

**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 5th September 2024 at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan	√		
Councillor Howard	√		
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis		√	
Councillor Mitchell (until 20:00)	√		
Councillor Rous		√	
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Borough Councillor Hasselman, County Councillor Drew, John Barlow - AACLT & no members of the public.

240901	<p>To receive Chairman’s opening remarks. Councillor Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded. Councillor Jordan congratulated Councillor Heather for being awarded the Basil Hibbert cup.</p>
240902	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Councillor Wallis & Councillor Rous.</p>
240903	<p>To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda. Councillor Jordan declared in interest in agenda items 240915.01 and 240915.02.</p>
240904	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2024. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st August were signed as a correct record of the meetings. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
240905	<p>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Councillor Heather updated the meeting with regards to the Highways and Public Footpath division - Hampshire Highways have repaired potholes along Cattle Lane but drain cleaning is currently outstanding.</p> <p>Councillor Mitchell advised that she is working on wellbeing actions and will provide an update in October.</p> <p>Councillor Howard reviewed the action list.</p> <p>County Councillor Hasselmann provided an overview of her report.</p> <p>Borough Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.</p>
240906	<p>To receive a deliverability assessment report of the Abbots Ann Community Land Trust project. John Barlow provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The option agreement between the vendor and purchaser is ongoing with negotiations being discussed. - The Housing Needs Survey (HNS) conducted by Test Valley Borough Council results have been received which were largely encouraging. In result of survey, the developer needs to complete the final proposal. The final proposal will see the houses still aiming to be passive. Therefore, an amended housing scheme will be produced in due course. A further community consultation will be required as per COM9. <p>In terms of deadlines, the following are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amended scheme design Nov 2024 - Option agreement to be signed December. - Planning application January 2025.

	Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust are aware that previously advised time limits have slipped and continue to do so but all parties are working hard. Any progress will be report to the Parish Council.																																
240907	<p>To note progress with regards to the new Clubhouse.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan thanked Councillors for their initial feedback on the initial Clubhouse proposal from Luke Rose. A meeting is due to take place on the 17th September to discuss feedback and reiterate project requirements. An updated report from the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be provided at the October meeting.</p>																																
240908	<p>To consider \$106 spend on play equipment at Bulbery.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Councillor Mitchell would research play area and fitness trail equipment and provide a report to Council.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																
240909	<p>To approve the insurance renewal with Clear Insurance at a cost of £1143.38.</p> <p>It was AGREED to approve the insurance renewal with Clear Insurance at a cost of £1143.38.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Howard.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																
240910	<p>To confirm the Parish Council's position with regards to the 2024 Fireworks display.</p> <p>The Parish Council clarified that they are willing to support the Fireworks event by making relevant facilities available but that the event was not one that the Parish Council could cancel as representation has never been made in any form. Unfortunately, the Parish Council does not have the resources to adopt the event.</p> <p>The Parish Council offer a massive vote of thanks to the previous committee to have run an outstanding event for a number of years.</p>																																
240911	<p>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.</p> <p>The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance at 31st August 2024 being £69,515.51. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.</p>																																
240912	<p>To approve the requests for payments for September.</p> <p>The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="252 1227 1295 1547"> <thead> <tr> <th>TO</th> <th>FOR</th> <th>INVOICE NO</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>September</td> <td>£1,147.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>August</td> <td>£22.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Wallis</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> <td>£5.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>Inv 20200</td> <td>£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One Two Tree</td> <td>Limb Removal at St Mary's Church</td> <td>Inv-1180</td> <td>£180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Viking</td> <td>Stationery</td> <td>4677400</td> <td>£38.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£2,247.43</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	September	£1,147.51	Staff	Expenses	August	£22.96	Councillor Wallis	Expenses		£5.99	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance	Inv 20200	£852.67	One Two Tree	Limb Removal at St Mary's Church	Inv-1180	£180.00	Viking	Stationery	4677400	£38.30				£2,247.43
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240913	<p>To complete a mid-year budgetary review.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan addressed the meeting and provided an overview of the budget and the earmarked reserves. The budget is working well, at mid-point position showing no need to increase the precept next year other than to match inflation.</p>																																
240914	<p>To agree Vision ICT as the host for the abbottsann-pc.gov.uk domain at a cost of £65.00 for two years and a £40.00 one off administration fee.</p> <p>It was AGREED to accept Vision ICT as the domain host at a cost of £65.00 for two years and a £40.00 one off administration fee.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																
240915	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p>																																
240915.01	<p>Councillor Howard chaired the meeting for items 240915.01 & 240915.02</p> <p>24/01761/FULLN</p> <p>Increase of East chimney height with a new clay pot; new canopy on brackets to the west door, replace West door concrete paving with brick and new PV slate tile to the garage building.</p> <p>Lupin Cottage, 40 Duck Street, Abbotts Ann, Andover.</p>																																

