

# ABOUT WINCHESTER

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## ARE YOU READY? THE SAXONS ARE RETURNING!



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We're proud to be a funding partner of a major new interactive attraction recreating the time of King Alfred the Great's epic defeat of the Vikings.

Brought to life using incredible visuals from the video game Assassin's Creed® Valhalla and Discovery Tour: Viking Age, 878 AD is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in Anglo-Saxon Winchester. Opening at The Brooks Centre in Winchester this November, visitors can experience the atmosphere of life in the city on the eve of the Battle of Edington in May 878. And once you've discovered the result of the battle, you can continue your journey through Alfred's legacy using an augmented reality app, 878AD: Winchester Revealed.

Use the app to visit key historical points throughout Winchester to uncover the city's past, bringing to life

long-vanished Anglo-Saxon buildings, completing a range of games and challenges along the way.

Paul Sapwell, Chief Executive of Hampshire Cultural Trust says:

**"878 AD offers local people and visitors alike the chance to understand more about our Anglo-Saxon past, whilst raising the city's cultural credentials, supporting the local economy and bringing more visitors to the high street. We're looking to create a sense of wonder at the past and open up our history and heritage for everyone to discover."**

For more information visit [www.878ad.co.uk](http://www.878ad.co.uk)

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**Winchester**  
City Council

# A MESSAGE FROM ...

## COUNCILLOR MARTIN TOD

LEADER OF WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL



**It was a great honour to be appointed as Leader of Winchester City Council and to have the opportunity to serve our city and district.**

It is also a time of great challenge – as we all face economic uncertainty and rising prices at levels not seen since the early 1990s. This is badly affecting many local people, particularly those whose financial position is most stretched, along with local businesses and the council itself. The council is putting extra money aside to enable better support for local people. We've also rapidly put together a hub of advice, practical help and support around cost of living. Find out more on page 9

Climate change is hitting us harder, sooner than expected – with flash flooding, extreme temperatures and water shortages affecting our health, our homes and businesses, chalk streams and rivers and the unique countryside that make our district so special. We're working to go greener, faster and reduce our carbon footprint faster, and respond to the climate emergency we announced in 2019. Find out more and, critically,

see how you can join in with the global efforts to stop global heating going above dangerous levels, on pages 4 to 6.

The Winchester district is a special place, but we cannot be complacent. Expectations from local residents are rightly high. We face higher levels of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. We will invest in our public space and work hard with partners to deliver the pride in place that our city and district deserve. We want to ensure that our district is well maintained in the day-to-day and its heritage, open spaces and public realm are cared for so everyone can enjoy all these special aspects of life here.

And we're rolling out ongoing support for guests from Ukraine. I would like to thank all of you who have done so much to ensure these unfairly displaced people are offered sanctuary - we welcome all refugees and asylum seekers to our district.

Finally, the loss of Her Majesty the Queen was deeply felt across the nation and in our district. Her unstinting service to our nation was recognised in our tributes in the city, market towns and villages across our area. I was proud to play a part in our local tributes over the extraordinary ten days that marked the end of the summer.

We are ambitious for our district, but we know we can't do this on our own. The council performs best when it recognises and listens to the diverse interests, needs and wishes of different people in our community. I look forward to the council working alongside the people and businesses of the Winchester district in facing and overcoming the challenges we face.

## YOUR CABINET

We now have eight Cabinet Members at the council, each focussing on particular priorities to help serve our district and protect and enhance our place. To see a ward map of all elected councillors please see pages 22-23.



**Cllr Martin Tod**  
LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT



**Cllr Paula Ferguson**  
DEPUTY LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY & HOUSING



**Cllr Kelsie Learney**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



**Cllr Lucille Thompson**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS & CULTURE



**Cllr Margot Power**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND VALUE



**Cllr Jackie Porter**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE AND THE LOCAL PLAN



**Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR SERVICE QUALITY



**Cllr Kathleen Becker**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT

## A MESSAGE FROM ...

### LAURA TAYLOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL



#### Challenges around cost of living is the key focus for our teams right now – your council is here for you.

The passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II saw our nation pause in shared moments of reflection and tribute. Paying our respects to our most committed and exemplary public servant, we were honoured to support efforts to mark her passing locally – with wreath laying, a Book of Condolence, a memorable cathedral service and of course the Mayor of Winchester's historic proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III on the Guildhall steps. I am proud that we were able to offer local people the opportunity to feel a part of this unforgettable moment in our history.

Of course, there have been moments of joy too – the Queen's Baton Relay team graced our district with two visits in July. Before that, for the Platinum

Jubilee we saw trees planted in close to a hundred areas as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, and we supported 49 local Jubilee events across the district.

We've seen the incredibly popular Winchester Sport & Leisure Park mark its first anniversary with an event for local children, opened the state-of-the-art King George V skatepark, and progressed our new home building agenda – with 1,000 homes being built between 2021 and 2030.

Our Local Plan moves forward – with thanks to the thousands of residents who have come forward to contribute to the draft plan – now out for consultation. Do please stay with us on this journey – the input of local

people is vital, and what we create will shape our district to 2039. See page 11 to have your say.

