

CATTLE ON WHITESHUTE RIDGE

Local councillors were very pleased to see the safe arrival of the British White cattle onto Whiteshute Ridge.

Cllr Jan Warwick, Winchester City Council's Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said, "I would like to thank officers from the City Council, the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Badger Farm Parish Council, for supporting this project and facilitating the safe arrival of the cattle."

Local resident and Parish Councillor, **John Godbold**, who walks regularly on the Ridge added, "The majority of residents are very pleased, as the cattle are docile and friendly to both dogs and walkers. The ground is already showing signs of being broken up and this will improve both drainage and soil quality. We will continue to work with the City Council on improvements suggested by some residents, such as a log wall to provide shelter for the cattle from easterly winds and the kissing gate latches which can be tricky for some of our older residents to open."

If you would like to receive notifications about the latest updates, you can become a 'Friend of Whiteshute Ridge' by emailing:

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*Local campaigner, John Godbold,
with the British White cattle on Whiteshute Ridge*

NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- **Oliver's Battery Parish Council and Hampshire County Council** have agreed a plan to improve the pavement and sight lines at **the Oliver's Battery/Badger Farm Road junction.**
- Otterbourne residents joined local councillors to protest against the local impact of plans by Eastleigh Borough Council to build more than 5,000 homes near Highbridge Road.
- Hampshire Highways are working hard to keep the roads moving **during the winter months. Follow the 'gritter twitter' @hantshighways** to find out when and where the salting lorries are out.

BIOMASS RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION

Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee will hear the Four Dells Biomass retrospective planning application in February.

Biomass energy contributes to the UK's renewable energy sources, however sites must be well managed to reduce any adverse impact on nearby residents and businesses. Officers from Winchester City Council have investigated noise complaints and a noise abatement order was served in January.

Cllr Jan Warwick stated, "Residents have responded to the public consultation on this application and I will ensure important factors such as noise, light and smoke pollution will be taken into account by the committee."

COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRANT

Cllr Jan Warwick has been pleased to support local groups and charities through her Hampshire County Councillor grant money. Her support ranged from toys and games for the Badger Farm Baby and Tots group, the Oliver's Battery Christmas lunch for older residents and the homeless and equipment for Hursley Youth Football Club to the Citizens Advice Bureau digital advice project, fresh produce for the Winchester Basics Bank and the annual trip for older people run by the Winchester Live at Home Scheme.

For more information visit:

www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/county-councillor-grants.htm



Councillor Jan Warwick

CONSERVATIVES REJECT ALLOWANCE INCREASE

Conservative councillors on Winchester City Council have rejected a proposal by an independent remuneration board to increase their councillors' allowances by 8%. At a meeting of full Council in January, Councillor Ian Tait, who represents St Michael Ward in the City, proposed that the substantial increase should be rejected, when public finances are so stretched and staff are not receiving such a substantial increase. While almost all LibDem councillors voted for the 8% increase in allowances, Conservatives out-voted them, so saving £20,000 per year. Allowances are paid out of your taxes, so must not be wasted.



The last Cabinet meeting was held in Alresford and will be held around the District in future

NEW CANCER TREATMENT CAMPAIGN

Steve Brine MP met up with Victoria's Promise this January, the charity set up to support young women through their cancer treatment and beyond.

They launched their campaign in the first week of the new year to raise the £100,000 to bring their services to RHCH so that the young women treated there will benefit from the support the charity is presently giving the young women at other hospitals in Hampshire and London.

You can find out more via www.victoriaspromise.com/vp2w

SCHOOL FUNDING

The Government has delivered on its schools funding increase promise. As a result of the changes to the local funding formula for 2018/19, Hampshire schools have an increase of 2.6%, with Winchester schools specifically receiving an increase of 3.7%.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE - KERBSIDE GLASS RECYCLING COMING SOON

Winchester residents should soon be able to recycle more types of waste as the City Council starts planning to collect glass as part of the regular kerbside collection. The Conservative administration is to include a monthly District-wide kerbside glass collection as part of the waste collection negotiations for the new contract that starts in 2019. In addition, we are working with Hampshire County Council and other councils to expand the range of plastics and other waste that can be recycled locally.



Cllr Jan Warwick

Councillor Jan Warwick, the City Council's Environment lead said, "Until now, it has just been too expensive to introduce glass collection, but initial discussions for the new contract have indicated that we can improve our recycling rates without **wasting taxpayers' money**. There is a lot of support among residents to increase what can be recycled, with glass collection being top of the wish list. We think that residents are willing for us to spend a bit of their money in order to **improve the service that we deliver.**"

A free container will be supplied to each household that wants one and there will be no **additional charge for using this service**. The existing 'bring sites' (bottle banks) will remain in place unless they are no longer needed once the new service has bedded in.

