

#### Item 4. County and District Councillors Reports

##### County Cllr. Edwards Heron

**Facts and Figures** Hampshire's population is **1,376,300** (2018) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains **5400** miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, **481** schools, **45** libraries, **3 Discovery Centres** and **1 e-library**, **16 care homes with 960 beds for older people**, **9 residential homes for children and young people**, **24 Household Waste Centres** and **5 Country Parks**. Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes.

**Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19)** Hampshire County Council continues to play a significant role supporting vulnerable residents and providing local guidance and information. To date over **32 million people** in the UK have received their first dose of vaccine.

##### **HCC approves £2.1 billion spending on local services in 2021/22**

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work associated with the **pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.**

The budget includes **£13 million** for the maintenance of 5,500 miles of roads and an extra £1.2 million in carbon reduction measures across the County Council. **HCC's four-year capital programme of £744 million is one of the largest in the country.**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25022021HCCbudgetdecisionFeb2021>

The proposed capital programme includes: • **£68 million** in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • **£118 million** for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • **£91 million** for integrated transport schemes including over **£18 million** specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • £141 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years • **£33 million** for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls.

**Climate Change** Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

##### **HCC Election Results**

I was so pleased to be re-elected as your Hampshire County Councillor. The Council remains in Conservative control with 56 Conservative, 17 Liberal Democrat, 3 Labour and 2 Independent/Other Councillors. More information and a full breakdown of the results can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/electionsandvoting>

##### **Surgeries**

I will be holding regular virtual surgeries (using Zoom) on the last Friday of each month for residents to discuss any issues or raise any concerns they may have with me. To book a slot I would be grateful if residents could email me ([edward.heron@hants.gov.uk](mailto:edward.heron@hants.gov.uk)) no later than 5pm on the preceding Monday. They will need to provide their postal address as I only offer these appointment to residents of the Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge Division.

For residents who are unable to make use of a virtual surgery appointment I am happy to arrange a telephone or in-person meeting. This can either be arranged by email or by telephoning 07738 289889.

## Newsletter

I will be producing a regular e-Newsletter. To join the emailing list please visit [www.cllredawrdheron.com](http://www.cllredawrdheron.com)

## Pharmacy Test and Collect

Hampshire residents without symptoms can access free supervised testing, or collect kits to self-test at home, from participating pharmacies across the county.

In Hampshire, over 200 pharmacies are providing the national collect scheme and over 40 of these pharmacies will also be offering on-site supervised lateral flow testing.

Hampshire's [symptomatic testing sites](#) will continue to offer test kit collection for people without symptoms **from 2.30pm to 8pm**, alongside the pharmacy scheme.

**Lateral flow testing and the test kit collection scheme are for people without symptoms. Anyone with [symptoms of coronavirus](#) must [book a PCR test](#) or call 119.**

## Collecting kits from a pharmacy for testing at home:

- Anyone over the age of 18 can collect test kits from participating pharmacies for themselves and their families to use at home.
- You can collect 1 pack per person of 7 lateral flow device tests.
- There is no need to book an appointment.
- Testing should be done twice a week. **It is important to record the result.**

## Hampshire County Council Farms

Hampshire County Council has a 1,900-hectare farm estate. Holdings range from 1.8 hectares (4.45 acres) to 114 hectares (282 acres). These provide an affordable first step on the farming ladder for aspiring farmers and makes a significant contribution to the rural economy.

The council's farm estate features a range of units that support dairy, arable, horticultural and livestock businesses including our very own local Jersey herd farm shop based at Attwood's Drove, Compton.

## Ticks and Lyme Disease

As spring approaches and more people are outdoors Hampshire residents are urged to be 'tick aware' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information is available here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

## Book your Spring Recycling Slot

The HWRC booking system offers more than 50,000 booking slots each week sites are now open for longer: 9am – 6pm every day during the summer months.

A wide range of household items can be taken to one of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs for recycling or disposal and information about what can and cannot be deposited can be found online <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres>

## To make a booking

Bookings can be made online at [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) or by telephone **0300 555 1389**.

## Cancellation

Anyone who is unable to make their booking for whatever reason is asked to please use the link in the confirmation e-mail to cancel it, so it may be made available to another resident. Bookings can also be amended, in this way, to another time if needed.

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**District Cllr. Diane Andrews**

No written report received

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**District Cllr. Joe Reilly**

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**District Cllr. Derek Tipp**

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