

ABOUT WINCHESTER

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AUTUMN 2021

FIGHTING FIT AT WINCHESTER SPORT & LEISURE PARK

Since the doors opened in May, we've made over 100,000 visits to Winchester Sport & Leisure Park. Move over home routines – our district has dived right in, and we're loving it.

In fact, so many of us are booking exercise classes with friends in the state-of-the-art facilities, the centre has already added an additional 12 weekly classes to cope with demand...

It's fair to say, your sights are set on maintaining a healthy lifestyle as the world looks to recover from the pandemic. And we've got the message - see pages 4, 5, 20, 21 and 24 for more.

MEADOWSIDE MAKEOVER:

FIND OUT HOW THE SOUTH OF THE DISTRICT IS BENEFITTING FROM SOME FITNESS FACILITY TLC

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A MESSAGE FROM ...

LUCILLE THOMPSON

LEADER OF
WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

This summer I was invited to the House of Lords to give evidence in an inquiry designed to gain insight into the way local authorities were coping with the demands of recovery as we look to the future in a post-lockdown Winchester.

This was a privilege – only four council Leaders were approached and I was accompanied by the Leaders of Bradford, Yarmouth and the Highland councils - all our organisations have been going 'above and beyond' in our response to the pandemic and its aftermath. Quizzed on our long-term plans for future development, I was able to explain how our Local Plan was being developed in close consultation with local communities, with a focus on building sustainably. Our open spaces, maintained throughout the pandemic, were a key part of the council's commitment to keeping you safe as possible while still being able to enjoy your surroundings, and our focus on recovery meant our relationship with the business community across our district has never been stronger.

We all enjoyed the benefits of fewer cars on our roads, and the increased emphasis on walking and cycling is something that we want to build on. We declared a climate emergency in 2019, and we held the first of our Open Forums on this last month. Watch this space for more events like this! It's been a testing 18 months, but your council remains as committed to your priorities as ever before.



Lucille Thompson

LAURA TAYLOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF
WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Autumn often heralds new beginnings. This summer many of us managed much needed reunions with friends and family, and we're now cautiously returning to a slightly more familiar routine. For many of us this includes a welcome return to school or further education and getting back to work (if not always at the workplace).

Our district is already showing signs of recovery and the increase in footfall in our high streets is outstripping many other areas in the South East – testament of course to community loyalty to supporting local businesses. One fantastic example of this is Robert Shields CBE, who has received the council's Millennium Egg Award in the Winchester Business Awards for all he has done for Bishop's Waltham.

After 18 months of co-ordinating vital COVID-19 response work, your council is focussing on supporting our businesses to recover. If you work in the Winchester district your business may be able to access direct help (including a free online selling platform; access to recovery grants and information bulletins). Find out more on pages 8 and 9.

At the heart of all we do is you, our customers, and we continue to provide essential services to make sure the district is a wonderful place to live and work. If you need to contact your council, we're still here for you - see page 23 to find out ways you can get in touch and keep up to date with developments across the district.



Laura Taylor



LISTEN AND LOOP IN LIVE...

We've held virtual meetings but now we're back to meeting in person. Throughout the pandemic we've constantly innovated to make sure that you can keep in the loop about local decisions and developments. Because all our public meetings are now streamed remotely as a matter of course, you can listen live, or catch up on YouTube after the meeting here: [youtube.com/winchestercc](https://www.youtube.com/winchestercc).



YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION

KEEPING YOU SAFE WHILE SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES

To help protect you and also support our businesses to continue trading through the pandemic, we've been providing COVID-19 guidance to hundreds of businesses across the district, visiting premises, issuing licenses and responding to questions raised by members of the public.

The hospitality industry saw 'streeteries' pop up that allowed local businesses to offer local people to enjoy the district's fantastic food and drink offer in the fresh air.

And with our world-class cultural scene reshaped with COVID-19 secure events, our teams were working behind the scenes before and during the events, advising and supporting organisers to help keep you safe.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS SURGE

With a lot more of us spending time at home, we saw a 20% rise in planning applications relating to extensions and improvements. On average we deal with 3,000 applications each year, and in 2021 we've already processed 2,290 across the Winchester district.

ANOTHER GOLD WIN FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Our Animal Welfare team has won another two RSPCA GOLD awards for their amazing work. This is our 10th RSPCA award in five years. This time around, we gained two awards in the RSPCA's PawPrints Awards 2021 - A Gold Stray Dogs and a Gold Animal Activity Licensing Award.



YOUR PLACE YOUR PLAN.

Winchester District Local Plan

Between February and April we consulted on the first phase of our new Local Plan despite the lockdown. We set about creating a new Local Plan website for the consultation, using digital channels and a series of online events.

The online sessions were a success with over 2,200 of you letting us know what mattered to you when it comes to development close to home.

It's not too late to get involved in helping us draw up a refreshed Local Plan – take a look here to see how:

localplan.winchester.gov.uk/

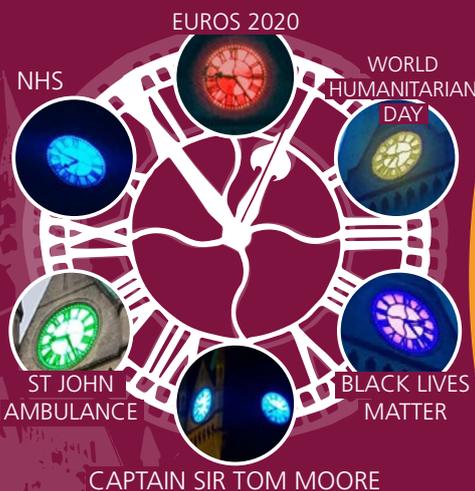
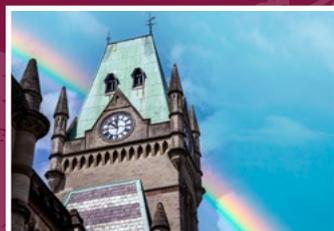


"COVID-19 challenged us to change how we hear your feedback as part of our Local Plan consultation. I'm proud to say that we rose to challenge, building an online-only series of events which not only captured the imagination of residents but has also been recognised by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) who have shortlisted Winchester City Council for Planning Excellence Award."