	<p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application subject to applicant answering Test Valley Borough Council Conservation comments.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>This motion was passed of a vote of 2 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.</p>
240915.02	<p>24/01762/LBWN</p> <p>Increase of East chimney height with a new clay pot; new canopy on brackets to the West door; replace West door concrete paving with brick and new PV slate tile to the garage building.</p> <p>Lupin Cottage, 40 Duck Street, Abbots Ann, Andover.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application subject to applicant answering Test Valley Borough Council Conservation comments.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>This motion was passed of a vote of 2 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.</p>
240915.03	<p>Councillor Jordan Chaired the meeting</p> <p>24/01878/TREEN</p> <p>T1-T3 - Leylandia - Reduce height by up to 6m, T4 - Conifer – Fell.</p> <p>Lane House, Dunkirt Lane, Abbots Ann.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
240916	<p>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 3rd October.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 3rd October.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:21.

APPENDIX A

Reports for September Meeting

Sports and Recreation Update August 2024

Sports Field

The senior football pitch has been well used this month for training and friendlies. We have had teams from New Street Robins (under 14s), New Street Girls, Anton FC and a team from Shipton Bellinger.

The New Street Robins are particularly keen to use our pitch regularly and have already paid for their first seven matches. As they play on Saturdays they will not clash with Anton FC who play on Sundays. I have done a deal with them whereby they will re-do the white lines, do any pitch repairs and also any pavilion repairs, in exchange for free twice weekly pre-season training sessions. We would normally charge £10 for a training session.

The car park has also been used by a walking group and for attendees of a private party in Webbs Lane

Pavilion

The pavilion has been used by Ian Oldacre's Uke@Heart group, the WI and the CLT

Fundraising

No news

Cllr. Chris Wallis

Environmental Portfolio Report for August 2024

Footpaths

Another round of footpaths trimming completed including a new path Old Coach Road. New finger signposts have been installed at each end of the new footpath, unfortunately the signpost at the Duck Street end has had its finger sign broken off and replaced with a homemade finger saying Restricted Path (in felt pen), not Restricted Byway as on the original finger, all a bit of a mystery!!! I have reported it to Hampshire Countryside Service.

The tree issue on the Bulbery Estate footpath has been resolved by Aster Company who have agreed to remove the tree.

I have started installing Dog Poo signs (see attached photo) on eight footpaths where we are finding dog poo issues.

Sewage

No issues in August of sewage spills, ground water levels still falling (see attached chart).

Southern Water have built a new maintenance sewer chamber at Manor Farm, which is one metre high above ground level (see attached photo) which will hopefully overcome any sewer spillage down into our village.

Highways and Public Footpaths

Still no feed back when they will come and clean out the blocked road drains in our village or repair three potholes in Cattle Lane.

River Watch

Pillhill Brook section in our area is all okay, August monthly monitoring report to follow in the next few days.



Councillor John Heather

Monthly GW levels (m AOD or Above Sea Level)

