

## Monthly report from Alresford & Itchen Valley WCC City Councillors – January 2017

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### Council Tax

There has been a reduction of 4.3% in Government funding for Council Tax which will no doubt affect our local council tax levels.

### Salt Bins

If you have any salt bins that need attention or are less than ¾ full and needs refilling the quickest way to let HCC know is via the link on the HCC web page [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting).

### Avian Flu Prevention Zone

Although this was mentioned in the December news, it is worth repeating and those who keep birds should keep up to date on the situation.

The Government has imposed a 30 day prevention zone order for all domestic birds to be kept inside and to avoid any contact with wild birds. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-protect-poultry-against-avian-flu>

The Government have made the order but the “Local Authority” is responsible for enforcing it; this is not Winchester City Council but Hampshire County Council’s Animal Health team. However, HCC will not wish to be inundated with complaints about neighbours’ chickens and will not be enforcing anything in these circumstances. If chickens/ducks/domestic birds are being kept in gardens, they should be ideally kept in a coop/shed or run. It is true that there is still potential contact with wild birds in a caged/netted coop but this is still considered to be adequate separation from wild birds. If the birds are loose in the garden, complainants are asked to inform their neighbours of the prevention zone (which applies to the whole of England) – this is to the owner’s benefit as, should their poultry contract the disease, it is likely to be fatal.

Where domestic/commercial birds are kept in large numbers (over 50 birds) and are allowed to roam free range, this is where the County Council would like to be informed;  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards/businessadvice/animalhealth/avianinfluenza>

There have been worries of bird flu infecting humans in the past but this strain is not considered a risk to people, although those working closely with birds should be vigilant and observe strict biosecurity.

### Do you have a project idea that will create jobs and boost our local economy?

#Get40 is a new initiative that encourages local rural communities to bid for a share of a £1.6million. Grants of up to 40% are available for projects which meet the aims of Fieldfare’s Local Development Strategy and are located within the Winchester, East Hampshire, Eastleigh and Havant local Council areas.

We want to hear from you if your project will

- Create jobs
- Increase farm or forestry productivity / efficiency
- Develop local food and drink markets
- Increase visitor spend in the area or
- Provide an essential rural service

Andy Hickman , Fieldfare LEADER group Chair is looking forward to seeing the LEADER programme address local issues and he knows how this will make a real difference to local rural communities:

“This as a time limited funding opportunity for local projects to access Government funds. The LEADER programme is managed by local people who are empowered by Defra to make decisions about local projects. Funds are limited and we encourage you to come along to our open events to find out more. Our team is experienced in helping applicants to consider the opportunities available”.

Ken Brown manages the programme and is pleased with the interest shown to date

“Fieldfare has already supported 5 new projects. These projects will create at least 5 new jobs and have enabled businesses and farmers to achieve their growth aspirations. With grants of up to 40% for capital items, projects can maximise their own funds to help grow their enterprises and safeguard employment for local people”

The Fieldfare LEADER programme is a community led partnership that works closely with Winchester, Eastleigh, East Hampshire and Havant Councils and the South Downs National Park Authority.

Further details about the Fieldfare LEADER programme can be found at [www.Fieldfareleader.org.uk](http://www.Fieldfareleader.org.uk)

For more information please contact Ken Brown on 01962 848 588 or [kbrown@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:kbrown@winchester.gov.uk)

### **Leisure Centre on track for Bar End**

The purchase of the Garrison Ground at Bar End by Winchester City Council is now complete.

The City Council and Tesco have been working closely for a number of years and announced today (22 December) that they have agreed fair commercial terms for purchase of the important site. The price is subject to a confidentiality clause in the contract. By purchasing the land the Council can now consider it as an option for the location of the city’s new community sports and leisure centre. The Garrison Ground is east of the existing running track and is the site preferred for a new leisure centre by many local residents and community groups.

The purchase means that the land is protected from private development and will continue to be used for sport and leisure.

### **Twelve days of ... low-carbon Christmas (and 365 days of 2017)**

In December, a press release by WCC suggested shoppers and householders in the Winchester district be encouraged to save money and protect the environment by making 2016 a lower-carbon Christmas. Although some of the suggestions will be too late to put into practice, here are a few suggestions to help reduce the waste and greenhouse gas emissions generated over the festive season each year (and to put into practice in the coming year):

- Save paper and postage costs this year: send a virtual card or record your own video greeting.
- Shop smart – take your own carrier bags, make a list to avoid accidental over-buying, and avoid presents in excessive packaging.
- Wrap with a difference – use newspaper, magazines, scarves or other alternatives rather than buying wrapping paper.
- Love your leftovers. Check the internet for great recipes to liven up the cold stuff.
- Feed your composter – it will make short work of vegetable peelings and some of that biodegradable packaging.
- Give unwanted gifts to charity shops, resell them on sites like Ebay/your local Facebook website or repurpose them as gifts for birthdays.
- Recycle your cards, bottles and electrical items that have been replaced by shiny new ones.
- Make use of the Council’s Christmas tree collection service at [www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste-collection/](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste-collection/)
- Keep warm and pay less by switching to a cheaper energy tariff or supplier – check the [Citizens Advice comparison tool](#) for help.