CLLR RUSSELL
GORDON-SMITH
CABINET MEMBER FOR
BUILT ENVIRONMENT



LIGHTING UP THE GUILDHALL CLOCK



SPORT IN STYLE

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park has been open for four months so we popped down to Bar End to speak to some of the 100,000 visitors who've taken advantage of the facilities, which include:

- The 50m pool overlooking beautiful parkland
- A separate training pool for budding Olympians
- Our hydrotherapy suite for recovery, physiotherapy and assisted swim sessions
- The low noise, natural light eight-court sports hall
- Four squash courts
- A 200 station-gym with picture window views of Chilcomb
- Two large studios for a range health and wellbeing classes
- The immersive spin cycling studio with 40 bikes
- The kids' colourful climbing facility – no more climbing the walls at home, kids!
- Fantastic treatment clinic for pampering and relaxation
- Crush Café - serving healthy snacks in a sun flooded seating area

WE'VE SEEN:



AN ALL TIME **HIGH** FOR
PEOPLE BOOKING PERSONAL
TRAINERS



12 EXTRA WEEKLY
GROUP CLASSES ADDED



1,000
PEOPLE A DAY USING THE GYM

BACK TO POOL

Since the centre opened over **30,000** people have made a splash in the Olympic sized pool at the new centre.



VISIT SPARX BEAUTY!

Penny Kimpton and her team have had a busy few months pampering happy clients from top to toe with manicures, massages and expert medical skincare treatments. Now a firm fixture at the centre, the team have settled in quickly. Penny said:

"We love our new business premises – the space is light, modern and uplifting place to help people make their day a little bit special. We're welcoming more and more people through the doors every day and after a year of lockdowns and restrictions, we've never been happier to be back doing what we do best: pampering you!"

Find out more;

 www.sparx-beauty.com/

 info@sparx-beauty.com

 01962 878979



HAVE YOUR SAY!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW FACILITIES?



"A very social place – everyone's very friendly."
Charlie



"The pool is really lovely - and clean."
Krista



"The gym is very spacious, plenty of equipment."
Daniele



"The amount of equipment provided is very accessible to use, the staff are very friendly and are always willing to help. Great leisure centre."
Essie



"I've been here three times this week with my boys, and every time they have enjoyed the climbing. The staff have been so helpful with my youngest (4) helping him get the hang of coming down. They are already thinking about coming back next week."

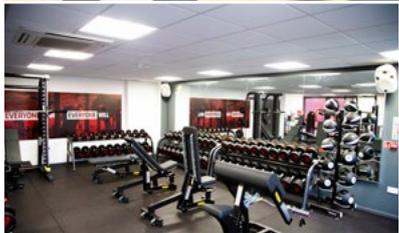
Mark

SUSTAINABLY YOURS

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park has officially been recognised as **BREEM EXCELLENT**. That means it's one of the most sustainably operated centres in the country!



"We've been busy making sure our leisure centres are fit for the future. Over the last year Winchester Sport & Leisure Park opened its doors and Meadowside has also benefitted from improvement works."



I'm so pleased to see so many residents across the district enjoying the return to exercise. We said we were serious about helping you keep in good health – and in this uncertain era the opening of this state-of-the-art centre and the reopening of an improved facility at Meadowside has offered so many of us something positive.

I've been delighted to see so many children at the centres. It's been a joy to see all these smiling faces, out and about and loving life again!"

MEADOWSIDE MAKEOVER

It's not just the city centre that's benefitted from an overhaul of fitness facilities... Meadowside Leisure Centre in Whiteley has been revamped and the gorgeous new facilities are now open to you!

Everyone Active hosted an open day on Saturday 2 October and hundreds of local people flocked to see the refurbished centre which boasts a newly expanded 50-station gym. The £175k makeover also includes a duo use group cycling and virtual studio, two five-a-side floodlit pitches and a three-court sports hall.

CLLR ANGELA CLEAR
CABINET MEMBER FOR
COMMUNITIES AND
WELLBEING





HANDING OVER THE KEYS TO KEY WORKERS

In the heart of the Central Winchester Regeneration area, the previously derelict Coitbury House re-opened last month to offer temporary accommodation to local young professionals and key workers.

Working with the LOWE group, our reliable property 'guardians' are actively helping to keep Coitbury House secure and adding a sense of community in the area whilst plans for the wider regeneration of the site are progress.

We spoke to Guardian Manager Joe Pennington from LOWE:

"Our guardians are very excited to be fulfilling a crucial role in Winchester by helping to ensure Coitbury House is safe, secure and well-kept. Particularly with the help of our Head Guardian John, Coitbury House has undergone a brilliant transformation.

LOWE has provided a budget to the Guardians for communal furniture, decorative items and a new lick of paint. These occupants are helping to keep Coitbury House in great condition

as the regeneration project commences."

Bringing life back to Coitbury House is the first phase of our 'meanwhile uses strategy' for Central Winchester, with improvements to the site of the old Friarsgate Medical Centre site coming soon.



CLOSING THE FLOODGATES

The major new flood defence for Winchester at Durgate has now been completed. Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, the construction of these latest defences was completed on time and on budget. The multi-stage scheme now protects Winchester city centre with an uninterrupted 950-meter flood defence system.

The total cost of the project was around £1.5 million funded by the Environment Agency and City Council. The council's contribution of £800,000 was paid for by our Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).



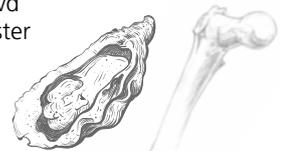
IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Since April 2021 we've allocated £1,532,500 of Community Infrastructure Levy funding, allowing local improvements such as:

- Parkour, outdoor gym and playground facilities at Littleton, St Vigor Way and Wickham respectively (£47,000)
- A car park extension Bishop's Waltham Jubilee Hall (£50,000)
- The Durley School crossing point (£10,000)
- Winchester wayfinding signs (£50,000)

CENTRAL WINCHESTER ARCHAEOLOGY

On 6 October a crowd gathered at Winchester Bus Station to meet the University of Winchester's ARCA team of geo-archaeologists and learn what's under the surface of central Winchester.



Findings included a Saxon cow femur and oysters hailing from the Victorian era. The Archaeology Advisory Panel gave a public presentation and answered questions from the public.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT: GRANTED!

Recently we've been reminded of the huge importance of community spirit. And in the last year the Community Grants team awarded 57 grants to the value of £585,817, supporting some of the amazing organisations that are providing outstanding services to Winchester district.

On Wednesday 15 September Winchester City Council and Community First were joined online by representatives from over 40 organisations including The National Lottery and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation, who offered hints and tips about applying for the range of funds available. The event was captured by local graphic recorder Emma Paxton from Imagistic:



SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Do you know a local voluntary or community group looking to buy a piece of equipment or plan an activity? They could be eligible for a grant of up to £500.