Week	Amport Rainfall (mm)	Clanville Gate* (101.55 AOD)	Change	High View Kimpton	Change	Stanbury Road (76.63 m AOD)	Change	Mullens Pond (69.35 m AOD)	Change	Monxton (62.52 m AOD)	Change
6/1/23	22.0	81.07	↑	82.71	↑	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/2/23	88	85.55	↑	85.30	↑	76.11	-	69.03	-	61.80	-
3/3/23	6.2	85.45	↓	84.88	↓	76.04	↓	68.96	↓	61.68	↓
7/4/23	97.0	86.31	↑	85.75	↑	76.11	↑	69.06	↑	61.74	↑
5/5/23	59.2	86.87	↑	85.88	↑	76.14	↑	69.07	↑	61.81	↑
2/6/23	33.0	86.97	↑	85.50	↓	76.14	=	69.02	↓	61.75	↓
7/7/23	42.3	85.46	↓	84.00	↓	76.10	↓	68.93	↓	61.60	↓
4/8/23	135	84.58	↓	83.50	↓	76.05	↓	68.89	↓	61.57	↓
1/9/23	40	83.66	↓	83.83	↑	76.00	↓	68.87	↓	61.56	↑
6/10/23	90.5	82.68	↓	82.73	↓	75.94	↓	-	-	61.65	↑
3/11/23	212.8	84.27		83.85	↑	76.21		-	-	61.94	
1/12/23	84.0	86.77	↑	86.00	↑	76.22	↑	-	-	61.92	↓
5/1/24	190	90.03	↑	87.25	↑	76.34	↑	-	-	61.98	↑
								Haydown Fm (75.4 m AOD)			
2/2/24	42	90.68	↓	86.88	↓	76.33	↑	74.12	↓	61.89	↓
1/3/23	128	91.05	↑	87.21	↑	76.33	↑	74.13	↑	61.94	↑
5/4/24	149.2	91.33	↑	87.40	↑	76.36	↑	74.19	↑	62.00	↑
3/5/24	50.5	90.59	↓	86.83	↓	76.27	↓	74.10	↓	61.91	↓
7/6/24	49.5	88.74	↓	86.03	↓	76.16	↓	73.80	↓	61.75	↓
5/7/24	16.8	87.03	↓	84.92	↓	76.09	↓	73.56	↓	61.67	↓
2/8/24	2.0	85.58	↓	84.01	↓	76.03	↓	73.40	↓	61.52	↓
9/8/24	7.0	85.20	↓	83.84	↓	76.01	↓	73.35	↓	61.50	↓
16/8/24	5.1	84.82	↓	83.60	↓	75.99	↓	73.33	↓	61.48	↓
23/8/24	3.5	84.44	↓	83.35	↓	75.96	↓	73.28	↓	61.44	↓
30/8/24	17.0	84.08	↓	83.12	↓	75.94	↓	73.27	↓	61.35	↓

* Borehole used by SW as an indicator for start of major groundwater infiltration

Notes:

1. Levels rose above 84 m trigger point 16 Jan 2023 & fell below 84 m 25 Aug 2023.

2. Row highlighted in green indicates catchment trigger points - when tankers were removed (on 24/08/23 in 2023; on 24/04/24 in 2024)

3. Levels bounded by red indicate when their individual trigger point were exceeded

4. Row highlighted in red indicates catchment trigger points - when tankers reinstated (on 3/11/23 in 2023)

5. More local borehole at High View, Kimpton added to table 17 Nov 2023 & levels for 2023 added retrospectively for comparison with Clanville Gate

6. Haydown Fm borehole substituted for Mullens Pond whilst out of action 25/1/24

AUGUST RESULTS

| Water Quality | Kick Sampling | Groundwater |

Water Quality

The chemicals we check continue to be within acceptable parameters. The slightly elevated phosphate and nitrate at Amport Trout Fisheries is believed to be due to upstream cattle activity.

Kick Sampling

Hatching of larger cased caddis has caused a noticeable decline in their numbers this month. Amazing animals, they hatch into sedge flies (see top of page 2). Volunteers are still pleased to be finding small numbers of stoneflies as this species is particularly sensitive to pollution.

