



Sports Special

Andover Summer Sports Camps in Vigo Park



Fridays, 4pm - 6pm

11 to 17 year olds can join in free activities in Vigo Park this summer!

Activities will include boxing, football and inflatable games. There will also be non-physical games available and free water at each session. g

Friday 4 August: Football

Friday 11 August: Box Andover

Friday 18 August: Football

Friday 25 August: Inflatable assault course

Romsey Summer Sports Camps at Ganger Farm

Thursday 3 August - Wednesday 23 August (various dates and times)

14 to 17 year olds can join in free activities at Ganger Farm this summer!

Activities will include rounders, football, rugby and hockey and there will be a special awards night on Thursday 31 August to celebrate the end of the summer camp.

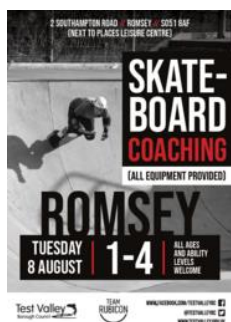
Thursday 3 August, 4pm - 6pm: Rounders

Thursday 10 August, 4pm - 6pm: Football

Thursday 17 August, 3pm - 4:30pm: Rugby

Wednesday 23 August, 6pm - 7pm: Hockey

To sign up for a session in Romsey, email: achapman@testvalley.gov.uk or ncomer@testvalley.gov.uk



Romsey Skateboard Coaching

Tuesday 8 & 29 August, 1pm - 4pm
Attention all skateboarders!

Together with Team Rubicon we're offering FREE drop-in skateboarding coaching sessions in Romsey for all ages and abilities.

No need to worry about equipment, all gear will be provided.
2 Southampton Road, Romsey (next to Places Leisure)

Four Fun Fridays

4, 11, 18 & 25 August 2023, 11am to 3pm, Andover High Street

Four Fun Fridays is an arts event where children and families can take part in creative workshops and activities, and watch and join in with exciting and creative outdoor theatre and storytelling. Some of the highlights for this year include BUZZ, a theatre and puppet show about the importance of bees. The Wagon of Dreams, a street theatre show that uses a retro caravan as it's stage all about the oceans, a Ceilidh dance workshop and a mobile planetarium from the Winchester Science Centre.



We are encouraging families to follow the Facebook page so they can keep up to date with the programme of FREE events and schedules for each day. www.facebook.com/fourfunfridays

Picnics in the Park



Town Mills Riverside Park (or the Chantry Centre, weather depending) Andover, Wednesdays, 11am to 2pm

Pack up a picnic and head to Town Mills Riverside Park to enjoy FREE activities each week.

Wednesday 2nd: Chantry Centre:

Play garden games, take part in our river nature trail.



Wednesday 9th:

Play garden games, take part in our bird nature trail.

Wednesday 16th:

Join in creative craft sessions, take part in our insect nature trail, enjoy insect and river activities.



Wednesday 23rd:

Join in creative craft sessions, take part in our flower nature trail, enjoy pond dipping activities and seed bomb making.



Walk the Test Way for charity

Sunday 24 September

Join the Romsey Rotary Club on this beautiful 44 mile walk and help raise money for charity.

The walk is split into various sections, so you can choose how many miles you would like to walk.

Trout 'n' About



Stockbridge High Street, Sunday 6 August, 10am to 4pm

Each year Stockbridge High Street comes alive with traders showcasing the very best of local produce and crafts. This year, visitors can also head to the event's Festive Field to enjoy street food, music and entertainment. This is a family friendly event, which attracts hundreds of visitors from all around.

Bridgerton Bliss: A Regency Afternoon

Houghton Lodge, Stockbridge, Sunday 6 August 12pm - 5pm

Step back in time at Bridgerton Bliss: a regency afternoon with tea, tunes and twirls at Houghton Lodge Gardens. This event is a brilliant opportunity to immerse yourself in the charm of Regency England right in the heart of Hampshire.



Hampshire Open Studios



19 - 28 August, various locations and times

One for art lovers, don't miss Hampshire Open Studios, running from 19 to 28 August. This annual art trail invites the public to meet artists in their homes, studios and galleries free of charge. There are a wide variety of venues to see along with every type of art and craft on offer in the region, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, furniture, jewellery and many more.

For more details of events and activities taking place this month, take a look at the Visit Test Valley

website.



Ward profile refresh

Over the past few months, the policy team have been refreshing the ward profiles that cover all of the borough's 20 wards. These are now available on the council's website.

Using data from the 2021 Census, the ward profiles provide consistent information about local communities across the borough. They look at topics such as population structure, economy, housing, health and educational information.

