

UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT IN HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE

Hampshire County Council will invest a record £90 million in highway improvement schemes, maintenance, and flood alleviation, as well as improvements to town centres and road safety.

Councillor Lisa Griffiths said *“This huge investment in our transport infrastructure shows how our Conservative led authority puts the prosperity of the county first, investing in schemes to improve local journey times and provide better access for our residents”.*

Hampshire Highways will be using its own recyclable materials for local road repairs. Speaking about this, Cllr Rob Humby said *“Maintaining over 5,280 miles of roads is no easy task. Our Highways Team have used their expertise to develop this innovative approach. These materials are not only safer to use but are also better for the environment.”*

Earlier this summer the County's Highways team introduced a pioneering mobile asphalt production unit to improve the efficiency of highway repairs. This new equipment will reduce wasted material as it can be mixed on site and used straight away.

Almost half of the total investment, £44.53 million, will be allocated towards Highway maintenance to make local roads more resilient to the impact of extreme weather and the growing volume of traffic.



*Cllr Lisa Griffiths with County Cllr Rob Humby,
Executive Member for Environment and Transport*

DRIVER SKILLS SCHEME FOR THE OVER 60s

Mature drivers generally have fewer accidents than younger drivers. However many older drivers would like to update their knowledge, refresh their driving skills and maintain their confidence on the roads. This scheme is open to Hampshire residents aged 60 and over. This scheme is part of the **Older Drivers' Forum**. The aim of the 90 minute assessment is to help people stay safe on the road for as long as possible.

To find out more and to book an assessment, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/drivertraining/driverskills

FURTHER £6.8M INVESTMENT IN SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Hampshire Superfast Broadband already covers over 80% of the county and Parish Councillors in **Northington** report that they have recently gone live and are receiving good access to Broadband.

The next phase will deliver to a further 34,500 premises by September 2018 and Cllr James Byrnes is pleased to hear that the conservative run **Hampshire County Council** has approved plans for a further £6.8m programme extension increasing access to another 8,500 properties by 2019. This will boost superfast coverage to 97.4% of the County.

Details can be found at www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com



Councillor James Byrnes

NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- Parishes continue to receive £1000 from Hampshire County Council towards employing their own Lengthsmen who can cut back hedges, clear ditches and rights of way.
- Hampshire County Council is set to provide an extra 18,275 school places by 2020 to ensure that every child has a place.
- **The County Council's 'Hampshire Now' news is now available to read online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/yourhampshire>**

MP MEETS NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE

Steve Brine MP met with the new Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney in the New Year, to discuss a range of issues including preparedness for flooding, the new national police funding formula and rural crime.

They also discussed the unique challenges around policing events such as Boomtown, which is held on the outskirts of the city each summer.



AIR AMBULANCE RECEPTION IN PARLIAMENT

Steve Brine attended a Parliamentary reception for Air Ambulances before Christmas, which gave MPs the chance to meet with air ambulance charities and ambulance services.

He said: "Our air ambulance crew, which covers Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, need to raise a staggering £275,000 each month just to keep flying, so I ask my constituents to take a look at what they do for our community.

www.hiowaa.org



M3 ACCIDENTS

Steve Brine has expressed growing concern over the increase in accidents between J9-13 of the M3.

He said: "This is a growing cause for concern. We should be careful not to jump to conclusions but the figures don't lie and I plan to meet Highways England to get their thoughts on what is happening."

MP HOLDS LATEST 'ASK THE NHS' MEETING

Steve Brine held his latest public meeting on 12th January on the future of the local NHS.

The event heard from a top panel of key local clinicians, with the focus on the recently published Service & Transformation Plan (STP) which charts future health and social care services across the county.

The Q&A raised the link between the NHS and social care, the management of long term conditions, future NHS funding and local GP services, as well as the proposal from HHFT to build a new £350m Critical Treatment Hospital between Winchester and Basingstoke to care for the sickest patients.

Steve Brine said: "The NHS has been my number one priority from day one and, while we all know it's under great demand at this time we should all be really proud of what it delivers day after day and be positive about its future. The fact that was the overwhelming the tone of this meeting was just great."



See more: www.stevebrine.com/asktheseries

DAN SMYTH WINS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Dan Smyth, from St Faith's C of E Primary School, won Steve Brine's sixth annual Christmas Card competition back in December.

The 6 year old came top over 370 entries from 11 schools across the constituency, and won a family trip to see the Cinderella pantomime at the Theatre Royal.

Steve Brine said: "My congratulations go to Dan and all the Year Group and Commendation winners, alongside my thanks to Professor Joy Carter from the University of Winchester who was a brilliant guest judge."

CONSERVATIVE CONTROLLED COUNTY COUNCIL CUTS CARBON EMISSIONS BY MORE THAN A THIRD

Energy efficient buildings and street lights have helped Hampshire County Council to cut its carbon emissions by more than a third since 2010 and to save £3 million for Hampshire taxpayers (£2.9 million in avoided energy costs and £200,000 of carbon tax savings).