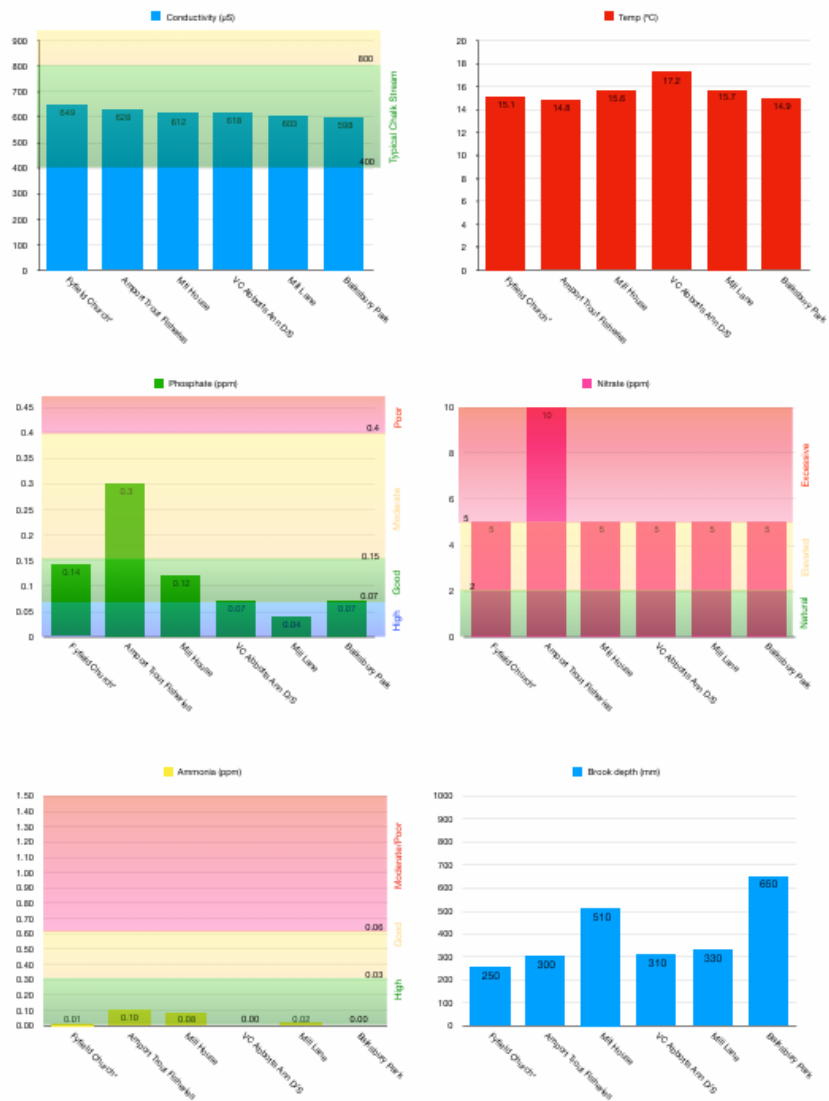
Groundwater

Levels continue to fall and dropped below the EA flooding trigger point of 84 m at Clanville Gate on 1 Sept. Although the rate of fall is slower in the Pillhill valley the Thruxton winterbourne ceased flowing on 19 August. With heavy rain and unsettled weather forecast over the next few weeks it will be interesting to see if this winterbourne is reactivated.

Water Quality Results for August 2024

Site	Conductivity (µS)	Temp (°C)	Phosphate (ppm)	Nitrate (ppm)	Ammonia (ppm)	Brook depth (mm)
Fyfield Church*	649	15.1	0.14	5	0.01	250
Amport Trout Fisheries	628	14.8	0.3	10	0.10	300
Mill House	612	15.6	0.12	5	0.08	510
VC Abbotts Ann D/S	618	17.2	0.07	5	0.00	310
Mill Lane	603	15.7	0.04	5	0.02	330
Balsbury Park	598	14.9	0.07	5	0.00	650