Find out more on our dedicated website: winchester.gov.uk/grants

CROWDFUND WINCHESTER

Match-funding support for organisations of up to £4,000 is available through the Crowdfunder platform. Both businesses and not-for-profit organisations within the district are invited to apply. Read more about the support available: winchester.gov.uk/crowdfunding

For more information on grants, visit our website, www.winchester.gov.uk/grants or contact us for further information on grants@winchester.gov.uk or 01962 848 256.

@WCCGrant
 Grants at Winchester City Council

SUPPORTING OUR RECOVERY

River Park Leisure Centre and No.158, High Street now sport large scale images in their windows designed to encourage people to respect, protect and enjoy, as well as visit high streets across the district.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – HERE TO HELP

Winchester City Council works in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau – part of our efforts to provide support services to the voluntary sector with Community First.

Sue Campbell, CEO of Citizens Advice Winchester, explains:

“We provide essential advice services to people across Winchester district, on areas like debt, benefits, employment, housing, and other key areas impacting local people’s lives, helping them to find a way forward with the issues they face. Our services are often a lifeline to people in urgent need of help, and many more people have needed us since the pandemic began. We simply couldn’t do this vital work without the support and partnership of Winchester City Council, and we are, as ever, hugely grateful to them for this.”

If you’re looking for advice, you can find out more about Citizen’s Advice and how they can help you at: <https://citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk/>



DONT LOSE YOUR VOTE

Every year we check the electoral register is up to date and all residents have received a letter, email (or both) from Winchester City Council for the Annual Canvass. If you need to update the record please respond following the instructions sent to you.

Our staff will be visiting households or calling those who haven’t responded from 15 October and will just need a few minutes of your time to make sure we’ve got it right. All our staff will have ID if they visit your home.



BUSINESS RECOVERY

CAN WE HELP YOUR BUSINESS?...

Your council is on hand to help local business get back on their feet by providing access to grants and financial support.

Over **£5 million** of discretionary grant funding received from the Government has already been given out, helping **over 1,100 local businesses** keep their doors open. We have helped businesses across the Winchester district in Alresford, Bishop's Waltham, Denmead, Whiteley, Wickham, Winchester City Centre and in many of our rural areas.



BREADWINNERS

Funding awarded by the council as part of the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme went to The Brick House Bed and Breakfast and South Downs Sourdough Artisan Bakery School. The cash injection helped sustain this Cheriton-based business and owner, Mark Horner told us about the impact of this grant:



"It's fantastic to be able to welcome all residents back to enjoy everything the Winchester district has to offer. Having supported businesses through the past 18 months, it's clear what a hard time business owners have had. We're happy that they can throw open their doors and welcome us back, with minimal disruption in the coming months.

While it's fantastic so many of us are returning to activities in and around the district, it's important to remember some of us may still be nervous, and may still be shielding for a number of reasons. And we want to continue to offer support to those who need to stay at home as well as to your local businesses on the high street. To that end, we have offered ShopAppy free to independent businesses and community organisations across the district for 12 months. It's just one part of the council's plans to help local businesses recover, innovate and thrive in a post COVID-19 world. We'll continue to work alongside you and your businesses to ensure Winchester is back to business, safely."

"We had our income completely curtailed by the first lockdown. Our sourdough classes are practical classes that don't translate well online. It is virtually impossible to offer the same experience, have the same tools or raw materials to hand.

This grant fund has allowed us to keep our head above water and we are hopeful that we can once again deliver classes."

HOLDING STEADY

MitchTV Steadicam Ltd was another business able to benefit from our Hardship Grant. Owner, Melanie Mitchell, said:



"My husband and I wanted to say 'thank you' for considering our application for a Discretionary Grant and awarding us funding from the COVID-19 Hardship Fund. We are most grateful for the financial support which has very much been a 'life-line' for our business."

NEVER MISS A BUSINESS GRANT

And we're continuing to get funds to where they can make a difference... With a further £1.3m of Government funds being distributed to the businesses most affected by COVID-19 through further discretionary grants. Keep an eye on our website so you never miss a grant opportunity.

winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-businesses



CLLR MARTIN TOD
CABINET MEMBER FOR
ECONOMIC RECOVERY

RETAILERS TO E-TAILERS –

VISIT YOUR LOCAL HIGH STREET ONLINE INTRODUCING SHOPAPPY...

Our new virtual high street from ShopAppy means you can now browse shop windows, book appointments and order products from local businesses that really need your support – and all from the comfort of your own home! So if you're an avid shopper, support your local businesses and visit the ShopAppy website shopappy.com/winchester

Independent businesses on our district's high streets can register to appear on the platform for free: we successfully applied for Reopening High Streets Safely funding and ShopAppy have made a generous offer to businesses in our district offering eligible organisations a 12 month listing.

Interested? If you're an owner of an independent business, please email shoplocal@shopappy.com



#LOVELOCAL

As well as supporting them in person, you can now visit **150 local shops** from the comfort of your sofa! That's because businesses all over the district are signing up in droves to promote their wares!

SHOP LOCAL SHOP WINCHESTER

INDEPENDENT SHOPPING FROM ACROSS THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT JUST ONE CLICK AWAY

SHOPAPPY.COM/WINCHESTER

DISCRETIONARY LOCAL GRANTS

The Government provided funds to help us support local businesses during and after the restrictions in place to curb the spread of COVID-19. Here's how the money was distributed...



GRANT TYPE: DISCRETIONARY
AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOCATED: £1.4 MILLION
NO OF BUSINESSES: 282

GRANT TYPE: ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS
AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOCATED: £2.3 MILLION
NO OF BUSINESSES: 467

GRANT TYPE: HARDSHIP
AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOCATED: £506,000
NO OF BUSINESSES: 83

GRANT TYPE: TAXIS
AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOCATED: £203,038
NO OF TAXI DRIVERS: 184

GRANT TYPE: TRANSFORMATION, ADAPTATION AND DIVERSIFICATION
AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOCATED: £592,063
NO OF BUSINESSES: 86

NATIONAL GRANT FUNDING

We have also been busy ensuring local businesses benefitted from other key funding streams released by the Government:



LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANT LOCKDOWN 2
Awarded: £1,475,966
No. of awards: 826



SMALL BUSINESS GRANT & RETAIL HOSPITALITY & LEISURE
Awarded: £27,690,000
No. of awards: 2,171



LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANT (2-25 DEC)
Awarded: £6,859
No. of awards: 10



LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANT (2-25 DEC)
Awarded: £126,029
No. of awards: 111



CHRISTMAS SUPPORT PAYMENT FOR WET-LED PUBS
Awarded: £46,000
No. of awards: 46



LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANT TIER 4
Awarded: £503,917
No. of awards: 799



LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANT LOCKDOWN 3
Awarded: £4,461,327
No. of awards: 821



CLOSED BUSINESS LOCKDOWN
Awarded: £4,353,000
No. of awards: 821



RESTART - STRAND 1 (RETAIL)
Awarded: £921,371
No. of awards: 244



RESTART - STRAND 2 (HOSPITALITY & LEISURE)
Awarded: £5,686,000
No. of awards: 541



LOVE
WINCHESTER

REDISCOVER GREAT DAYS OUT

ATTRACTIONS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

You don't need to travel far to visit world class attractions right here in your district. You might walk past them every day on your journey to work, but do you actually know what's awaiting you inside...