Speaking of the future – your council is redoubling its efforts to help the district reach net zero by 2030. Everything we do is seen through the lens of the climate emergency, and we're looking at making big changes around energy consumption and transport that will help us make a difference that really counts. We can't do this without you so please join us on this journey so we can make sure our district is here for future generations to enjoy.

## THE 1MILLION MARK... COULD IT BE YOU?

### Will you be the millionth visitor to Winchester Sport & Leisure Park?

Over 900,000 people have visited the district's newest leisure centre since it opened in 2021, which means all eyes are on the entrance in November.

Keep attending your sessions and be in with a chance of winning a surprise bundle of treats!





# GREENER FASTER NOW

The mandate to save our planet has become ever clearer, with extreme weather events experienced here at home and across the globe demonstrating the urgency of this agenda.

We have pledged to go 'greener faster' and have commissioned WSP, a leading environmental consultancy to help us on our journey of delivering hard hitting results to trigger short term, significant change.

## WE'RE FOCUSING ON:



### Reducing energy consumption

As energy costs rise there's no better time to make sure heat stays in your home and energy sources are sustainable.

- You can apply for funding for your home via the Warmer Homes scheme [www.warmerhomes.org.uk/](http://www.warmerhomes.org.uk/)
- Council tenants will be benefiting from a **£1.2m** retrofitting programme that will see homes adapted to be more energy efficient.



### Reducing waste and recycling more

We're recycling more every year – and we need to do even more of it. Our Carbon Neutrality Open Forum ran informative talks on food waste, take a look here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0fkV-ZwAAQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0fkV-ZwAAQ) to pick up ideas and tips on how to reduce your own waste. Meanwhile...



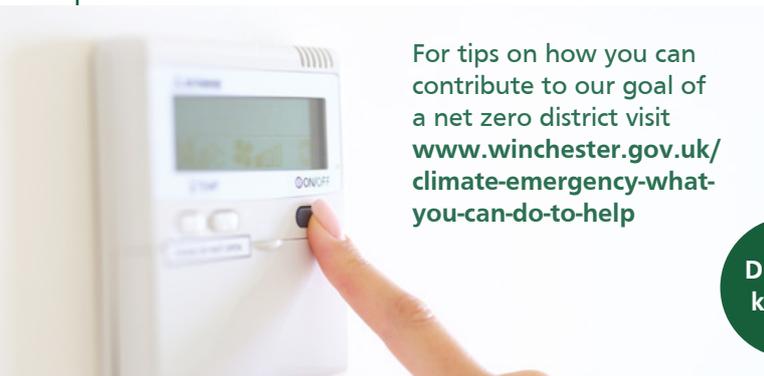
Tetra Pak recycling points are available across the district – at the local recycling sites at Worthy Lane in Winchester, Colden Common, Denmead, Alresford and South Wonston



Glass recycling was introduced in 2019 and we've seen 2400 tonnes collected so far this year



Garden Waste is being turned into nutritious compost – you can find out more here [www.winchester.gov.uk/chilbolton-composting](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/chilbolton-composting)



For tips on how you can contribute to our goal of a net zero district visit [www.winchester.gov.uk/climate-emergency-what-you-can-do-to-help](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/climate-emergency-what-you-can-do-to-help)

Did you know?

We've recycled over half a million Tetra Paks since we introduced the recycling points in 2020!



# GREEN TRAVEL

Active travel is the way forward - leave the car at home and use the district-wide network of fantastic cycle routes to get out and about using pedal power.



- We are developing plans to reimagine the area around Winchester Railway Station as a green travel hub (see page 10).
- Our bin fleet is to become green-powered as we work on switching fuel to an environmentally friendly alternative to diesel.

Did you know?



Join the movement to make our historic centre car free by using our low-cost Park & Ride/Walk car parks, and you'll also help to improve air quality for cyclists and pedestrians.



These activities are all working alongside a raft of other measures such as:

- Our Biodiversity Action Plan
- Working with greener organisations to help reduce the carbon footprint of our everyday work
- Inspiring local people to get involved at the first Climate Assembly later this month



# MAKING CHANGES



## WINCHESTER'S FIRST CLIMATE ASSEMBLY

Following the Youth Climate Assembly in November 2021, we were delighted to welcome a district first – the Winchester's People's Climate Assembly which took place at Winchester Guildhall on Saturday 22 October.

Organised by Together for our Planet, and supported by Winchester City Council, the successful event was a chance for local people to take part in decision making over local priorities for reducing carbon emissions and the cost of living. Don't worry if you missed it, you can find out more at [www.win4theclimate.co.uk](http://www.win4theclimate.co.uk)



"The extreme heatwave of the summer, wildfires in Europe, year round footage of floods and drought related famines all send a clear message: no one is immune to the effects of climate change and we all must act now to play our part in saving our planet.

That's why we declared a climate emergency in 2019, and it's why we're upping the ante now, pledging to go greener faster to help make sure our district heads towards net zero at an accelerated pace.

We've reviewed our activities and are focussing on the things that matter most in terms of carbon reduction and the longterm safeguarding of our environment.

We can't do this without your help. Whether it's changing the way you move around your local area, adapting your routine to walk or cycle more or increasing your recycling rate, we're all in this together and we need you on side."