Councillor Fiona Mather said "I welcome this news which is great both for Hampshire taxpayers and the environment."

This has been achieved by adoption of good energy saving habits by both HCC staff and Hampshire school pupils, by improvements such as re-roofing projects, boiler and lighting replacements and a major programme of street lighting replacements.

In addition 23 Solar Photovoltaic systems across the County Council's corporate buildings deliver efficiency savings of £45,000 per year, and generate 450,000kWh of power annually.

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THE SECRET IS OUT...

Winchester is the best place to live in the UK in terms of quality of life, a study has found.

One key measure was Winchester's weekly earnings which were found to be 27% higher than the UK average, while crime, education, population densities and the weather were also taken into account.

The study found 96.6% of residents reported being in good or fairly good health, compared to a national average of 94.6%. Life expectancy rates were also higher than the national average.

Steve Brine said: "Seems the secret is out then. Of course those of us who live here know this to be true but I don't think we ever take it for granted. If this helps with investment into the city and spreading prosperity further across the area then it's good news.

"We should remember however, that Winchester has its challenges and pockets of relative poverty so nobody should see this as job done.



Winchester is also known nationally as Christmas City

COUNTY COUNCIL FUNDS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING CENTRES

Hampshire County Council is committing nearly £6million over the next five years to supporting the expansion and development of the county's network of community based mental health wellbeing centres.

The Wellbeing Centres are currently provided by voluntary sector organisations with mental health expertise and act as a 'one stop shop' with a menu of services covering employment and housing, as well as a range of support to help people with their physical health as well as their mental health. People can self refer or are referred by their local GP. The centres also support people with more serious mental health conditions, working in conjunction with the local County Council/NHS mental health team.

In a further boost for mental health provision, Steve Brine has backed new government measures to transform the way we approach and deal with how youngsters receive support and care, and there will be new support for every secondary school to increase awareness and help tackle the unacceptable stigma around the issue.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WINCHESTER??

The City Council has set out its priorities for the next 3 years: promoting the local economy; ensuring that all residents have access to quality housing; improving health and happiness; and protecting and improving the environment of Winchester. With all Government grants being stopped, the Council will deliver these outcomes by being more efficient and entrepreneurial.

The City Council has purchased the Garrison Ground from Tesco. The 14 acres of playing fields at Bar End will be used by the community for sports and leisure purposes. This is great news for Winchester, as it gives us more options for delivering excellent new leisure facilities, which should be finished by 2019.

Plans to double the number of Council homes being built by Winchester City Council over the next 3 years will be achieved by the Council taking a fundamentally different approach from many other councils. In addition to the 92 new homes being built now, more will be started this year, helping more people to afford to live in Winchester.

KNOWLEDGE PARK AMBITION

Business leaders and the City Council have joined the University of Winchester and Steve Brine to launch ambitious plans for a local knowledge park.



They aim to bring hundreds of high-skilled jobs to the Sir John Moore Barracks site which the MoD have confirmed will close in 2020.

Steve Brine said: "I hear time and again from business leaders that we have a serious lack of commercial space in the city so this land becoming available could tie up well with our long-stated ambition to foster high quality, well-paid, employment."

Steve Brine MP with Professor Joy Carter of the University of Winchester and Cllr Stephen Godfrey, recent leader of WCC

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

CAN YOU HELP US?

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Join the Conservative Party
- Vote by post
- Stand for Council

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FLY TIPPING INITIATIVE

Hampshire County Council recently hosted a workshop for landowners, the public sector and rural organisations to set a new vision for tackling fly tipping across Hampshire.

Cllr James Byrnes said "In the past year I have reported several instances of fly tipping locally. It is illegal and a blight on our environment. Fly tipping is a drain on public resources. Many domestic items are recycled free of charge at the local household waste recycling centres. Authorities will work together to agree a new tougher line on enforcement and send out a clear message that fly tipping will no longer be tolerated."



You can report fly tipping at any time via the Winchester City Council website: www.winchester.gov.uk/report or download the smart phone app.

SALT BINS REFILL

Following the bad weather at the beginning of the year, if a salt bin near you hasn't been replenished yet, you can order a refill online at:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting/usingsalt

Hampshire County Council has over 3,000 grit and/or salt bins around the county. Please remember that the salt in these bins is NOT for use on private driveways and paths.



THE STRONG LOCAL TEAM FOR ITCHEN VALLEY COUNTY DIVISION



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The Hampshire County Council Division of Itchen Valley covers the parishes of Bighton, Chilcomb, Headbourne Worthy, Itchen Stoke & Ovington, Itchen Valley, Kings Worthy, Micheldever, New Alresford, Northington, Old Alresford and Wonston.

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