WINCHESTER QUIZ

WINCHESTER DISTRICT: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW IT?

1. On the site of which famous attraction can plane passengers see the footprint of the Old Minister?
2. Where can you go to receive the 'Wayfarer's Dole'?
3. Which museum is located in one of the two remaining fortified medieval gates to the city?
4. Which school in Winchester is said to be the oldest continuously running in England?
5. Which attraction located in the Winchester district has spectacular views of the Solent?
6. Where can you fly through the solar system?
7. Where can you find the bridge from Kings Cross Station which featured in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone where Harry received his Hogwarts Express ticket?
8. Do you know in which popular attraction you can find a tropical house?
9. Which site in the Winchester district was built by Henry of Blois in the 12th century and extensively remodelled in 1378 by William of Wykeham?
10. Located in the South Downs National Park, this National Trust property is famous for its fine gardens. After a fire in 1960 the house was completely remodelled by its owner Ralph Dutton, do you know which property it is?

EYE OPEN

Look out for a new trail revealing Winchester's public art across the city and district.

SHOW- STOPPING

For an entertaining treat to end your day, check out what's on at our theatres and entertainment venues across the district.



For more inspiration and itineraries for great days out see

visitwinchester.co.uk



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ANSWERS 1. Winchester Cathedral 2. The Hospital of St Cross 3. Westgate 4. Winchester College 5. Fort Nelson 6. Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium 7. Mild Hants Railway Watercress Line 8. Marwell Zoo 9. Bishop's Waltham Palace 10. Hinton Ampner

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



5 FREE TRAILS

Wherever you live in the Winchester district you're not far from rolling green pastures, ancient woodlands or river valleys. So get on your bike, lace up those walking boots or running shoes and explore the vast open spaces. Take a picnic and enjoy unspoilt nature as you sit back and relax. Why not try a trail you've not done before?

1. MILITARY

From Iron Age forts, to Civil War sites, through two World Wars to the completion of a nuclear bunker site at Twyford – the district's military stories span centuries of history. Why not stop at Winchester's Military Museums as you journey along the trail?

2. CRICKET

Discover the evolution of cricket in Winchester and Hampshire's countryside including Hambledon - the 'cradle of cricket'. The trail also has tips for eateries with cricketing connections offering a perfect pit stop.

3. ALRESFORD MILLENNIUM & ALRE VALLEY TRAIL

A beautiful mile long trail that links together footpaths around the Georgian town and follows the River Alre. Take a pit stop in one of the independent cafés in the town.

4. VIADUCT WAY

Walk or cycle along Winchester's restored historic railway and enjoy the scenic views. The viaduct is a part of the National Cycle Route Network Route 23, for walkers and cyclists to enjoy.

5. CHERITON BATTLEFIELD WALK

Trace the movements of the soldiers who shaped our nation from the Parliamentary camp at Hinton Ampner to the Cheriton Battlefield.



PLAN YOUR DAY: Pop into Winchester Visitor Information Centre for trail leaflets, advice on places to go plus gifts and local goods from independent businesses across the district.

SIGN UP to our e-newsletter: visitwinchester.co.uk for offers, competitions, events and ideas for days out.

DOWNLOAD MORE SELF-GUIDED TRAILS
VISITWINCHESTER.CO.UK/BROCHURES



HUG A TREE

This Green Week with the launch of our new **TREE TRAIL** – the essential spotter guide to over 26 tree species in Winchester.



BEST AUTUMN VIEWS

Winchester is at its best when the leaves begin to turn, shining a golden light on the city and district. And famous poet Keats agreed – why don't you follow in his footsteps with the Keats' Walk? Stroll along the water meadows and enjoy a visit to The Hospital of St Cross before completing this circular walk.



ON THE MENU THIS AUTUMN

Winchester district is full of the flavours of local produce - from fresh trout, speciality cheeses, world renowned watercress and wasabi to award-winning English sparkling wine and aromatic gins. Restaurants and cafés throughout the district are using the

freshest local ingredients to delight their diners. Pick up these locally sourced delicacies from food stores across the district or visit Winchester Farmers' Market – one of the largest in the country - on the second and last Sunday of each month.

RESPECT
PROTECT
ENJOY

OUR WINCHESTER DISTRICT

CLIMATE ACTION

A GREEN THUMBS UP TO YOU FROM US

Since we launched our new garden waste service in February, you've recycled over 3,400 tonnes of garden waste!

We saw our busiest months, unsurprisingly, in June and July with 1,700 tonnes of garden waste collected from our green-fingered residents. Instead of being taken to a landfill, it's used for composting, a far greener option. So a huge thank you from us, and the environment.

If you don't have a garden bin yet but want one (or another one!), visit: winchester.gov.uk/brown-bin



DID YOU KNOW?

You can buy back your composted material as Pro-Grow soil conditioner. It's available for sale at various locations, and can be delivered straight to you at home. For more information please go to www.pro-grow.com



WE'RE PICKING UP BATTERIES, FREE OF CHARGE

On average, we're currently collecting a whopping half tonne of old batteries and electrical goods EVERY week! In the first four months of collections alone, we collected 10 tonnes of spent and unwanted items.

Putting batteries and electrical goods in a black bin means they go to either an incinerator or to a landfill site. Both of these cause pollution, so recycling is a far better option.

To recycle used batteries, place them in a small plastic bag on top of your black bin. Do the same for electrical goods but place the bag alongside the bin. Our friendly bin crews will be along to take them off your hands.



DRIVING FOR CHANGE

37 electric vehicle charging points have now been installed across the Winchester district. This includes 18 double Alfen 22kWh fast units and one 50kWh rapid charger.

The EVCs generate electricity from 100% renewable sources. We're upping a gear when it comes to making Winchester a district of electric vehicles. Will you make the switch?

