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COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT**

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20 mph Review

Hampshire County Council have announced a review of the evidence for 20-mph zones in residential areas and this will be undertaken by the Environment, Transport and Economy Select Committee in early 2022. Hampshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be invited to take part.

NEWS

County Council back growing calls for fairer funding for local government

At their final meeting of 2021, on 7 December, members of Hampshire County Council's Cabinet will hear how the Authority is amongst a key cohort of lower-funded councils nationally, pressing Central Government to provide a fairer funding deal for local government

[County Council backs growing calls for fairer funding for local government | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Winchester Movement Strategy

Residents, commuters and businesses are being asked for their views on 10 priority schemes as part of the development of the Winchester Movement Strategy and invited to comment on the emerging local walking and cycling Infrastructure Plan

[Views to be sought on Winchester Movement Strategy proposals | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 offered to help communities reduce waste

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for community organisations and groups to help Hampshire's residents reduce waste and make items last longer as Hampshire County Council's Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund opens once again for applications.

[Grants of up to £5,000 offered to help communities reduce waste | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/grants-of-up-to-5000-offered-to-help-communities-reduce-waste)

Grants to tackle climate change

Hampshire County Council is offering grants to make community buildings more energy efficient as part of its commitment to combatting climate change. Measures that could be funded include solar panels, LED lighting, window replacements or insulation for buildings such as village halls and community centres

[Parish and Town Councils and Community Organisations invited to apply for grants to tackle climate change | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/parish-and-town-councils-and-community-organisations-invited-to-apply-for-grants-to-tackle-climate-change)

Government's Community Renewal Fund

As COP26 draws to a close, Hampshire County Council has welcomed news of a successful bid for over £205,000 from the Government's Community Renewal Fund, which will enable the Authority to expand its work with communities to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change

[County Council announces further funding for community climate change action | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/county-council-announces-further-funding-for-community-climate-change-action)

Support schemes for children eligible for free school meals

Funding of more than £0.5 million has been approved by Hampshire County Council to support schemes that will provide food and activities over the Christmas school holiday to children who are eligible for free school meals

[Over £0.5 million awarded for children's food and activity schemes this Christmas | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/over-0.5-million-awarded-for-childrens-food-and-activity-schemes-this-christmas)

COVID-19 new restrictions

With just under three weeks to go until Christmas, Hampshire County Council is urging residents to embrace the new rules brought in last week to help combat the spread of COVID-19. This follows the Government announcement of additional restrictions in response to the emergence of the new Omicron variant of the virus

[COVID-19 new restrictions – protecting our plans for Christmas | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/covid-19-new-restrictions-protecting-our-plans-for-christmas)

New Support for Hampshire's communities facing hardship

Hampshire families with children who are struggling to afford food and fuel will get extra help over the autumn and winter months thanks to the 'connect4communities' programme – led by Hampshire County Council

[New support for Hampshire's communities facing hardship | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/new-support-for-hampshire-s-communities-facing-hardship)

Winchester City Councillor Report

December 2021

1. Roads and speeding

Hampshire County Council have announced a review of the evidence for 20-mph zones in residential areas and this will be undertaken by the Environment, Transport and Economy Select Committee in early 2022. Hampshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be invited to take part.

Following a meeting between the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire County Council, the police are developing proposals for limited sections of average speed cameras on the A272 and the A32. HCC will work with them to implement this and is examining complementary signing to encourage considerate riding.

Statistics have been published by Hampshire Highways for September this year. In that month 301 emergencies were attended, 59,055 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced and 13,797 gullies and other drainage cleared. In addition, 9,912 square metres of footway were repaired or resurfaced and around 8,420 potholes were fixed.

2. Covid-19 guidance

At the time of writing, three cases of the new Omicron Covid variant have been confirmed in the Basingstoke district, including at a local school. It is expected that the number of cases across Hampshire will increase.

Simon Bryant, Hampshire County Council's Director of Public Health has reiterated that the council will encourage the public to adopt safe behaviours to prevent further spread. His advice is to "get vaccinated – first dose, second dose, booster. Wear a face covering on public transport, in shops and crowded places. If you have symptoms, then isolate immediately and get a PCR test.

"Ahead of social events, take a lateral flow test, meet outdoors if possible, or if indoors, open a window to let in fresh air. All of these individual actions can make a difference to help slow the spread of infection and help keep each other safe in the run-up to Christmas."

