

Hampshire County Councillor Report

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Childcare over the Summer holidays

Details of Ofsted registered childcare, activities and leisure services (and lots more information for families), can be found in the Hampshire Family and Information Services Hub directory: fish.hants.gov.uk

If your child who has a special educational need or disability, then check out services with a Local Offer flag. For further details on how your child will be supported: <http://fish.hants.gov.uk/.../directory/localoffer.page...>

If you need help with paying for childcare go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/
Not able to find the childcare services you need? Use our Childcare Request Form: <http://childrenshampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp...> or email childcare@hants.gov.uk for further assistance.

Homes for Ukraine update

The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 14 June 2022, 64,081 visas have been issued for England. 2,401 have been issued for Hampshire and 1,685 guests have arrived.

Supported Transport Consultation

If you use Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go or Taxishare services in your local community or hold a Concessionary Travel bus pass you will want to know about changes we are proposing to our financial support for these schemes. Our consultation is open until Sunday 24 July.

The proposals seek to continue to deliver effective services, within a reduced budget, through:

- Making operational changes to supported passenger transport services (including supported bus services, Dial-a-Ride, Call & Go, Taxishare and Minibus Group Hire services)
- Removing some discretionary enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme currently funded by the County Council, including, for example, no longer providing taxi vouchers as an alternative to a Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Increasing the contributions users pay for some services, eg. introducing a £1 fare for all Taxishare services and increasing the charge for replacing lost and

damaged bus passes. There is no charge for replacing a stolen pass. The consultation is available here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../consulta.../passenger-transport>

Defibrillators at our Household Waste Recycling Centres

Hampshire County Council has announced that life-saving defibrillators will be available soon at all 24 HWRCs. The sites are run by the private contractor Veolia, on behalf of the county council and are visited by over 1.5m residents every year. Having this equipment available to use in an emergency could help to save lives.

Support for community projects

Over £70,000 has been awarded to five Hampshire groups to help each maintain and extend the activities provided for local communities from the Leader's Community Grant Fund scheme, which contributes, throughout the year, to groups supporting Hampshire's residents.

Projects supported include funding a new roof for a memorial centre; funding projection and audio equipment to allow a heritage trust to expand its accessible services; funding increased accessibility along 12km of public byways for the Riding for the Disabled Association; and funding the installation of new lighting, a sound system, and a projector to create a modern accessible room for the local community a village hall.

Community groups are encouraged to consider suitable schemes that may be suitable for support. The scheme considers applications for between £1,000 and £25,000 to use for activity costs and/or capital costs. Applications can be made at any time and are dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. Amounts over £25,000 can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Classical Concerts at the Royal Victoria Country Park

Experience the sounds of high quality chamber music with a new programme of concerts in the beautifully renovated chapel at [Royal Victoria Country Park](#), where [Wessex Sinfonietta](#) has just been appointed resident orchestra <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/29062022Chapelconcert>