BUILDING TOWARDS OUR GOALS

Since April 2020, we've redoubled our efforts to manage our buildings sustainably. Thanks to the power of the sun and wind, we've already cut emissions by 19%... But we know we can do more. Our goal is to reduce carbon emissions by 40%. And once

we have all our sites on board with our new green tariff, we're one step closer to reaching that goal.

Interested in following suit at home? Visit winchester.gov.uk/buying-green-electricity

MARWELL ZOO

We're aware that clean energy is available for our homes, and now the much loved residents of Marwell Zoo are set to switch to renewable energy with the installation of solar panels across the park, powering the animals' habitats.



PESTICIDES - WE HEAR YOU

We're aware of the public concern surrounding the use of Glyphosate, a weed killer. We've drastically reduced its usage, with only 2% of district grounds being treated with the product, only twice a year. We're also looking for alternatives to Glyphosate and will update you with our progress.



TAKE STEPS: REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT

Are you looking to make your home greener - yet warmer? Sign up to the waiting list for a new funding programme from Warmer Homes! Launching in the chilly months early next year, the funding can help you take steps to reduce your carbon footprint and keep your home toasty at the same time...

To apply or get more info on Warmer Homes, call 0800 038 5737 or go to www.warmerhomes.org.uk

To find out more about Winchester Area SuperHomes, go to www.winacc.org.uk/wash-home/

PARK AND STRIDE INTO A GREENER WINCHESTER

We're pressing ahead with the Vaultex Multi-story car park.

This Park and Ride is a priority on our Carbon Neutrality Action Plan. It's within walking distance of the city centre, meaning you have a practical opportunity to visit the city, but not drive into the centre of Winchester.

The previous building on site has been demolished and development is underway. The proposals include cycle parking, bat and bird boxes and new trees to improve biodiversity.



GUESS WHO'S BACK?

The meadow at West Hill Cemetery is home once more to the rare Bordered Sallow moth. We're so pleased that our efforts in planting and allowing the grass grow have resulted in this most welcome return!



Winchester Green Week returned in September to throw the spotlight on sustainability in our district - part of The Great Big Green Week, the largest event for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. Winchester Action on Climate Change coordinated information sharing events to mark the occasion, including Winchester Area Superhomes event and Incredible Edible Community Allotment day.

"As we press on with our Carbon Neutrality targets, we're so encouraged with all the activity across the Winchester district, despite some turbulent times! From EV Charging Points, to introducing solar power in more locations - including Marwell Zoo. We are truly committed to our Carbon Neutrality Action Plan.

The pandemic may have put the world on 'pause', but climate change doesn't recognise that. We still face the same challenges, the same risks, and we still must act now to reverse the decline. And I'm so proud to say that we have done just that and remain committed to reducing carbon emissions across the district. I'm very proud of how we all have pulled together to make a greener Winchester for us all to enjoy."

FUNDING SECURED

In a bid to make as many of your homes as carbon neutral as possible, we've secured **£1.5m** funding to retro-fit council homes across the district.

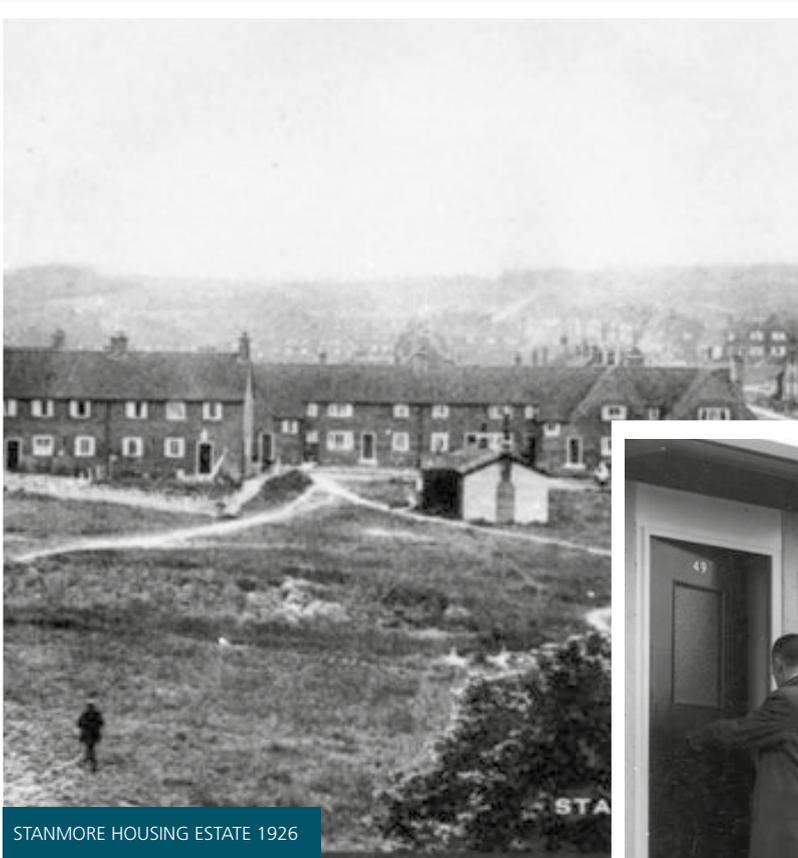
CLLR LYNDA MURPHY
CABINET MEMBER
FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!

100 YEARS

OF COUNCIL HOMES



STANMORE HOUSING ESTATE 1926



MAYOR OF WINCHESTER & CITY COUNCILLORS IN STANMORE, 1946

AND TODAY...



THE VALLEY 2021



THE VALLEY 2021

REMEMBERING STANMORE

This year, we're marking the 100th anniversary of the building of the very first houses on our flagship Stanmore estate.

PLANS ARE UNVEILED

On 12 June 1920, Hampshire Advertiser described the homes as 'the most sought after in Winchester' because they were so beautifully placed. This hasn't changed in a century... The views from Stanmore remain as inspiring today as they were then.

The council used the natural hilly shape of the area to create a visually pleasing design of a combination of curved roads and cul-de-sacs, giving a 'village' feeling within the city.

100 YEARS

AND, A CENTURY ON...

... The estate continues to evolve – with the emphasis being on eco-friendly development as the council continues to breathe new life into this much-loved community.

1919

THE ADDISON ACT OF 1919 IS INTRODUCED, MAKING HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE.

1921

100 YEARS AGO

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL BREAKS GROUND FOR THE FIRST HOUSE ON THE ESTATE.

1923

THE FIRST PROPERTIES WENT UP IN CROMWELL ROAD AND PRINCES PLACE.