* cows in sampling field so moved 50m south into next field to avoid

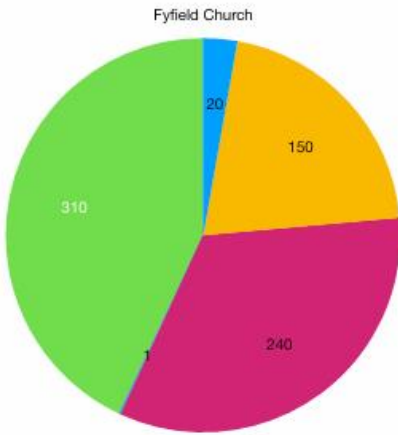




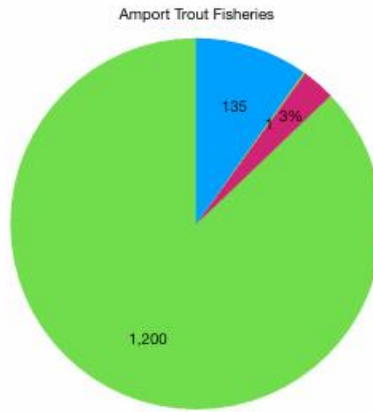
Invertebrate Counts for August 2024

Invertebrate Score	Fyfield Church	Amport Trout Fisheries	Mill House	VC Abbotts Ann D/S	Mill Lane	Balksbury Park
Caseid Caddis	20	135	84	4	26	25
Caseless Caddis	0	1	1	2	0	1
Mayfly (Ephemeroidea)	0	0	3	1	2	4
Blue-winged Olive (Ephemeroidea)	150	1	21	50	2	5
Flat-bodied Stone clinger (Heptageniidae)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olive (Baetidae)	240	40	254	450	14	400
Stoneflies (Plecoptera)	1	0	0	0	0	5
Freshwater shrimp (Gammaridae)	310	1200	38	100	150	400

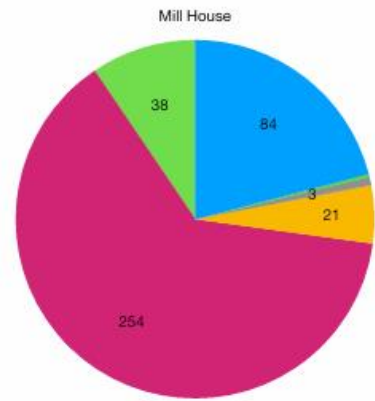
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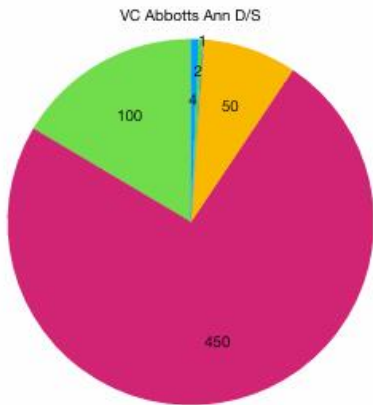
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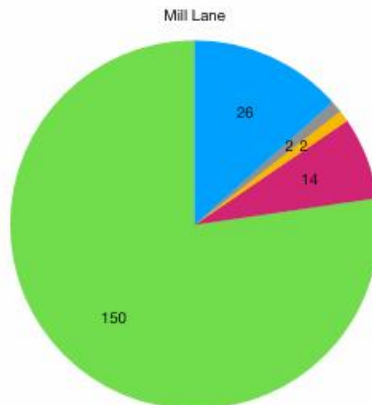
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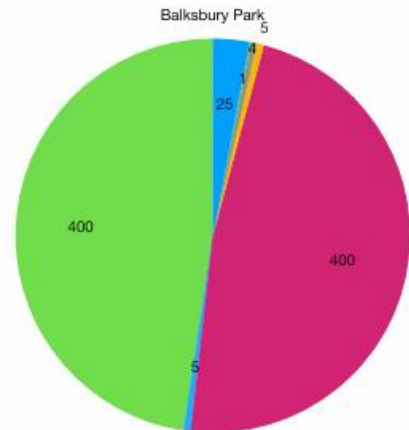
ARMI Score 11/Trigger Level 5



ARMI Score 11/Trigger Level 6.5



ARMI Score 9/Trigger Level 7



ARMI Score 12/Trigger Level 7

1. RMI monitors count the number of riverflies they find in eight key groups. From these numbers, an **ARMI score** is generated for that sample. Each site has a **trigger level**, decided by the ecology contact from the statutory agency, which shows the minimum ARMI score that samples at that site should have if the river is in acceptable ecological health. If the ARMI score of a sample is lower than the trigger level for that site, the monitor would then take a second sample to confirm the trigger level breach. Once confirmed, the statutory agency is informed.

Borough Councillor Report
Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann
September 2024

Housing Targets in Test Valley

The Government has recently proposed reforms to the National Planning and Policy Framework which includes changes to the standard method for calculating local housing need. The new calculation would mean a 75% increase in the housing figure from 524 to 921 homes per year for the Test Valley. The Council is working hard to respond to the consultation and making representation to Government relating to the challenges this revised housing figure would represent, as well as asking for clarification in relation to the current Local Plan process.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Unveiling

The Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Ian Jeffrey, will be unveiling a new artwork of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Town Mills Riverside Park, Andover, at 3.45pm on Friday 27 September 2024.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mr Nigel Atkinson Esq, will also be in attendance for this special occasion.