CLLR KELSIE LEARNEY  
CABINET MEMBER FOR THE  
CLIMATE EMERGENCY

## CHANGING OUR OWN CARBON CULTURE



Our hard work to tackle climate change and reduce our carbon footprint was recognised in July when we received the Carbon Literacy Bronze award.

The Carbon Literacy Project encourages organisations and local authorities to better understand how we can change our working behaviour and all do our bit to help protect our planet. And the great news is, we've trained 140 staff and we're well on the way to Silver already!

## WeCAN – WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



We've renewed our support for the Winchester Climate Action Network project (WeCAN), which will see funding continue until 2024.

WeCAN is a network of community leaders who have united for climate action and produced Climate Impact Reports for all our parishes. They've created a fantastic knowledge information hub to share advice too. If you have a local climate initiative that would benefit from support, WeCAN would like to hear about it – contact Stuart Mills on [stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk](mailto:stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk) or visit [www.winacc.org.uk/wecan](http://www.winacc.org.uk/wecan) for more details.

## GRASS SNAKES, NEWTS & TOADS, OH MY!

Biodiversity really matters and it's so rewarding to see species return as a result of the action plan in place.

Smooth and palmate newts, toads and many other species have been identified as part of our amphibian survey at a pond created only a few years ago in Greenacres, Otterbourne.

Amphibians are slippery characters so inventive methods are needed to spot them... 'Torching' (shining a torch over the pond in the dark) and bottle trapping, where

wildlife are (gently) observed in a plastic bottle before being identified, counted and released.

Our team is also planning to keep the invasive plant Himalayan Balsam under control while reviewing techniques to allow for other aquatic plants to establish there... anything to keep our wildlife comfortable!

## LIVING ON THE HEDGE

You'll be sad to hear that hedgehog populations are declining. These charismatic little creatures aren't able to thrive in urban environments due to loss of natural habitat and food sources, and an increase in road collisions. So, how can you help a hedgehog?

- 1 Make sure they can access your garden** – gardens are potential food sources for hedgehogs – can they get under your gate? If you feel it's secure enough could you perhaps prop your gate open for hedgehog traffic?
- 2 Leave areas of your garden wild** – many of us are already leaving a patch of grass to grow a bit longer, allowing flower species to grow in the lawn and creating more food sources for hedgehogs and other wildlife. You can also create habitat piles from grass cuttings, logs, branches and scrub, these are great places for hedgehogs (or other species) to hibernate or take shelter.
- 3 Avoid using slug pellets and other chemicals** – they can be fatal to hedgehogs. Try natural alternatives such as putting gravel or crushed shell around the plants or using copper strips.
- 4 Have a compost heap** – the middle of a compost heap is lovely and warm – hedgehogs have worked this out and use it as heated accommodation!
- 5 Check long grass before mowing** – do a quick check for sleeping hedgehogs before you mow in the spring and summer.



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“We’ve weathered a difficult time over the last two years, and though we’ve been delighted to see signs of recovery in our reinvigorated high streets and busier event programmes, we know that it’s still not easy for local businesses.

In the immediate term we’re continuing to support recovery with our lively networks and support services. So, whether you are a tourism business promoting your business on our Visit Winchester channels, or you’re first to hear about grants through our Business Bulletin and Arts News, we’re here to help and will remain so.

And in the longer term, we’re helping ensure more businesses are sustainable with Zero – a free, bespoke package of support.”



**CLLR LUCILLE THOMPSON**  
CABINET MEMBER  
FOR BUSINESS AND  
CULTURE

## YOUR BUSINESS JOURNEY TO NET ZERO

Daunted by the challenge of making your business sustainable? Access free support through Zero, a certified 12-month programme to help local businesses reduce carbon and access marketing support and tips on meeting sustainable tender criteria.

### Sound useful?

Visit [www.meercatassociates.com/winchester](http://www.meercatassociates.com/winchester) or call **01444 416 529**. The support is funded by Winchester City Council and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

## LAINSTON HOUSE HOTEL GREEN ACCREDITED

Lainston House has joined an elite group of only 400 organisations across the UK to receive the B Corporation; a prestigious accreditation for companies who demonstrate commitment to social and environmental goals over profits. Among the hotel’s many green credentials include producing homegrown apple juice from the 20 varieties of apple trees in the grounds, to repurposing wood from pallet crates into compost bins for the kitchen garden.



# GREEN FOR GO!

To ensure that the district capitalises on the opportunities of green growth, work has already started on the delivery of our ten year Green Economic Development Strategy. This will set out how, over the next decade, we aim to increase business diversity, skills and productivity, develop more affordable and sustainable housing; enhance biodiversity; expand the use of renewable energy; and reduce traffic congestion and cut carbon emissions.

Following consultation with businesses and key stakeholders an initial two year action plan has been agreed and a new Sustainable Tourism Strategy and Cultural Strategy will be coming soon....

Interested? Have a read here:

[www.winchester.gov.uk/business/economic-development/](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/economic-development/)

## EARTHIAN ZERO WASTE SHOP

The only plastic free zero waste shop in Winchester city centre; Earthian strives to help customers reduce waste at home and is also a zero-landfill business. The team also use Zedify to deliver their products in a planet saving way via e-cargo bikes.