HRH the Prince of Wales opens the site in 1923, planting a tree to mark the occasion (see above left/right etc.). The cost of a two-bed varies from 11s 6d (58p) and 15s 3d (78p) or a three-bed property – expensive for the time.



1922

DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR STANMORE WERE SO FORWARD THINKING FOR THE TIME, THEY WERE SHOWN AT THE WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.

The properties are designed to be progressive

- They feature bathrooms with both hot and cold water – not a common feature at the time
- Ground floors are finished with an easy to clean, lino-like substance on concrete - a popular choice in the 1920s.



The landmark anniversary is aptly marked by the completion of more than 77 new properties at The Valley. These are all affordable homes, with a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom flats; two and three-bedroom houses; and a three-bedroom bungalow. The development is low carbon and energy-efficient, with solar panels on every block and electric vehicle charging points on site.

City Councillors Jamie Scott and Derek Green both live in Stanmore today and welcomed the opening of the Valley development this year.



If you're interested in learning more about Winchester's innovative approach to council housing over the last century visit [Municipal Dreams blog](https://municipaldreams.wordpress.com/2019/08/06/council-housing-in-winchester-part-ii/)

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NEXT GENERATION WINCHESTER FOCUS GROUP

Following our survey earlier in the year, we (virtually) hosted the Next Generation Winchester focus group to explore the barriers of buying a home in Winchester. Participants of the survey were mainly:

- Working full time
- Living at home with their parents

And they told us that their three main barriers to independent living in Winchester were:

- Cost of buying or renting
- Feeling safe in their community
- Saving for a deposit.

7/10 people said they aspire to own their own home. We discussed different ways to do just that - see the video on our dedicated website: winchester.gov.uk/next-generation-winchester

TENANTS GET GARDENING

This year saw the return of the digital garden competition for council tenants. We had many entries and it was tough to decide the winners...

1ST PRIZE - Jan Budd of Swanmore. Unbelievably, Jan moved in over a year ago and transformed the garden from a 'jungle'. She says working on the garden during lockdown has been a saviour...

JOINT 2ND PRIZE - Margaret Kerton of Twyford spends many hours tending to her garden and pottering in the greenhouse. She has made good use of every nook and cranny in her garden!

AND... **Judith Taylor** of Alresford has utilised an old bench in the corner of her garden which is not safe to sit on but provides perfect place for a breath-taking floral display.



"We're delighted to celebrate 100 years of council homes in Winchester. We're truly proud of our long history of housing residents in well-designed and affordable homes, and we remain committed to help residents find their perfect home across the district.

This summer, we've completed development on The Valley, and Hookpit Farm. Both developments offer a range of homes, from three bedroom houses to one bedroom flats. Hookpit Farm is a great example of a relatively small development providing beautiful, eco-friendly homes, surrounded by nature with easy access to local facilities. With a lot of keen residents hoping to move in, I'm looking forward to welcoming new residents to Hookpit over the coming months."



CLLR KELSIE LEARNEY
CABINET MEMBER FOR
HOUSING AND ASSET
MANAGEMENT



COMING SOON... WINNALL FLATS

Aimed at creating homes for younger people in the district, we're delighted to say that a new development in Winnall is on track. Perfect for first time buyers, these homes will be available next year. They consist of compact two-bed apartments, with integrated appliances and open-plan living. They will be available with shared ownership.

For more information, please contact
Kate Dowling: kdowling@winchester.gov.uk



INTRODUCING...

THE WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL TENANCY SUSTAINMENT TEAM

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Tenancy Sustainment team is here to offer any council tenant access to a range of services, including:

- Mental health services
- Drug and alcohol support
- Family support services.

We're also here to support with money management and budgeting, help you to make the most of your income, and access debt advice.

These services can be life-changing. One tenant shared her experience:

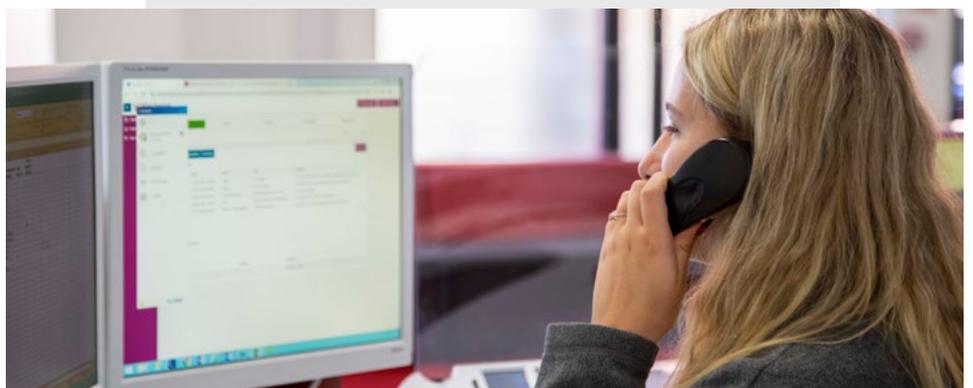
"You came when I needed support ... I felt unsafe, vulnerable and at a loss. You helped me ... by communicating on my behalf ...I know that I would have fallen through the cracks if you weren't there to do all of this. You showed me what I was capable of, aided my move into a much more suitable property and helped me cope with all the changes. I knew if I was struggling I could call and we would talk things through to stop me feeling overwhelmed. I can't thank you enough for all of your support."

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you're a council tenant who has been adversely affected by the pandemic, we want to help. If you're anxious about getting back on your feet financially, we're here for you. If you've been experiencing feelings of loneliness, we have services you can access. We can even help you if you're nervous about re-entering the world of work... We want all of our tenants to be able to get back on track.

If you're struggling to get back to normal, please do get in touch: winchester.gov.uk/tenancy-sustainment-service

Or call 01962 848 814, or email tenancysustainment@winchester.gov.uk



FLY-TIPPING

THANKS FOR THE TIP OFFS ON FLY-TIPPING



Over the past year, and especially through lockdown, we've been redoubling our efforts to put a stop to fly-tipping across our district. And your help has been vital in making that happen, despite the shocking increase in this criminal behaviour.

Following reports of suspected fly-tipping from concerned residents we were able to deal with a total of 1,982 fly-tipping cases between August 2020 and August 2021. These have resulted in seven prosecutions, and offenders have been ordered to pay fines totaling £6,357.

We're determined to stamp out this anti-social behaviour and have installed CCTV cameras in various hot-spots across the district, as pointed out to us by you... thank you.