### **Fly-tipping prosecution**

Winchester City Council successfully prosecuted a fly-tipper in relation to five offences contrary to section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. These offences relate to fly-tips discovered at Netherhill Lane in Durley, Crooked Walk Lane in Southwick and Raglington Farm in Shedfield. Two of the fly-tips were discovered on private property. The offender breached his duty of care in relation to the waste which had been within his control and which was later found at these locations by failing to ensure that it had been properly disposed of, by failing to ensure that the waste had been transferred to an authorised person for disposal and by failing to provide a written description of the waste.

The Council will investigate fly-tipping on private land but is not in a position to use public money for clearance in those cases.

## **Progress on Central Winchester Regeneration**

Progress has been made towards the regeneration of the area of Central Winchester.

The City Council has invited JTP, an award-winning 'placemaking' practice of architects and masterplanners, to work with the Council and wider community to create a Supplementary Planning Document which will set out a vision for the future development of central Winchester through collaborative planning and consultation. This decision follows the consideration of 17 high quality bids received from organisations who were interested in working on the central Winchester project. JTP has formed a strong team to work on the commission with Hampshire based Snug Architects and Ubu Design Ltd together with consultancies with expertise in commercial property, movement and infrastructure. JTP is due to start work on the project early in 2017.

Through our unique collaborative design processes we will aim to build a consensus to create a distinctive place, reimagining and enhancing the character and identity of Winchester. The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out the type and layout of land uses that could be built on the Silver Hill site and will help to ensure that the development is fit for the future and will rejuvenate such a prominent part of the City.

## **Barfield Close road closure**

Barfield Close in Winchester will be closed to traffic from Monday 9 January 2017 for five months during the next phase of construction of the Chesil Lodge extra-care building.

The closure, between the mini-roundabout outside the Chesil multi-storey car park and the north side of the tunnel on Barfield Close, is necessary for health and safety reasons while scaffolding is put up for cladding the building.

A pedestrian footpath will be maintained along Barfield Close but all vehicles will have to use Chesil Street as an alternative. Access to all premises south of the tunnel/ bridge will be maintained from Bar End Road.

## **Nominations are open for the Winchester District Sports Awards (closes Monday 9 January 2017)**

Know someone who inspires others to participate in sport and physical activity? Nominations are now open for the Winchester District Sport & Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA) 2016 Sports Awards.

Local clubs, organisations and residents are being asked to nominate the best of the District's sporting talent which will culminate in an exciting evening of awards set to take place on Thursday 9 February 2017.

Nominations are being taken across sixteen categories; these can be made online with the closing date for entries on Monday 9 January 2017. We are looking forward to meeting those people who have achieved in their field or who have been recognised for going above and beyond whether individually or as part of a team.

We encourage people to nominate anyone who deserves some kind of sporting recognition. Nominations for awards will be considered in the following categories:

- Junior Sportsman
- Junior Sportswoman
- Senior Sportsman
- Senior Sportswoman
- Disability Sportsperson
- Masters Sportsperson
- Outstanding Personal Achievement
- Junior Team
- Senior Team
- Coach
- Official
- Club
- Volunteer
- Service to Sport
- Best Charity Fundraising Activity
- Best Project

All nominees must either be:

- A resident in the Winchester District
- Attending an educational establishment in the Winchester District
- Linked to a sports club based in the Winchester District

To nominate please visit [www.winchester.gov.uk/activewinchester/winchester-district-sports-awards-2016/](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/activewinchester/winchester-district-sports-awards-2016/) or for further information please contact the Sport & Physical Activity Team on 01962 848 329 or email [sport@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:sport@winchester.gov.uk)

### **Are you making the most of superfast broadband in Winchester?**

Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council are working together to ensure that as many residents and businesses as possible have access to superfast broadband.

Wave 2 of Hampshire County Council's Superfast Broadband project will involve upgrading 550 roadside broadband cabinets by September 2018, connecting an additional 34,000 premises across the county. This will make Superfast Broadband available to 96% of premises in Hampshire. A recently announced extension to the programme will reach 97.4% of premises in the county by 2019, filling the gap in smaller, rural areas that are otherwise left out by market forces.

The two councils are keen to ensure that residents and businesses located with the Winchester area are making the most of upgrades that are now available.

To assess the new speeds, residents and businesses need to contact their internet service provider to purchase an upgrade. Residents can visit Hampshire County Council's broadband price comparison website to find the best deal for their premises: <http://pricecomparison.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/>.

Broadband cabinets have been updated in some postcodes in the following areas across the Winchester District: Alresford, Bishop's Waltham, Durley, Hambledon, Harestock, Itchen Abbas, Micheldever, Sparsholt, Sutton Scotney, Twyford, Whiteley and Winchester. For a full list of cabinets and postcodes that have recently been upgraded visit: [www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/about-the-project/live-cabinets/](http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/about-the-project/live-cabinets/).

The two councils also want to ensure that people are registered on the Hampshire Superfast Broadband website, [www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com](http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com). This is so that Hampshire County Council can keep them updated with project announcements regarding additional funding and upgrades to cabinets. This is particularly important for those who are located too far from upgraded cabinets to benefit from the current upgrade, as Hampshire County Council may need to contact them about future upgrades at a later date using additional funding. Typically, properties within a 1200-metre line length of the superfast cabinet will receive superfast speeds, and beyond this point there is speed degradation.

If your area is not currently included in the Superfast Broadband Programme there are a number of alternatives that can significantly improve your current speed or provide a connection while you wait. There is more information about alternative solutions at- <http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/>

To find out when Superfast Broadband is coming to your area or to join the campaign visit: [www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com](http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com).