# MONEY MATTERS

**Unprecedented financial pressures and rises in interest rates and inflation this autumn have certainly made financial planning for the council more challenging.**

We created an 'Exceptional Inflation Reserve' this summer in anticipation of these pressures, which has given us a sound financial buffer. However, the current financial position means we're working through ways to balance the budget. The Cabinet will consider the medium-term financial strategy at a meeting in November.

## SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

**We announced a £200,000 package of measures in September to provide help and practical support around the cost of living crisis.**

An Emergency Grant Fund will enable partner organisations to provide advice on reducing energy bills and accessing benefits, grants, food and emergency support. And a Cost of Living Summit will bring together organisations to coordinate and maximise efforts to help local people, and provide a network of warm, safe spaces this winter.

If you're struggling to make ends meet, don't worry there is support available and ways to make things easier whether it's...

Go to [www.winchester.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/cost-of-living) to find out more...

## BIDDING FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR OUR DISTRICT

We are actively taking our opportunities to bid for extra funding that will make a real impact on our district and the people who live and work here. We are awaiting government approval of £1 million action plan for UK Shared Prosperity Funding, which, if successful, will support street markets, town centres, cultural activities and more. We are also putting together a bid for £745,000 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund to support new and existing rural based businesses.

- **Money, benefits and bills** – where to get help if you are struggling to pay the bills
- **Food** – a list of food banks and community pantries
- **Energy** – how to get help and advice on paying the bills and keeping your home warm
- **Wellbeing** – someone to talk to, all day and night, every day of the week
- **Housing support** – help is at hand if you're struggling with managing your tenancy or worried about homelessness

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“Money is on everyone's mind this autumn, and your council is working hard to continue to deliver support while making sure that we invest in our district and our services.”

We're not the only council taking a hard look at ways we can manage the impact of rising interest rates and high inflation, and our efforts are, as ever, all about focusing on what we can do to support our community, whilst being realistic about what we can and cannot achieve in the medium term while this difficult situation continues.

Obviously we're continuing to apply for funds so that we can use any money granted to support our communities and improve rural and urban areas.”

**CLLR MARGOT POWER**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR  
FINANCE AND VALUE



# THE FUTURE OF STATION APPROACH

## A THOUSAND THANKS

With more than five million visitors to the district each year and 8,000 commuters passing through Winchester Railway Station every weekday, the area around the station has long been considered a key gateway site – as well as being a much-loved neighbourhood.

Together with Network Rail and London & Continental Railways (LCR) we are exploring ideas to reinvigorate the area, including looking at the development of a green travel hub

with a reinvigorated offer for retail and business. Our initial consultation ran from 1 August to 23 October and we are delighted that 1,087 local people were able to have their say. This is just the start of the process and we will be continuing to update residents as the vision takes shape. Watch this space!

To find out more please visit [www.winchesterstationapproach.co.uk](http://www.winchesterstationapproach.co.uk)



## FLYTIPPING FINE

Anyone who dumps rubbish illegally in our district faces a hefty fine and even a possible prison sentence. Recently, we secured another conviction for a fly-tipping incident in Curdridge that saw the perpetrator fined a total of £597.

To report fly-tipping in your community visit [www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling) and if you need to organise a collection check The Environment Agency's online list of registered waste carriers at [environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/index](http://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/index).





# MOLLY'S MURAL



Earlier this year we announced an open call for designs to deliver a vibrant, bespoke mural at St Maurice's Covert between the High Street and Winchester Cathedral. From over thirty submissions from across the UK the commission has been successfully awarded to Molly Hawkins.

Molly is renowned for her large-scale colourful art in public spaces. Her love for bright, vivid colours and energetic designs, which have become her hallmark, features strongly in her design for St Maurice's Covert which also picks out heritage features. It's the last phase of improvements to this feature of the city and was unveiled in October 2022.

# TRANSFORMING KINGS WALK

In recent months we've spoken to businesses in and around Kings Walk and their views have formed plans on how we can revitalise this busy part of our city and transform the outdoor space.

We want to attract more creative and independent businesses to the area to realise our longer-term development of a 'cultural quarter' where residents, shoppers, commuters and visitors can meet and relax.

This is only the beginning, but the area will look and feel very different. It's a step to realising the potential of Kings Walk as the plans to create flexible workspaces, retail and leisure facilities, high-quality housing and an attractive public realm also take shape.



# YOUR PLACE YOUR PLAN.

Winchester District Local Plan

Many residents have been part of developing the Local Plan.

Our draft 'Regulation 18' Local Plan is out for consultation from 2 November 2022 until midnight on 14 December 2022. Some of the priorities in the plan include:



- Responding to the climate emergency, setting high standards for environmental design for homes and making it attractive, safe and easy to walk, cycle and use other low carbon methods of transport

- Affordable housing – recognising it's more difficult for all ages (especially younger generations) to find homes they can afford, for the first time, the plan replaces an 'expectation' for affordable housing that was too often missed, with a minimum requirement that developers have to achieve
- A 'brownfield site first' approach across the district. All sites put forward in the plan have been assessed to have the best sustainability and have the least environmental impact on our district. 90% of sites submitted by developers have not been included.