If you have any questions about a specific area or dataset, you are more than welcome to contact the policy team, who will be happy to assist you.

Green Test Valley

We're launching a brand-new e-newsletter about all things green! Anyone who signs up will get all the latest news and information about the environment, countryside, climate and more in Test Valley.

You can sign up by going to www.testvalley.gov.uk/emails

Three Test Valley Parks awarded coveted Green Flag Award

For another year in a row, three parks in Test Valley have been awarded Green Flag status. Rooksbury Mill Local Nature Reserve in Andover, Valley Park Woodlands Local Nature Reserve and War Memorial Park in Romsey have all been recognised by Keep Britain Tidy and given the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.



War Memorial Park, Romsey

Charlton Lakeside and Sports Centre

Consultation

Test Valley Borough Council, alongside the local parish council and Places Leisure have aspirations to better understand the needs and requirements of the whole of Charlton Lakeside, including:

- The park
- Children's play area
- Golf course
- Crazy golf
- Lakes
- BMX track
- Outdoor exercise equipment/ fitness stations
- Athletics track
- Netball Courts
- 3G Pitch
- Sports pitches
- Café

Sports pavilion building

We have launched a survey to establish how people use the site, identify what its most valued assets are and look at ways to improve it.



The ambition is to create short-, medium-, and long-term plans which reflect the Council's and users' priorities. We will reflect upon the current management approach of the site to establish areas for improvement or enhancement. It is essential to highlight that these plans do not have associated funding, or any predetermined outcomes.

Local schools learning about our nature reserves



Over the last couple of months the TVBC countryside team have been busy hosting school visits for children across the borough. Nearly 500 pupils from eight local primary schools got involved with pond and river dipping.

During this time we are able to get a glimpse of the variety of invertebrates on our reserves with some exciting finds such as Water scorpions and Dragonfly nymphs. Conducting these school visits gives us the chance to educate local school children about the nature reserves around them along with the habitats and species within.

Planning Matters

Michael Gove reveals new planning reforms

Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove has set out plans for reforms of planning regulations, telling the Sunday Telegraph that changes to permitted development rights will be used to encourage the conversion of shops, offices, takeaways and betting shops into new homes without the need for planning permission, and that councils are to be invited to bid to set up Government-sponsored development corporations with the power to use compulsory purchase orders to buy land and sell part of it to developers for new housing. While Britain needs more homes, Mr Gove said, "they must be of the right type and targeted in the right places", which means "we must build more in the places that make sense – in our inner cities so that we protect our countryside", while making "better use of the buildings we already have – empty shops or offices cannot be gathering dust while we have an urgent need for more homes". Mr Gove also signalled the relaxation of rules requiring landlords to improve the energy efficiency of the properties they rent out.

Andover Mind's Safe Haven

This is a free, out of hours crisis service for residents of North and Mid Hampshire aged 18+. Open from 6pm to 10pm every day of the year, support is accessible during these hours by dropping in to our premises in Basingstoke, calling the centre, or via our virtual platform. Details of how to contact us can be found on our

website <https://www.andovermind.org.uk/services/north-and-mid-hampshire-safe-haven/>

No appointment or referral is needed to access our practical and emotional support in a calm, confidential and non-judgemental environment. If you are struggling to see a way forward, or feel you have nowhere to turn - we are here for you.



New season brochure to be released in August!



The Lights new autumn - winter brochure is on the way; with family shows, comedians, beautiful ballet, tribute acts, magicians and more.

Pop down to the venue in mid-August to pick up your brochure and find something to look forward to later this year.



Playing the Best of UB40 Musically Authentic Tribute to UB40 - playing all the classic hits from Red Red Wine to Rat In The Kitchen, from Food For Thought to One In Ten and beyond!

Based in South of the UK, RU40 have headlined in major venues and festivals across the South, entertaining reggae fans and ensuring they sing along to Cherry O, Homely Girl, Here I am Baby, Kingston Town and many more of UB40's string of hits.

Somborne Community Cinema

10th August Everything Everywhere All at Once, Doors open 19.16, Film 20.00

14th August Alleluja, Doors open 19.16, Film 20.00

Tickets from <https://www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk/>

Stockbridge Community Cinema



SHE SAID Cert 15 (Sexual violence references, sexual threat, strong language) Wednesday 23 August 4.30pm & 7.30pm 2hr 9min

Based on the bombshell New York Times investigation, She Said follows the remarkable true story of how reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor went from underdogs to inspirations by shattering the silence surrounding sexual assault in Hollywood..

Tickets now on sale: www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk

If you have any issues regarding the above information, please contact any of the councillors below.

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