

Hampshire County Councillor Update 48

Dear All

Summer is here, although it feels like it has been here for some weeks already. I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the glorious weather.

Here's my latest County Councillor update for May/June:

Highways Information

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

Broken or missing signs: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

Faulty street lights: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

Faded or missing road markings: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

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.

Test Valley's new Mayor.

Last month was annual Mayor Making in Test Valley.

It was therefore a privilege to propose my ward colleague Cllr Gordon Bailey as the new Mayor of Test Valley for the coming municipal year.

Gordon was first elected for Blackwater ward in 2005 and I've been lucky enough to be his ward colleague since 2015, when I succeeded Gordon's colleague of 10 years, Tony Gentle.

I know it was a huge sadness that Sue, his wife of 56 years, could not be alongside him as mayoress. Gordon has borne Sue's illness with compassion, fortitude and patience. I'm so sorry she could not be there to enjoy the moment with him, but I know Gordon will tell her all about his day on his daily visits to her in her care home in North Baddesley.

Gordon's commitment to our community is second to none. I can't think of a better advocate for our area, a kinder person for our people or a more experienced, well regarded and honourable ambassador for our Council.

Enjoy your Mayoral Year Gordon.



HCC Annual Council

At the annual council meeting at Hampshire County Council I was humbled and deeply honoured my colleagues once again selected me to be the Leader of our Council.

I was equally delighted to nominate my neighbour and friend, Councillor Mark Cooper, from Romsey Town as Chairman of the Council, the first Liberal Democrat Chairman for many years.

Hampshire is a wonderful County. In my first year as Leader, I have had the good fortune of working with a team of excellent colleagues in Cabinet, all of whom have worked incredibly hard for the people of our County and I was delighted to reappoint them all this morning.

Here are a few more comments from my annual Leader's speech (you can watch it in its entirety here - starting at 1h 24m

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEWi9wFjjgI>):

"The County Council is like an oil tanker. With a £3.1 billion budget and almost 36,000 direct and indirect employees. When you turn the wheel it takes a long time for the ship to react. It takes time to move that organisation. We are doing so. We are effecting change. Change for the better. Change which shows us there is a way forward. One which takes us to a better, more prosperous, sustainable future.

Just think of what, together, we have achieved for our county, our organization and most importantly our residents.

Last year I told you I am an optimist. And that I am optimistic about the future of Hampshire County Council.

This year I remain so and am encouraged by our progress.

Under my leadership, we are an efficient, caring, innovative, business friendly council.

We are caring for our environment, tackling the effects of climate change and promoting the work we do to protect our most vulnerable residents.

I repeat my promises of last year.

To our residents I promise that we will always remember it is YOUR money we spend.

To our businesses I promise we will support, recognising you are the backbone of our county.

To our most vulnerable residents accessing our social care services, and to those young people in our care, we will continue to protect and support you.



We are changing this Council for the better. We are and will continue to make it work more effectively for the people of Hampshire. We are finding and making even more efforts to introduce innovative solutions, to work efficiently and to maximise the contribution from our assets.

We can now see a way ahead. The tanker is changing course. There is much left to do, but we can be optimistic for our future. We can see a way forward to address our financial challenge. To transform our organisation. To deliver growth and prosperity for our businesses and residents

Together we are delivering a positive future for Hampshire."

£7 Million Boost for Skills Training in Hampshire!

Hampshire County Council has secured £7 million from the Department for Education to continue our Skills Bootcamps for another year—almost double last year's funding!

- ✓ Fast-track training for adults aged 19+
- ✓ Flexible courses in AI, leadership, data, teaching, sales & more
- ✓ Guaranteed job interviews for unemployed learners
- ✓ Over 1,750 places available in 2025
- ✓ Designed around real employer needs

This is a brilliant way to help local people gain skills for life while supporting Hampshire's businesses to grow and thrive.

Whether you're looking to upskill, change careers, or grow your workforce—now's the time to get involved.

 Learn more and apply: hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp

Connect to Support Hampshire

Connect to Support Hampshire is the service which is designed to help people remain living independently in their own homes.