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“The Winchester district has 127,500 residents and we all see our local area as home. We are privileged to live in a place as beautiful and diverse as we do.

That's why we need you to help us now. We're at a critical stage in developing the Local Plan – an important document that outlines development requirements and potential development sites for the parts of our district outside the South Downs National Park. To make sure the plan is meaningful and sensitive to the needs of both our growing and changing population, we listen to you. So, please do respond to our consultation.

It is based on what local people have told us, and it's the most ambitious plan we've drafted yet, in terms of making our district sustainable for this and future generations to enjoy.”

**CLLR JACKIE PORTER**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE  
AND THE LOCAL PLAN



Let us know what you think here: [www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk)



# INTRODUCING COBBETT GARDENS

Great news! A new affordable housing scheme for Winchester City Council at North Whiteley is now underway, with 54 houses located in what will be known as Cobbett Gardens.

The new development will be a mix of two, three and four bedroom energy efficient homes for affordable rent and shared ownership, with some properties due to be ready later this year.

Our house building programme aims to address the climate emergency by ensuring all new homes meet the Association for Environment Conscious Building standard – a significant step towards our net zero target.

You can register your interest for the homes at Cobbett Gardens by visiting [www.cobbettgardens.com](http://www.cobbettgardens.com)



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Knowing you have a safe and secure place to call home is fundamental, and that's why we're working hard to ensure this is a reality for as many local people as possible.

Since 2021 we've built 121 new homes, including 33 under the shared ownership scheme for those taking their first steps on the housing ladder. We have another 130 new council homes under construction in both Winchester and North Whiteley.

We know that the current cost of living crisis is making many people anxious, and that's why we've put in place a £200,000 programme of support for local residents. We've also allocated £740,000 to prevent homelessness among our newest residents, those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Our community has always pulled together in difficult times, and I'd like to thank everyone for everything you've done and are doing to care for others in our community.



**CLLR PAULA FERGUSON**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR  
COMMUNITY AND HOUSING

## 50% OFF GARAGE RENT!

**Run out of storage space at home?  
Have an extra car but nowhere to park it?**

We have almost 2,000 lock up garages across the district available for anyone to rent whether you're an existing council tenant, leaseholder or private resident.

Sign up before December 31, 2022 and you'll receive a 50% discount off the charge.

For more information visit

[www.winchester.gov.uk/housing/garages-applications](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/housing/garages-applications)

email [garages@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:garages@winchester.gov.uk)

or call **01962 814 922**.



# WELCOMING UKRAINIAN GUESTS INTO OUR COMMUNITY

We've pledged our support to the City of Sanctuary movement and this means all asylum seekers and refugees will be warmly welcomed in our district.

Winchester residents have welcomed more Ukrainian citizens than anywhere else in the county – at the latest count we have in the region of 200 hosts who have families staying.

We're so pleased to be able to work closely with local people and organisations to provide a safe, friendly and supportive community for those who have fled their homes, livelihoods and, in many cases loved ones, to escape the conflict.



We established support hubs to offer advice both for Ukrainian visitors and their hosts, on issues such as housing, employment opportunities, benefits and financial aid initiatives.

**456 visits were made to our Ukrainian support hubs between June and October 2022.**



We're using Central Government funding to support general homelessness in the district and also help refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. £740,000 of funding was allocated to provide a specialised team to support Ukrainian refugees who will help them prevent homelessness, secure longer-term housing and integrate smoothly into the community.



Contact [ukraine@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:ukraine@winchester.gov.uk) to find out more about our support services or visit the City of Sanctuary website and sign up for their helpful updates here [www.winchester.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine)



# LIVING WELL



## HOW ARE YOU DOING?

**We are about to welcome our millionth customer to Winchester Sport & Leisure Park – proof that our community is well and truly active!**

73% of people in Winchester engage in over **150 minutes** of physical activity a week (data provided by Sport England Active Lives Data) which is 12% higher than the National average. Higher levels of exercise means a healthier heart, lower blood pressure, lower weight and improved mobility – and ultimately a happier and longer life!

So we're delighted to be doing well as a community overall – and with both Winchester Sport & Leisure Park and Meadowside Leisure Centre offering the latest equipment and facilities for children and adults we're hoping that the trend will continue.



Since we opened in 2021

Membership and usage has grown month on month with **590,000** attending the centre

The pool has hosted Swim England and Club Aquatic events

Highest % of footfall **45%** gym/classes **26%** swimming

In August, we partnered with Everyone Active, Winchester Go LD and the University of Winchester to host their annual Paralympic Personal Bests event – 10 years on from the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The event has grown significantly over the past decade and this year over 120 attendees took part in swimming, squash, rugby, circuits, athletics, football, and cricket.



# YOUR TURN!

Don't let the sofa claim you this autumn! Get fitter as the leaves start to fall...



## PARKRUN

A free 5km organised run every week.

