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Have your say on the future of local government across the Hampshire and Solent area

A public consultation has been launched by central Government on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Hampshire and the Solent area – a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help shape how council services are delivered in the future.
Central Government wants to simplify local government structures nationally by replacing the current two-tier system, where responsibilities are split between county councils and district or borough councils, with fewer, new single-tier unitary councils.
The consultation closes on 11 January 2026 - have your say here

Have your say on council reorganisation in Hampshire

Supporting those who need it most

Food banks, community pantries, and help with the cost of living

As we move into colder months we're sharing information on food banks, pantries and other support available in East Hampshire.

Food banks and community pantries

Food banks are run by community organisations, they provide emergency food and support to people who cannot afford it. Typically, they offer three days' worth of food and may also provide essential toiletries and often wider support services like debt counselling.

Community pantries offer groceries at a lower cost than supermarkets or shops, providing a range of fresh, frozen and general foods which can change from week to week. Pantries often work with local food businesses which also helps to reduce food waste.

Community pantries usually run as a membership scheme for those who need it most. A small weekly contribution allows you to receive food at a significantly reduced cost.

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Food banks and community pantries in the district

Cost of living support

If you are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other household essentials, help could be available

If you need help with money pressures, there are different schemes that could help support your household finances.
Visit our website for information on how and where to get help with housing, money and debt, food and more.

Cost of living support

Save energy in your home

With temperatures dropping and the cost of bills increasing, now is the time to make smarter energy choices in your home!

Did you know that heating and hot water makes-up over half of what you spend on your energy bills? Small changes could make your home cheaper to run and make a big difference to both your bills and the environment.

Try these three simple energy saving tips which could save you around £100 a year

Reduce your combi boiler flow temperature to 60C

Most boilers are set too high – lowering the flow temperature can make yours more efficient and cut your bills.

Step-by-step guidance from Nesta

Find and fix unwanted draughts around the home

Draughts come into your house through gaps and cracks. Have a good look for gaps around windows, doors, pipes and floors that are letting in too much external air. This is where draught proofing can help.

Be careful not to seal essential ventilation like extractor fans or airbricks.

Draught proofing advice – Energy Saving Trust

Turn radiators down in rooms you're not using

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Lowering the settings in rooms you're not using much can save energy and help your boiler run more efficiently. Turning them off completely can actually increase risk of damp and mould.

Take control with heating your home – Energy Saving Trust
If you're over 65, have health conditions, or have children under five years old, take extra care to make sure your home stays warm enough.

Find out more energy saving advice and how to reduce your bills

Rough sleeping – how you can help

As temperatures drop, we are making sure homeless people in East Hampshire have the support and assistance they need to keep them safe during the coldest periods.

We are working with the local homeless charity **Two Saints** on our 'Winter Plan' – to increase outreach services, provide essential health and welfare support, and to provide emergency accommodation, to those experiencing homelessness.
Two Saints support rough sleepers all year round, but this plan has been drafted to ensure no one has to sleep rough in freezing temperatures.

Find out more, and how you can help

Help someone sleeping rough

We want to identify individuals who are sleeping rough and engage them in activities that keep them safe. If you know of a rough sleeper in your neighbourhood, you can let us know through Streetlink.

Streetlink

Impressive uplift in bin collections

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We've delivered on our pledge to improve our bin collection service

EHDC Leader Cllr Richard Millard has welcomed significant increases in the reliability and efficiency of our bin collection service over the last two years.

Actions taken by our waste collection team and service provider Norse SE, has delivered massive improvements – slashing the number of uncollected bins reported by residents, and putting the service back on track for industry standards.

Waste collection is one of the fundamental services a district council provides, we now have a service to be proud of and one that stands up well in comparison to any other waste collection service in the region.

Every month the waste collection crews empty more than 400,000 bins of varying types across the district.

Find out how we've improved our bin collection service

Please wait patiently around bin lorries

We'd like to remind all drivers to wait patiently if you find yourself behind one of our bin lorries

Figures show that around 2,500 people each year are hit by vehicles driving on pavements, and it's estimated that the waste industry suffers thousands of near-miss incidents a month.

The footage in this eye-opening video is shocking and highlights the sort of dangerous risks that some impatient people are prepared to take.

We take responsibility for keeping our crews safe and will take firm action if incidents like these occur. Our vehicles have CCTV on board that will capture dangerous driving, which will be reported and investigated by the police.

Thank you for waiting patiently.

Find out more and watch our video

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Spread some Christmas cheer

Sign up to play the East Hampshire Community Lottery and support a good cause today

Not only will you be in with a chance of winning weekly cash prizes of up to £25,000, **enter before Saturday 20 December** and you'll go into the national **Festive Super Draw** where one lucky winner will scoop a whopping £3,000 Christmas cash bonus!

The spirit of giving is upon us, so don't miss out on this festive opportunity to help fund local good causes and the fantastic work they do.

Play the community lottery today

Renew your right to vote by post!

Postal voters must re-register before the end of January. Don't leave it till the last minute!

We've already contacted residents in East Hampshire who signed-up for their postal vote before 31 October 2023 to remind them to renew it. Anyone who doesn't renew will be removed from the postal vote list on 31 January 2026.

Find out more and renew your postal vote

and finally...

There was something for everyone, back in Summer 1992

Re-running our series of early-edition 'Partners' magazine continues, as we take you back to the much anticipated grand opening of the Taro Leisure Centre in Petersfield.

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Partners, our former printed council magazine, was delivered twice a year to every address in the district in the 90s, up to 2020 – informing our residents and businesses about council services and activities around the district.

Can you spot why the leisure centre was named the Taro? Who knew!

Here is issue seven for you to enjoy. Let us know how much you remember!

Partners magazine – Issue 4 Summer 1992