Amy Goodman, resident artist at Project Workshops in Quarley (Anna Ward), was commissioned by Test Valley Borough Council to create two statues of the late Queen, one for Romsey and one for Andover. For the Andover statue, Amy drew inspiration from locals to depict the Queen's military links as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, reflecting Andover's close links with the Army. She ran several workshops for the community to include their memories of the late queen and her visit to the town in 1993.

New Local Nature Reserves

Ladies Walk (Andover) and Abbotswood Nature Reserve (Romsey) have recently been designated as Local Nature Reserves. This is a national recognition of the value of these special sites for both wildlife and people. Ladies Walk is located on the south eastern edge of Andover and to the north east of Anna ward - between the entrance at Old Winton Road and Micheldever Road.

Established in 1785 and steeped in history, this path was originally part of the ancient Mark Way, with its trees planted in 1863 to commemorate the wedding of the future King Edward VII. The site features sloping grasslands and ancient fields, now managed to enhance its nature conservation value under the guidance of Natural England. With restored chalk grasslands and sweeping views across Andover, Ladies Walk offers a blend of natural beauty and historical significance.

Pick up after your Pooch



For international dog day in August Test Valley Borough Council conducted a survey at Bury Hill after several complaints about dog waste. The flags in the pictures show the number of faeces at the Bury Hill site. We would remind users of the site to use the dog bins provided.

Apart from being smelly and unattractive, and something that no one wants to have to clean off their shoes, it can also have implications for the environment and for our health. Dog poo can carry lots of different bacteria E. Coli, Salmonella, and parvovirus as well as roundworm eggs, which can cause blindness in children. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Child Benefit Extension

If your teen is staying in education or training, you'll need to extend your Child Benefit claim.

Don't miss out on up to £1,331 next year – let HMRC know online or in the HMRC app today.

Go to <https://ow.ly/VPv550SwWCS>

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Update from Hampshire County Council – September 2024

Tap into solar power to save on bills and tackle climate change

An opportunity for Hampshire residents to benefit from competitively priced, high-quality solar panel installation and save on future energy bills is once again available through the 2024 Solar Together scheme



The solar energy group-buying scheme, offered by independent experts iChoosr and promoted by Hampshire County Council, enables residents to invest in solar panels for their homes, fitted by pre-vetted installers, to reduce reliance on the national grid and lower their energy bills, as well as boost local renewable energy generation.

Through Solar Together, over 28,400 solar panels have already been installed in Hampshire – it is estimated that these installations alone will reduce carbon emissions by 59,205 tonnes over 25 years – equivalent to taking over 32,600 cars off the road during the same period.

Those interested need to register online at www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether by 18 October for a free and without obligation quote.

Participants who register will receive a complimentary quote that demonstrates their potential savings on energy bills through solar panel installation. They can also learn about the opportunity to earn extra income by selling excess energy to the National Grid. Additionally, participants have the flexibility to choose to include battery storage or electric vehicle charge points at the time of registration or when they accept their offer.

To participate in the Solar Together scheme, residents need to own the property or have permission from the property owner to install a solar system on the roof. Small- and medium-sized businesses and Commonhold Associations that meet these requirements can also participate.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240819SolarTogether>

Make attendance top of the 'back to school' checklist for 2024/25

Hampshire County Council is renewing its call for parents and carers to prioritise regular school attendance in the new academic year

Rates of school attendance have continued to improve in Hampshire but as with other local authority areas across the country, they remain below the levels typically seen before the Covid-19 pandemic. Latest figures show that 93.4 per cent of all possible sessions, recorded at daily registers in both the morning and afternoon, were attended by Hampshire pupils in the 2023/24 school year. This is compared to 95.5 per cent in 2018/19, the last full school year before the Covid-19 pandemic. Promisingly however, Hampshire has maintained its historic trend above the national school attendance rate, which was 92.8 per cent in 2023/24.

Educational specialists advise that attending school every day, unless unwell, is best for children to ensure that the solid foundations for their future education and employment can be laid. It is also one of the best ways of supporting a child's mental and physical health.