HCC have recently updated the Connect to Support Hampshire website to help residents stay independent for longer. 🌟

- ◆ Modern Design: Enjoy a fresh, contemporary look.
- ◆ Improved Navigation: Enhanced homepage navigation with popular search topics. Use keywords for better search results, and get suggestions as you type.
- ◆ Expanded Community Directory: Now covering 63 towns and villages across Hampshire, including a new Younger Adults category.

- ◆ Marketplace Directory: Find paid services like podiatrists, financial advisers, handypersons, gardeners, and more.
- ◆ Home Care Directory: Home care and nursing care agencies in Hampshire.
- ◆ Care Home Directory: Care homes and nursing homes in Hampshire.
- ◆ Multilingual Support: Translate everything into different languages using Google Translate.

Visit the site here to explore all the new features!

<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>

Exciting News from Wellow Tennis Club!

Wellow Tennis club have unveiled their newly resurfaced tennis courts, thanks to a £25,000 grant from Test Valley's Community Asset Fund!

Four worn tarmac courts have been transformed into modern artificial grass surfaces, making play safer, more accessible, and easier on the joints—perfect for all ages, from juniors to older residents. This upgrade opens the door to inclusive programmes like walking tennis and junior holiday camps, helping more people get active and enjoy the game!

- ✓ 97% of our community backed the project
- ✓ Designed with accessibility and safety in mind
- ✓ Built on feedback, collaboration, and community spirit

My ward colleague, Gordon Bailey said it best when he visited: “This is a fantastic example of how targeted investment can make a real difference to local communities.”

These new facilities will help build a healthier and more connected community.

VE/VJ Day 8-th anniversary concert in Sherfield English

With VE Day's 80th anniversary behind us and VJ still to come, St Leonard's church in Sherfield English are holding an 80th Anniversary Concert in a month's time on Saturday June 28th. Details on the flyer below.



80th Anniversary Concert
at
St Leonard's Church
on
Saturday 28th June at 7pm

Tickets £7.50
(to include refreshments - ration book required)

Come to celebrate the occasion with national and local stories, sing-a-longs, sketches and music, and laughter with a hey, hey, hey!!

Another successful fly-tipping prosecution for TVBC

Our zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping in the **Test Valley Borough Council** area has resulted in a further successful prosecution.

A large fly-tip, which included flooring, tiles, and carpet, has led to a man being ordered to pay more than £1,500 in fines and costs.

In June 2024 Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) received a report of waste being dumped in the vicinity of the Old Chalk Pit on Foundary Road in Anna Valley, near Andover.

When officers arrived, they found a fly-tip consisting of a large quantity of vinyl flooring, boarding, tiles, polythene, a wheelbarrow filled with waste, aerosol cans, grippers, underlay, cardboard, carpet, and packaging, which had been thrown through a fence at the site.



Information within the rubbish led officers to Darren Gladwyn, 45, from Ludgershall, who was invited to attend an interview under caution on 3 July 2024. Gladwyn never attended, and failed to show up for a further interview, as well as a notice to assist with the investigation.

At Basingstoke Magistrates Court on 2 May 2025, Gladwyn was given a fine of £293 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £117 and costs of £907. Compensation of £270 was also paid directly to Upper Clatford Parish Council who had paid for the waste to be removed from their land.

If you receive a notice from the council requesting your assistance with a fly-tipping investigation, the easiest and best thing to do is to respond and help. If people don't, not only does it delay the investigation and cause more work for our officers, but it could land you with a hefty fine.

The team will always investigate incidents like this, even if it doesn't happen on TVBC owned land. This is further proof of our commitment to the zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping in the borough, which the vast majority of the residents support.

Getting About

Last month I attended the Parish Assemblies in Michelmersh & Timsbury, Sherfield English, West Ttherley and Awbridge. I also spoke at public meetings in Hayling Island and Waterlooville, visited ROMDAG's dementia open day at the Crosfield Hall and also chaired the Yokesford Hill Liaison Panel.

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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Results of County Council by-elections in Winchester Eastgate and Yateley East & Blackwater Electoral Divisions

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Hampshire County Council foster carers share their stories for Foster Care Fortnight

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