NEW LEISURE CENTRE AT BAR END

The plans for the new sports and leisure park at Bar End are firming up. Over the last few months, local residents have been working closely with the City Council's design team, sports groups and other partners to define the Urban Design Framework – which sets out what may happen in each part of the whole area. The outline business case has emerged alongside this, so the Council is now in a position to start procuring a construction company and an operator for the whole leisure park.

Councillor Guy Ashton, who represents residents of St Michael Ward, which includes Bar End, said, "The interest shown in this venture, by those who will be impacted by the project, has been tremendous. I have led the engagement activity, so I am delighted that the City Council is taking full account of the wishes and concerns of the project's neighbours.

We will continue to make significant changes to the proposals as a result of their feedback, which means that the new Centre will be built on the Garrison Ground, not the King George V Ground, and the size of the building will be constrained, so it fits alongside the athletics track and does not overly dominate the area.



Cllr Guy Ashton

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VISION FOR CENTRAL WINCHESTER

You have been having your say on what should happen to the centre of Winchester. After 20 years of local disagreement, the new Conservative administration at Winchester City Council has engaged with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders to create a new vision for how to improve the rundown part of our beautiful City.

Council Leader Caroline Horrill said, "The inspiring way that so many people have joined in the process to influence what happens next in Winchester, fills me with hope for the future. While the Supplementary Planning Document will soon be adopted, after we have reflected the comments that we receive, there will be many further opportunities to shape each step of the way. We will certainly use this open approach to development for all our major projects, so everyone can play their part."



The Cabinet directing people during the closure of the Bus Station for refurbishment

MAJOR OVERHAUL FOR JUNCTION 9

Steve Brine MP has warmly welcomed news that the M3 J9 will be redesigned under plans to create dedicated free flow lanes which will allow drivers travelling between the M3 and the A34 to avoid using the junction roundabout.

The roundabout itself will be redesigned into a new 'dumbbell' layout, which will increase capacity, improve safety and make journey times more reliable.

More than 6,000 vehicles currently use the junction each hour during peak times, and local residents have long been aware of the queues and congestion.

Steve Brine said, "I am delighted at this long-awaited news, and the proposals to separate out the long-distance traffic passing by Winchester from our local traffic.

"I am also pleased to see that improved access for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians are also very much part of the plans."

Subject to confirmation, construction could start in 2021 and take around two years to complete.



Today's Junction 9

www.stevebrine.com/junction9

FOCUS ON RHCH

Steve Brine MP has said the focus needs to be on securing RHCH, following news that there will not be a new Critical Treatment Hospital built between Winchester and Basingstoke.

Senior clinicians have been in discussions about the future configuration of services, and concluded that a new centre was not affordable and would have impacted other health services across the area.

Steve Brine said: "We have to maintain a sensible and balanced discussion about the future of acute care that, above all else, ensures the local NHS is there when we're acutely unwell."

www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

QUESTION TIME AT CITY SCHOOL

Steve Brine MP visited St Faith's C of E primary school in December, as a follow up to a group of Year 4 and Year 5 children visiting Parliament in September.

The Winchester MP held a special question time session, which was decorated with key backgrounds and props that the school borrowed from Parliament's Education Centre on their visit.

Steve Brine said: "What a delightful visit, and all credit to the school for making use of the excellent accessories provided by the Education Service. I really enjoyed the session, and hope the children took a lot out of it."



Steve Brine MP at 'Question Time' with pupils from St Faith's School

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RECYCLING INCOME

Winchester residents have helped to raise £24,000 for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance by using the Council's clothing recycling banks around the district to turn unwanted clothing, shoes and textiles into cash.

The Air Ambulance provides care to those who need the highest level of urgent medical treatment, wherever they are. The service relies on charitable donations to keep the ambulance available to all who need it.

Cllr Jan Warwick said, "Residents have been filling our blue textile banks with unwanted clothing, textiles and shoes. This is helping to reduce waste, improve our recycling performance and also supporting worthwhile causes."

To find your nearest local recycling point please visit:

www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling



Cllr Jan Warwick with Father Christmas and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance team in December

MOVEMENT STRATEGY FOR WINCHESTER

The Movement Strategy is an initiative by both the County and City Councils looking at all forms of transport in and around the City.

"The public consultation received many responses and raised some important issues. There has been some impressive work by our transport officers," said Cllr Jan Warwick.

People were asked their views on travelling in and around the City. The strategy aims to address travel and transport constraints, to support Winchester's growth, and allow the City to become a healthier and more accessible place.

Both councils will publish further information on the strategy and the next steps in the process, in the coming weeks.

THE STRONG LOCAL TEAM FOR BADGER FARM & OLIVER'S BATTERY WARD



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