FOUND A FLY TIP? HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

DO:

- Ensure your own safety – remain in your vehicle and don't approach those tipping
- Check to see if the fly tip has a sticker attached to it. If it does, we're aware and we're arranging disposal
- Take a photo to upload with your report – this will help our response teams
- Take note of the tip's exact location - look out for the nearest landmark or use the Three Words App or pin drop mechanism on your phone to pinpoint the location

DON'T:

- Touch the waste, it could be hazardous
- Disturb the site, you could be tampering with evidence we need
- Remove anything from the site
- Approach the person tipping the waste. They're committing a crime, and don't want to be caught - stay safe

A RUBBISH SCAM - LOOK OUT!

If you're tempted by private companies offering to clear away unwanted items – be wary. We are becoming aware of scams whereby individuals have collected rubbish and simply fly-tipped it, rather than disposing of it responsibly.

If you're paying for a service to clear away rubbish, make sure they are legitimate and carry the right licenses. If not and your rubbish is found disposed of illegally you will be liable to pay a fine, which carries an unlimited penalty.

Check to see if your waste carrier is licensed, and if you have any concerns, ask to see the document. If they can't produce it, think twice about using their service as it could be very expensive!

Let's continue working together to put a stop to fly-tipping once and for all.

Please report fly-tipping to either: www.winchester.gov.uk

via the Your Winchester App call us on 0300 300 0013.

SUPPORTING AFGHAN FAMILIES ACROSS HAMPSHIRE

Since the announcement that military forces would be leaving Afghanistan, Winchester City Council has committed to supporting the national Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP).

We are working closely with Hampshire County Council to provide housing, support, donations and anything else that those arriving in the UK from Afghanistan may need.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We've already received many offers of support from our residents and businesses who are looking to help Afghan evacuees escaping the Taliban – these are greatly appreciated.

Local charities were inundated with donations from you, and they've had to stop collecting clothing for now. However, there are still items needed that would be gratefully received.

Community First is concentrating on repurposing laptops, tablets and mobile phones. If you have any old technology tucked away in a drawer, please consider donating it to a displaced family. Items should be new or nearly new, and come with leads and chargers. IT equipment can be dropped off at any Community First location. Find your closest drop off point here: <https://www.cfirst.org.uk/contact/>

If you want to help, but don't have any laptops, tablets or smartphones to donate, there are still many other things you can do to help. Gift cards are a great way of donating towards the cause: supermarket or department store gift cards, as well as mobile top up cards are ideal for families settling in.

You can donate gift vouchers or mobile top-up cards at any Community First office or by posting to their Fareham office at:

163 West Street Fareham
PO16 0EF

If you wish to donate funds directly to support this cause, you may wish to consider:

- The Red Cross and Red Crescent who are on the ground in 34 provinces across Afghanistan.
- UNHCR, The Big Give and Turquoise Mountain who are also raising funds to support people displaced from their homes.
- You'll find more information on Hampshire County Council's website.



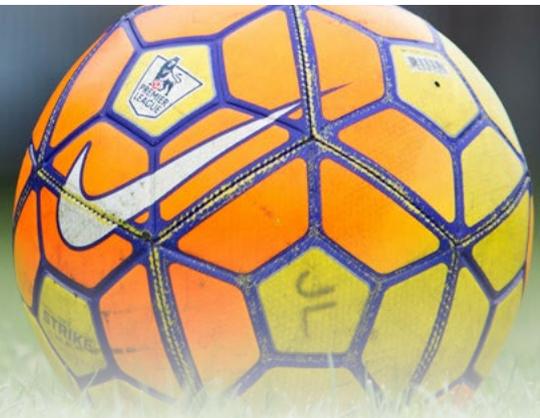
"Winchester has long been a city of sanctuary and we're proud that we're continuing to do our bit to help displaced families of the recent Afghanistan crisis. Winchester City Council will continue to work alongside charities and organisations to ensure these families are welcome, and cared for.

I'd like to thank residents for the incredible kindness displayed over the last few weeks. You've been donating in your droves. It makes me very proud that Winchester continues to provide a welcome home to those who need it most."

CLLR LUCILLE THOMPSON
LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER
FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING



OUT AND ABOUT THIS AUTUMN: WHAT'S HAPPENING?



DISABILITY TENNIS

Osman Tennis are providing a fantastic tennis programme welcoming anyone with a disability who wants to get active, have fun and meet new people. All equipment is provided so why not come along and give it a go? To book, download the Osman Tennis app on iPhone and Android, or call on **07973 289 451**.

- Location: River Park Tennis Courts (SO23 7DD)
- Cost: £3.00 per week
- Time: 5pm – 6pm

WINCHESTER PARKRUN

Winchester parkrun is back! The adult parkrun is a 5km run and takes place **every Saturday morning at 9:00am** at North Walls recreation ground. It is free to take part but you need to register before you first come along, you can do this by visiting the parkrun website.

The junior parkrun is a 2km run for those aged 4 – 14 year olds. This takes place **every Sunday morning at 9am** also at North Walls recreation ground.



WINCHESTER WELLBEING WALKS

We're now an official Ramblers' Wellbeing Walks Partner. If you're up for improving your physical health or are fed up with the loneliness of isolation then take the plunge and sign up for these hugely popular local short group walks...

We will be relaunching our fuller programme soon. For now we have three popular walks taking place, here they are:

WEDNESDAYS

9.15am

Kings Walk

Opposite the Antiques Market (SO23 8AF)

10.30am

Colden Common

Colden Common Community Centre (SO21 1UU)

THURSDAYS

10.30am

Bishop's Waltham

The Square, Bishop's Waltham (SO32 1GG)

For further information please contact Calum Drummond, Health Improvement Manager on cdrummond@winchester.gov.uk

PARK YOGA: HOW IT HELPED ME

Were you one of the 182 people who headed down to The Garrison Ground armed with a yoga mat or towel to join in one of the 15 sessions of free Park Yoga?

Well, if you were, we hope you enjoyed this as much as this delighted attendee...

"I have always been an active person but during lockdown I lost all motivation... I have never done yoga before but I absolutely love it. I come away each week feeling revitalised and it has definitely helped with my mental health, being outside in the

fresh air, with an amazing instructor to help you with the yoga positions is just what I needed. I'm certain that if it wasn't for Park Yoga and my friends I'd still be struggling to get out and about and take part in exercise. I am now considering a membership at the gym so thank you to those that set this amazing idea up."

We were so delighted by the success of this new venture and we're happy to say we'll be back with Park Yoga next summer! Sign up to the Winchester City Council online newsletter so we can keep you posted!