The [County Council's website](#) provides advice and guidance on school attendance including parental responsibilities; how schools record attendance; and what to do if a child is unwell or expected to be away from school for a long period of time.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240827schoolattendance>

£1.5m boost for people led climate change action

Lower energy bills could be enjoyed by more people in the future as more communities are given the ability to lead the charge on climate change through greener, more efficient energy initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions and, in turn, lower costs

Thanks to £1.5 million National Lottery funding, Community Energy South, supported by Hampshire County Council, is set to expand its staff and volunteer numbers so that it can train and mentor a larger number of community groups, including providing expertise in human resources (HR) and marketing, so that community projects can get up and running more quickly.

The funding will boost employment and skills related training opportunities. Nicola Davidson, from Community Energy South said: "Most of the groups we work with have done amazing things with a small core team of volunteers. But it's hard to grow projects and impact from volunteer time only. This funding will create 33 jobs across 11 community energy groups, bring on 100 volunteers and provide up to 50,000 people with energy saving advice. We will also see the creation of more renewable generation projects that are community owned, with the increased energy generated helping to reduce the overall demand for electricity from the carbon intensive national grid."

More information:-

Community energy includes a variety of initiatives including community heating schemes, domestic energy advice and group purchasing schemes – schemes which enable householders to benefit from the most competitive pricing for green energy in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240807CommEnergyLotteryAward>

David Drew
Test Valley Central Division, HCC

A short piece from Nick Adams-King, Leader of HCC, about the challenges faced by the increased new-build housing numbers.

There is currently a real risk that future housing development across Hampshire could occur without the much-needed improvement to roads, schools and health facilities alongside it.

Here's why: as leader of Hampshire County Council, I'm often asked about two things above all else – the condition of our roads and the provision of infrastructure to support new development.

Recently the two topics have collided with the announcement by Angela Rayner of new housing targets for local councils.

In Hampshire housing targets are allocated to the districts and borough councils, but it remains the job of the county council to deliver much of the infrastructure needed for them; new roads, new schools, additional social care places, open spaces in which the new inhabitants can enjoy their leisure time.

Across the county each of the districts and boroughs has seen their target increase considerably.

For example, in Test Valley by 75 per cent, to 921 new homes each year; Winchester by 60 per cent to 1,099 homes per year and in New Forest the target has doubled to 1,465 new homes to be built each year.

I'm all in favour of new housing. As a father of two teenagers, I want them to be given the same opportunities as previous generations to access the housing ladder or have access to affordable homes, but new homes must be built in the right place, preserving local gaps; planned in consultation with local people; and crucially include high levels of local infrastructure; new and better roads, improved and new schools, new leisure services and improved access to healthcare.

This latter point is where the county council becomes involved. It is our job to deliver that local infrastructure, paid for by developers through 'Section 106' legal agreements. That funding is at risk as a result of the increased housing targets.

The councils responsible for delivering the housing are obliged to show a five-year housing land supply. This means they need to show they have a plan to deliver the next five years of housing meeting the Government's target. So if their target is suddenly increased then they are unlikely to be able to meet it immediately.

Where the housing targets are not immediately met through councils identifying sites for new homes, developers can use that lack of supply as a reason to make speculative applications on sites that have not been approved by the district or borough council. When that happens, as the sites are not those already approved for development, it is likely any approval will come through a planning appeal, after local planning committees have rejected them.

In cases where planning permission is granted at appeal it's often the case that less, or no, S106 funding is attached to the approval.

That results in the county council having to meet the impact of those new developments through its own funds. This is where potholes are affected; when we are spending money on having to deliver new infrastructure to support development, we are unable to spend it on repairing our roads.

The situation is worrying and frustrating. That's why I'm backing the calls from Hampshire's district and borough councils for a delay to the implementation of the new housing targets. They need to be given time to develop proposals for new housing in a managed and properly planned way. In doing so we can also properly plan for the new infrastructure which will be needed and the increased traffic thousands of new homes will cause.

The consequences are otherwise dire for us all.

APPENDIX B

Date: 02/09/2024

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Time: 10:00

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/08/2024
for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account**

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/08/2024		69,515.51
			<u>69,515.51</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			69,515.51
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			69,515.51
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	69,515.51
		Difference is :-	0.00