

SCAM Champions are people who want to do more to help their local community and make a difference. The volunteers who train as SCAM Champions will cascade messages about scams prevention and protection throughout the community and their workplaces. They host awareness sessions to recruit Friends and drive the Friends Against Scams initiative forward. SCAM Champions attend additional training to give them a fuller understanding of the laws surrounding scams. They will also receive practical guidance on giving presentations. If you think this could be something for you, or to find out more about the initiative, please [email: tsadvice@hants.gov.uk](mailto:tsadvice@hants.gov.uk)

Community Spaces and Village Halls

Hampshire communities are being given a helping hand to make their buildings financially self-sufficient, thanks to nearly £154,000 in grant funding from Hampshire County Council for modernisation and expansion projects. The Recreation and Heritage Community Fund was introduced in January 2019 to simplify the process for community organisations seeking funding; it replaced four funds for different kinds of projects, meaning that local community organisations and projects now only need to apply to one funding scheme. See: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/recreation-heritage-community-fund>

Violence and Domestic Abuse

- An average of 306 people in Hampshire are admitted every year to hospital due to violent crime.
- Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) accounts for 12% of total crime.
- An estimated 38,000 women and over 17,000 men in Hampshire are likely to have been victims of domestic abuse in the last year.
- Exposure to domestic violence and abuse is the most frequently reported form of trauma for children and is often experienced alongside other forms of maltreatment, such as child abuse and neglect. In 2017, there were almost 1,700 children in need, due to abuse or neglect in Hampshire. Ninety per cent of domestic abuse is witnessed by children.

If you have any concerns because you think that a child is being abused or has been abused in the past contact the Children's Services Department - Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999.

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