**Winchester** – 9am each Saturday at North Walls recreation ground (SO23 7DD). Register in advance at [www.parkrun.org.uk/winchester/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/winchester/)

**Whiteley** – 9am each Saturday at Meadowside Recreation Ground. Register in advance at [www.parkrun.org.uk/whiteley/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/whiteley/)

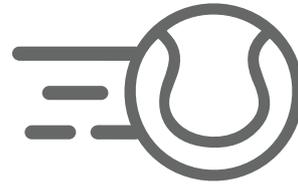
**Junior parkrun** – a 2km route open to younger runners aged 4-14 years old every Sunday at 9am at North Walls recreation ground. For details visit [www.parkrun.org.uk/winchester-juniors/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/winchester-juniors/)

## WALK TO WELLBEING

Make the most of our beautiful local scenery whilst improving your fitness and meeting new people on one of our free Wellbeing Walks which start at:

- **Colden Common Community Centre** every Wednesday at 10:30am
- **Kings Walk** (opposite the Antiques Market) every Wednesday at 9:15am
- **The Square**, Bishops Waltham every Tuesday at 2:30pm and every Thursday at 10:30am

Just meet at the start point in good time or email our Wellbeing Walk Coordinator on [healthywalks@cfirst.org.uk](mailto:healthywalks@cfirst.org.uk) if you have any queries.



## TENNIS FOR ALL SEASONS

Tennis is a great way to keep active and improve wellbeing whatever your age or ability, so we've partnered with Osman Tennis to ensure that anyone who wants to play can have a go.

Our weekly programme at River Park Tennis Court welcomes those with any disability who want to get active, have fun and meet new people. All equipment is provided so why not come along to River Park Tennis Courts (SO23 7DD) on Wednesday between 5 and 6pm and give it a go?

Book via the Osman Tennis app (available on iPhone and Android) or call **07973 289 451**.

## ROLLING WITH IT

Winchester's newest skatepark at King George V playing fields was officially opened in May with a skate jam that attracted skateboarders, BMX riders and scooter enthusiasts who provided thrilling demos. The Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Derek Green declared the park officially open – but declined to skate wearing the mayoral silver!



# ABBEY GARDENS PLAYGROUND

Thank you to everyone who helped us shape the exciting plans for a new look playground at Abbey Gardens. Following a recent public consultation, work is now underway to make the playground a more accessible and exciting place full of fun ideas suggested by local people. A new slide topped the list of improvements followed by a multi-play area, vehicles to climb on, a cradle swing and a climbing frame.

The park will be closed for six months while the transformation takes place. If your little one is missing their playdate you can use alternative playgrounds at Friary Gardens (SO23 9J) a 10-minute walk away or Orams Arbour (SO22 5BU) a 16-minute walk from Abbey Gardens.

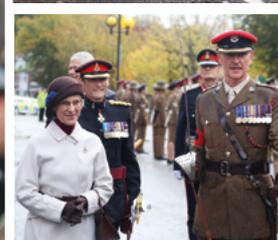


## GO PURPLE WINCHESTER HOSPICE 1ST BIRTHDAY

Winchester Hospice celebrated its first birthday in October and marked the occasion by inviting the community to 'Go Purple' whilst making a £1 donation online. In its first year, the hospice team cared for over 300 inpatients, and provide bereavement support, community services and therapies to those who need it in Winchester and surrounding villages. Show your support and join in the first birthday celebrations at <https://bit.ly/3SEKUj0>.



## ANNIVERSARY FREEDOM PARADE



The right of Freedom of Entry is an ancient privilege which allows regiments to parade through the city to the beat of drums, with "swords drawn, bayonets fixed and colours flying". It comes from a period in history when only trusted military units would be allowed to carry arms within city boundaries.

On Saturday 15 October, the city was temporarily signed over to a stirring spectacle of military precision in action when the Adjutant General's Corps paraded in the city centre in celebration of the Corps 30th anniversary.

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We've seen a rise in vandalism and graffiti since the pandemic with our teams regularly being called out to deal with damage to public facilities. We're working with the Police, CCTV and other partners to identify perpetrators and help deter this behaviour.

**Seen something that worries you?**

Report-It online 24/7 at [www.winchester.gov.uk/apply/anti-social-behaviour](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/apply/anti-social-behaviour)



# THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Two of the district's most renowned sporting locations hosted the Queen's Baton Relay this summer as it made its way across the nation, en route to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in July.

Over 100 school children cheered as the baton was carried into Winchester Sport & Leisure Park where a Commonwealth Games themed sports festival was held. The Baton Relay then made its way to historic Broadpenny Down Cricket Ground in Hambledon a fitting location to mark the first year of women's cricket featuring in the Commonwealth Games.



## CROWDFUNDING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

We're supporting the fantastic work of local charities and voluntary organisations through our community grant schemes.

Thanks to our Crowdfund Winchester platform (which runs until 15 November, 2022) five local organisations received £9,000 in match funding grants from the city council this summer, in total raising over £22,000 for community projects ranging from solar panels to counselling sessions, restoration work and support services.