PAVING THE WAY FOR OUR NEW PAVILIONS

Chilcomb Pavilion is right on the edge of the South Downs National Park - a stunning location for a football match that is available to hire for events as well as for sports clubs.

The building is unrecognisable! With the help of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds, we've refurbished - updating the heating and electrics and installing security shutters and resurrecting skittle alley! For more details contact sbookings@winchester.gov.uk



Chilcomb Pavilion CGI

Our plans for the replacement pavilions at King George V playing fields and the North Walls are progressing well!

After revising the architectural brief for the North Wall pavilion, we have now invited architects to submit their proposals. And



King George V playing fields © Stuart Tree

we're a little further on with the King George V Pavilion...

Our hope is that both projects are complete by the end of 2022.

NEW BENCH FOR HYDE ABBAY GARDEN

Community group, Friends of Hyde Abbey Garden has installed a replacement bench in Hyde Abbey Garden. With a little help from our Estates team, the bench has now been installed. We think you'll agree they look marvellous!



RIVER PARK TENNIS COURTS & 3G PITCH

Down at the River Park Tennis Courts & 3G Pitch you'll spot that the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has worked with us to install a new Smart Access Gate System to support booking and access to the facilities.

Want to get involved? Here's how:

- 1. LOVE TENNIS ANNUAL PASS** - we offer an annual household tennis pass which costs just £35 per year and entitles your entire household free court bookings throughout the year. An additional cost of £2 per booking will be charged for court hire during floodlit hours.
- 2. PAY AND PLAY** - if you don't want to commit to a full year, just pay as you play...courts are as little as £6.46 per session.

To hire a court or pitch you can either book through the website (www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/RiverParkTennisFootball) or download the ClubSpark Booker App.

Please note that all online bookings for the 3G pitch are charged at an adult rate. Junior bookings must be made in advance by contacting: sbookings@winchester.gov.uk



MEET THE MAYOR

Cllr Vivian Achwal was appointed as the 822nd Mayor of Winchester at a Mayor Making Ceremony on Tuesday 18 May 2021. Due to COVID-19, it was the second time that the ceremony was held virtually. Numbers were limited but family members across the globe were able to join in online to view the ceremony.

Cllr Achwal is also a Ward Councillor for the Whiteley and Shedfield Ward.

She is supporting Winchester Youth Counselling, Friends of the Family and The Eight Foundation under the umbrella charity, The Mayor of Winchester's Charities.

10 QUESTIONS FOR THE 822ND MAYOR OF WINCHESTER

1. What is your favourite thing about being Mayor?

Being able to chat and meet so many volunteers throughout the Winchester district and listen to how and why they get involved, in the volunteering that they do and how much they enjoy it.

2. What charities do you support?

I have selected three local charities who focus on young people and families who have had a particularly difficult time during the pandemic; Eight Foundation, Friends of the Family and Winchester Youth Counselling.

3. Can the public get in touch with you?

Yes absolutely. But it's usually best to contact me via my secretary as she manages my messages and diary. So if you would like to contact the Mayorality visit mayorofwinchesterscharities.co.uk/contact/

4. Do you wear Mayoral regalia on a daily basis?

I wear the Mayoral chain three to four days a week but the actual robe is usually worn for special occasions, so at present about once every three weeks. Children especially enjoy seeing me in my full Mayoral regalia.

5. What's your favourite spot in the Winchester district?

One favourite spot I enjoy is Winchester Hill near Warnford, there are amazing views from

the top of the hill, and it's extremely peaceful too.

6. What has been the most challenging Mayoral duty so far?

Chairing Winchester Full Council meetings!

7. What are you most looking forward to this autumn in Winchester?

Some type of normality returning to people's lives after the pandemic and continue to build up the positive outcome this has had on bringing communities together across the district.

8. What's your favourite fact about Abbey House?

33 nuns once lived in Abbey House.

9. Who could you not do your job without?

The support and advice from my secretary Debbie and my team of colleagues and past Mayors who help and advise me.

10. What's your no1 goal you're hoping to achieve while being Mayor of Winchester?

I have set myself a target to try and raise £40k for my three charities throughout my Mayoral year.

Cllr Vivian Achwal
MAYOR OF WINCHESTER

GET IN TOUCH

Come rain or shine, we're here to help you. We're open Monday – Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

No tech at home? No worries! Call us and we can make an appointment for you to come in to our Customer Service Reception for a chat with one of our friendly team members. Please make an appointment to see one of the team, below there is a handy list of numbers to help you get in touch...

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook and Twitter too, where you can keep up to date on all our news, services, details on how to join council meetings and receive help and advice.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES.....	01962 840 222
HOUSING – GENERAL HOUSING ENQUIRIES.....	01962 848 400
HOUSING OPTIONS – HOMELESSNESS.....	01962 848 163
SHELTERED HOUSING.....	01962 848 440
WASTE.....	0300 300 0013
BENEFITS.....	01962 848 539
COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATES.....	01962 848 288
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.....	01962 848 097
PARKING.....	01962 848 036
PLANNING.....	01962 848 177
PLANNING ENFORCEMENT.....	01962 848 480
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BUILDING CONTROL.....	01962 848 176
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Winchester City Council Ward Map

Winchester City Council

WARD MAP

"We're committed to making the council as easy to contact as possible. We don't want to you to struggle finding things online, or to wait in long queues of recorded messages. We hope with these dedicated phone lines to relevant teams, you can speak to us directly and be confident that the help you need is as accessible as possible."

As part of our drive to ensure you can access what you need when you need it, members of the public are able to look at committee agendas and reports electronically for all council meetings (with the exception of confidential information).

winchester.gov.uk/councillors-committees/ward-map

CLLR NEIL CUTLER OBE
DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET
MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
SERVICE QUALITY



PARALYMPIC PERSONAL BESTS



In celebration of the 2021 Paralympic Games, Winchester City Council in partnership with Simplyhealth, the University of Winchester, Everyone Active, Santander and Winchester Go LD, have organised a day packed full of fun sports and activities for those with disabilities and additional needs.

If you are interested and would like further information, or to request a booking form please contact Betty Chadwick on betty@winchestergold.org.uk or call 01962 600281

**Thursday 21
October 2021**

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: £10.00

Activities: Rugby, Football, Swimming*, Athletics, Cricket, Squash and Low-level Circuits.

Open to those from 10 years and above.

*Swimming only available to those 16+ and bookings will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis. Limited spaces available. Swimmers must be changed and ready by 9.00am.

**Winchester Sport & Leisure Park, Bar End,
Winchester, SO23 9NR.**

