

Update from Hampshire County Council

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) no later than 5pm on the preceding Monday. They will need to provide their postal address as I only offer these appointments 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.cllredwardheron.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 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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