Find out more about Crowdfunding and discover more about our community grants for local not for profit organisations at <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/>

# MEET THE MAYOR



**"I became the 823rd Mayor of Winchester in May this year having been a ward councillor for 9 years.**

A Mayor will always be aware of the hand of history on their shoulder – I am the 823rd person to hold this office since the first Mayor – thought to date back to the 1190s. I have been truly honoured to play a part in our district's response to the sad passing of her Majesty the Queen. The events of the ten solemn days following her death will stay with me for the rest of my life, and I will leave the mayoralty with a profound sense of pride, knowing that my grandson will be able to say, years from now, that his grandfather stood on the steps of the Guildhall to proclaim the accession of King Charles III.

As ever, it is local people that make a Mayor's year. And both during the historic events at the end of the summer and early autumn and in the more celebratory gatherings – some of which are captured on this page it has been a joy to meet so many of you across our 250 square mile district, hear your stories, shake your hands (something which we could not do for some time!) and mark special community occasions."

**CLLR DEREK GREEN**  
The Mayor of Winchester





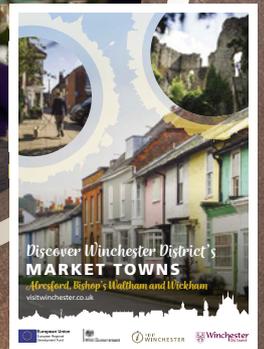
LOVE  
WINCHESTER

# REDISCOVER AUTUMN AND WINTER ACROSS THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT

## DISCOVER WINCHESTER DISTRICT'S MARKET TOWNS

Uncover the delights of Alresford, Bishop's Waltham and Wickham with a new guide which highlights the must-sees of each town and showcases places to shop and eat while you are there. Independent businesses are also listed on our new market town maps designed to help you navigate your way around. Our guides and maps are available from Winchester Visitor Information Centre or downloadable on our website.

**Download our guides and maps:**



For more inspiration and ideas for great days out see [visitwinchester.co.uk](http://visitwinchester.co.uk)



RESPECT  
PROTECT  
ENJOY ♡

# CHRISTMAS IN WINCHESTER

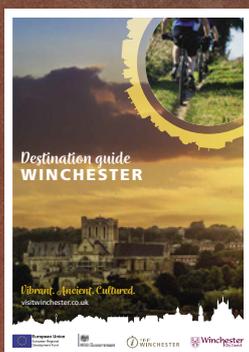
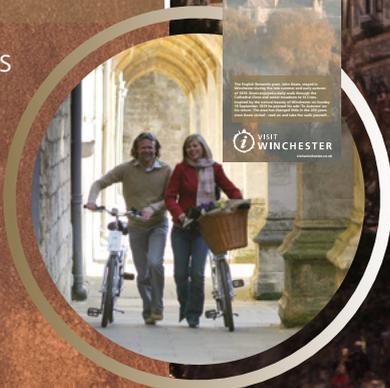
Christmas officially begins on Thursday 17 November when the lights are switched on in the city. This year many of our attractions will also be lit up with immersive light displays and events. The Winchester district is the place for festive delights including Christmas markets, carols, concerts, family pantomimes and visits from Father Christmas.

For a full list of events  
[christmasinwinchester.co.uk](http://christmasinwinchester.co.uk)

## AUTUMN WALKS

Follow in the footsteps of Keats along his daily walk which inspired one of his most famous poems To Autumn.

Take a look at  
[visitwinchester.co.uk](http://visitwinchester.co.uk)



## PLAN YOUR DAY

Whether you are new to this district or have lived here all your life, pick up a copy of our new Destination Guide for loads more ideas for great days out. The guide also features hints and tips from locals on recommended places to eat, shop and walk.



Sign up to our e-newsletter for the latest news, events, special offers and competitions at [visitwinchester.co.uk](http://visitwinchester.co.uk)

# IT'S IN THE PLAN

We live in changing times right now and we're busy refreshing our Council Plan so that what we do in the next year helps us make a difference to local people.

Our Residents' Survey told us that our core priorities – Tackling the climate emergency; Homes for all; Living well; Vibrant local economy and Your services, Your voice are still the things that matter to you most. And we're finalising this year's edition of the plan right now to:

- Make sure we get the right support to anyone who needs it during the cost of living crisis
- Use our first post-pandemic Residents' Survey results to guide us in in terms of focussing on particular areas and speeding up certain action plans

The new plan will be ready for the new year...



## NORTH WHITELEY – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE UPDATE

We've been inviting local people to have their say on options around governance for Whiteley and Curdrige now the new housing in the North Whiteley Major Development Area is becoming established.

New residents are already settling in to the new 3,500 development, which includes Extra Care accommodation two primary schools, a secondary school, a retail offer and a community centre.

We've worked with Whiteley Town Council and Curdrige Parish Council to make sure local people are involved in the process of deciding the best arrangements for local governance – whether that is being absorbed into an existing council, creating a new one or remaining split between two areas. The survey results are just in and we'll be reviewing them and discussing the results with local people in the next weeks...



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We're all so used to doing things online these days. And your council is working to continuously improve our offer to you so whether it's paying your council tax or reporting a fly tip – you can do this by clicking on a link and the issue gets sent straight to our teams who can help.

Our Your Winchester App is a quick and easy way to get things sorted – download it and have a go!

Meanwhile, to help further improve district recycling rates we introduced handy bin hangers with reminders of which materials go in which bin. Remember, you can recycle paper, card, cans, tins, and plastic bottles but please ensure items are clean and dry before they go in the recycling bin.

