

Hampshire County Councillor Update 39

Dear Everyone

Welcome to the September update. Summer is officially over, schools go back this week and autumn lies ahead. Let's hope for a little more sunny and warm weather before the nights draw in.

Here's my latest County Councillor update:

Highways Information

A3090 Pouncefoot Hill - contraflow for Southern Water works

A contra-flow has been put in place on the dual carriageway between Romsey and Ower to enable repairs by Southern Water to a burst 18" water main (in the newly resurfaced section of the road, which they have now dug up - I could weep).

It was put in place without notice on Friday 30th August. I've been contacted by businesses and homeowners living along the road about the lack of warning and problems with access. To be clear all businesses along that section of road remain open, most particularly [HAYES MUSIC](#) on Pouncefoot Hill.

I've asked HCC to intervene urgently to try and resolve, providing clearer signage and insisting on the road layout being reinstated as soon as they are able.

Their permit runs to Friday 6th September. Hopefully the work will be done and usual road layout reinstated before then.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you

Accessibility Improvements at Totton Station

My brilliant colleague [Cllr Lulu Bowerman](#) opened the accessibility improvements to Totton station this week.

Improving accessibility to public transport is a central part of our vision for the county and therefore one of [Hampshire County Council's](#) top priorities.

In this case funding came from [South Western Railway](#), [Network Rail](#) and the Department of Transport. Our thanks to them for their help in delivering the scheme and full credit to Totton's county councillors, [Councillor Neville Penman](#) and [Councillor David Harrison](#) who advocated so strongly and effectively for the scheme to be delivered.



Test Valley on film

If you, as I do, love the work that the [Archives - Hampshire County Council](#) do, then you will I hope be interested in this amazing evening next month at Romsey Town Hall, on the evening of Thursday September 19th.

Test Valley on film will show archive footage of Romsey and the surrounding area held by the Wessex Film and Sound Archive.

The team will screening of film footage from the Test Valley, with live musical accompaniment from acclaimed silent film musician Stephen Horne and a Q&A with film curator Dr Zoë Viney Burgess.

You can book your ticket here: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/.../test-valley-on-film-archive...>

Romsey Abbey Wildflower Meadow

If you've not had a chance to visit the Romsey Abbey wildflower meadow as yet, it's really worth taking a few minutes to visit the North Garth and see the wonderful landscape [Test Valley Borough Council](#) have created.

Back in May the Countryside Team along with Environmental Services began the process of transforming the North Church Yard at Romsey Abbey into a vibrant wildflower meadow.

After several years as part of the Urban Meadows project the meadow at the North Church Yard failed to improve in diversity on its own. The team laid a product known as Meadoscape Pro on top of the existing meadow area. The product is made up of mulch mixed with wildflower seed, giving the seed the best start to begin to grow.

Three months on and the Church yard has become a colour rich, diverse wildflower meadow, buzzing with life. At the end of the summer the meadow will be cut and collected to allow for fresh growth the following year. At this time any areas that have not established will be reseeded with a complimentary mix to ensure success the following season.



County Council Farms – Start Up Opportunities

[County Farms - Hampshire County Council](#) provide start up opportunities for young people hoping to make farming their career.

We're not unique as a county in offering this, but have one of the most extensive county farm projects in the country, of which Hampshire is rightly proud.

There are new farming opportunities coming up, details of which are below. Do please share with anyone who might be interested.

New entrant starter farm opportunities available in Hampshire



Hampshire
County Council

County Farms
Service

**We invite applications for the
following equipped farm units:**



Dairy farm, c.128 acres
near Winchester



Mixed farm, c.18
acres near Fareham



Livestock farm, c.129
acres near Winchester



Livestock farm, c.85
acres near Hook



Arable farm, c.104
acres near Fareham



Dairy/livestock farm
c.100 acres near Hook

General HCC News:

COULD YOU SWAP YOUR CAR FOR A BIKE THIS SUMMER?

With longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures now is the perfect time to consider cycling. To help encourage people to get around on two wheels, the County Council has created a one-stop-shop website with everything you've ever wanted to know about cycling in Hampshire

[Could you swap your car for a bike this summer? | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/cycling)

£1.5M BOOST FOR PEOPLE LED CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

Lower energy bills could be enjoyed by more people in the future as more communities are given the ability to lead the charge on climate change through greener, more efficient energy initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions and, in turn, lower costs

[£1.5m boost for people led climate change action | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/climate-change)

EXAM HELPLINE NOW OPEN AS HAMPSHIRE'S POST-16 LEARNERS RECEIVE RESULTS

Thousands of Hampshire students have received the results of their hard work towards A-levels, T Levels, Technical, Vocational, and Apprenticeship qualifications

[Exam helpline now open as Hampshire's post-16 learners receive results | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

TAP INTO SOLAR POWER TO SAVE ON BILLS AND TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

An opportunity for Hampshire residents to benefit from competitively priced, high-quality solar panel installation and save on future energy bills is once again available through the 2024 Solar Together scheme

[Tap into solar power to save on bills and tackle climate change | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

HAMPSHIRE OPENS GCSE HELPLINE AS THOUSANDS OF PUPILS SET TO RECEIVE RESULTS

Hampshire County Council is urging anyone with concerns about their GCSE or other Level 2 results to get in touch to talk through their post-16 options with a careers adviser

[Hampshire opens GCSE helpline as thousands of pupils set to receive results | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

MAKE ATTENDANCE TOP OF THE 'BACK TO SCHOOL' CHECKLIST FOR 2024/25

Hampshire County Council is renewing its call for parents and carers to prioritise regular school attendance in the new academic year

[Make attendance top of the 'back to school' checklist for 2024/25 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

County Councillor Grants

The County Council grant system has re-opened once more from June 1st. As always please let me know if you know of any organisation in Romsey Rural who could benefit from grant assistance.

Grants awarded in the last month include:

Baby Necessities, Romsey Extra – baby bank items
The Romsey Show – community area at the show
Winchester and Eastleigh Diabetes Support – garden grant
Lockerley Parish Council – speed indicator device
Sherfield English Bowls Club – new mower

Getting About

As usual, August has been a down month for PC meetings. Great though to be at East Tytherley Country Fair, Romsey Food Festival, Jermyns Lane barbeque and also to visit various spots around the County including a trip to Southampton Solent University, where I got to try out my skill at both loading containers on a ship using a crane and navigating a super tanker. Neither were particularly successful. I think I'll stick to on shore activity.

Contact

Do please get in touch if I can ever be of any help. For those of you using social media, I post very regular updates on many local issues including roadworks and planning applications on my Facebook page here: facebook.com/nickadamsking

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