3. Winchester Movement Strategy

Residents, commuters and businesses are being asked what they think about 10 proposed transport and travel schemes that have been developed as part of the Winchester Movement Strategy, as well as comment on the emerging Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The proposals include a new park and ride site for the north side of the city, improvements to public spaces and for pedestrians, bus priority measures, high quality cycle routes into and across the city centre and reduced city centre parking. Whilst not directly impacting the rural areas outside the city, it will affect those visiting.

An online survey opened on Monday 6 December 2021 and people have until just before midnight on Friday 11 February 2022 to complete the questionnaire, which can be found on Hampshire County Council's pages: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/winchester-movement-strategy>

Those who do not have access to the internet can request a paper copy of the survey by calling 0300 555 1388.

The Winchester Movement Strategy (WMS) is the agreed transport strategy for the city of Winchester. It sets out a shared vision for the future of travel in the city and the long-term priorities for travel and transport improvements over the next 20-30 years, including a reduction in city centre traffic.

As well as asking for views on the 10 priority proposals during December 2021 and January 2022, the County Council is also seeking feedback on a LCWIP for the Winchester urban area which has been developed as a part of the Movement Strategy. An LCWIP covering the remainder of Winchester District is going to be developed during 2022. The results from these feedback surveys will be analysed and the findings set out in a report expected to be published during spring 2022.

For more information about the Winchester Movement Strategy visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies>.

4. WCC Local Plan update

Winchester City Council is in the course of preparing its new Local Plan. This doesn't cover the parts of the District within the South Downs National Park. However, parts of the Upper Meon Valley ward are within or adjoin affected areas.

As part of this process, the 2021 SHELAA and the 'Register of Green Sites' are due to be considered at Cabinet on Wednesday 8 December. The SHELAA is the Strategic Housing Economic Land Availability Assessment. It and the Register include sites that the council has been advised by developers and landowners could be potentially available for development. This information will inform how the council shapes the development strategy in the new Local Plan. It is important to note that the inclusion of a site does not mean that the council would necessarily seek to allocate the land for development or grant planning permission for its development. In order to assist with navigation of the SHELAA, which is a lengthy document, a table listing settlements against page numbers on the cabinet agenda has been included on page 43 of the supplementary agenda item <https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=2883&Ver=4>

And finally, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from us both.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby

MEETING REPORT: Broadband Update

DATE: 13 December

WRITTEN BY: Clerk

AGENDA ITEM: 145

The Parish Council started the process to get fibre broadband in the village last January where the team managed to sign up over 250 residents. This list was sent to OpenReach and the Department of Culture Sports and Media. Owslebury were not successful in the round in March and have had to wait until now to be successful in their bid. Unfortunately those in the postcode SO50 have not been allowed to be part of this bid. However the Chairman has taken this up with the local MP.

Residents have now been sent their vouchers and there has been a 75% take up but the Council need a 96% take up for the scheme to be successful or the Council will lose the funding. The team have been working hard to get residents to sign up. The residents have until 31/12/21 to sign up.

The Team have been working closely with OpenReach to make this happen and the Chairman would like to thank all that have helped to get it this far.

MEETING REPORT: Highways
DATE: 13 December
WRITTEN BY: Clerk
AGENDA ITEM: 147

I reported the saplings and vegetation on the Bank by the school to Hampshire Highways to cut them back. The response that I received is below. I suggest that the Parish Council either contact the School to ask them to cut the vegetation back or the Parish Council complete the works.

Highways Operation Centre

Fri, Dec 3,
10:48 AM

Dear Mrs. Madgwick,

Thank you for your enquiry.

Our local highways engineer has investigated and advised following their site visit, there is no major overgrowth of vegetation on the bank, and no highway sightlines are being hindered. The maintenance of the bank is believed to be the responsibility of the adjacent school except for a narrow utility strip adjacent to the road.

I appreciate that this will not be the response you were hoping for, but trust this clarifies the Council's position at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Highways Support Officer
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Hampshire County Council
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[@Hantshighways](#)

MEETING REPORT: Playground Inspections

DATE: 13 December

WRITTEN BY: Clerk

AGENDA ITEM: 149 (c)

Winchester City Council have sent round the following cost for the annual playground inspections for 2022.

Quotation for Independent Playground Inspections for Winchester City Council 2022 (CRM72111)

Winchester City Council have arranged for our annual play area inspection to take place in 2022 (date to be confirmed) by the play inspection company. This is the same company that we used last year and the cost is £46.50 per site. There are also optional extras which you may want to consider:

Optional Extras

To carry out Full DDA assessment @ £12.50 per site

To carry out Play Value assessment @ £12.50 per site

To carry out estimated life expectancy assessment @ £5.95 per site

Please can you let me know by the 1st January 2022 if you want to have any play areas inspected and if you require any optional extras.