Plus, we're streamlining our reporting and reviewing processes to make sure that as a council we're able to keep track of our performance all year round... all in the name of progress!”



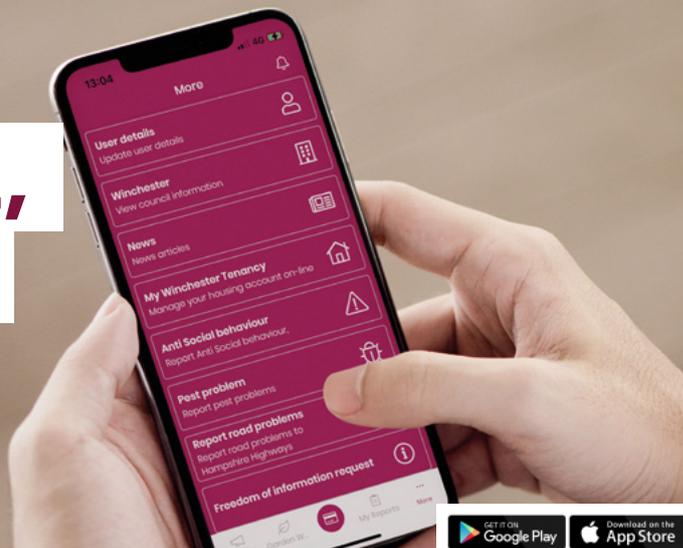
**CLLR RUSSELL GORDON-SMITH**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR  
SERVICE QUALITY

# YOUR COUNCIL, HERE FOR YOU

The 'Your Winchester' app is now available to download on app stores on all major smartphones. It takes less than a minute to register and create your account to be kept informed, and track progress of enquiries.

It's easy to use and puts lots of handy services all in one place. You can:

- Pay your council bills
- Sign up to the Garden Waste scheme or renew your annual subscription
- Report issues like fly-tipping, missed refuse bins, abandoned vehicles, pests, noise
- Apply for things such as licences, charity event road closure, car parking permits
- Book and pay for sports pitches as a club
- Compliment the council or submit an enquiry
- Add supporting documents to your enquiry such as photos or scanned documents which could speed up the application process
- See real time updates about the progress of your enquiry



**citizens  
advice**

## HERE FOR YOU TOO

Right next to our Colebrook office is Citizens Advice Winchester District - an independent local charity offering advice and support to help, whoever you are, whatever the problem

- Free advice to anyone who lives or works in Winchester
- Trained advisors can help with issues ranging from benefits and debt, to guidance on a family issue or housing and employment rights
- Help out of or to avoid crisis, through support to access food bank vouchers and other grants
- Support for people who are disabled or have long term health issues
- Specialist services include a Hampshire Macmillan Citizens Advice Service which provides benefits, finance, housing and employment advice for those living with cancer



Visit [www.citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk) or call freephone 0808 278 7861 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

## CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL

We're open between 8.30am to 5pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8.30am to 4.30pm (Friday).

Here are our key telephone numbers that will take you direct to the service you require:

**Customer Service Centre 01962 840 222**

**Waste and Recycling 0300 300 0013**

**Parking 01962 848 346**

**Building Control 01962 848 176**

**Housing 01962 848 400**

**Visitor Information 01962 840 500**

**Benefits 01962 848 539**

**If you need us in an emergency: General out-of-hours 01962 865 407**

**Housing out-of-hours 01962 865 405**

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“Everyone needs to be able to count on us for services and support..”

It really matters to us that opportunities are available – and realisable – to everyone, whatever their background, income or life circumstances, and their voices heard, considered and acted upon.

As a new Cabinet Member I'm looking at making sure we reach more people – and all areas of our district can feel their voice is heard. Over the next months we'll be embarking on a programme of activity that will help us understand your experience of your council, your local area and the district as a whole...

We want a fair district, where everyone's wellbeing counts and is supported. Whoever you are and wherever you live – you matter to us.”

**CLLR KATHLEEN BECKER**  
CABINET MEMBER FOR  
INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT



# WHO IS MY COUNCILLOR?

## Winchester City Council Ward Map

### WINCHESTER DISTRICT

#### Wonston & Micheldever



Cllr Patrick Cunningham  
Cllr Stephen Godfrey  
Cllr Caroline Horrill

Conservatives Conservatives Conservatives

#### Alresford & Itchen



Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith  
Cllr Isaac

Liberal Democrats Conservatives

#### The Worthys



Cllr Steve Cramoysan  
Cllr Jackie Porter  
Cllr Jane Rutter

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#### Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery



Cllr Jan Warwick  
Cllr Brian Laming  
Cllr Hannah Williams

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#### Colden Common & Twyford



Cllr Susan Cook  
Cllr Tony Bronk

Conservatives Liberal Democrats

#### Bishops Waltham



Cllr Michael Kurn  
Cllr David McLean  
Cllr Steve Miller

Conservatives Conservatives Conservatives

#### Whiteley & Shedfield



Cllr Vivian Achwal  
Cllr Anne Small  
Cllr Jonathan Fern

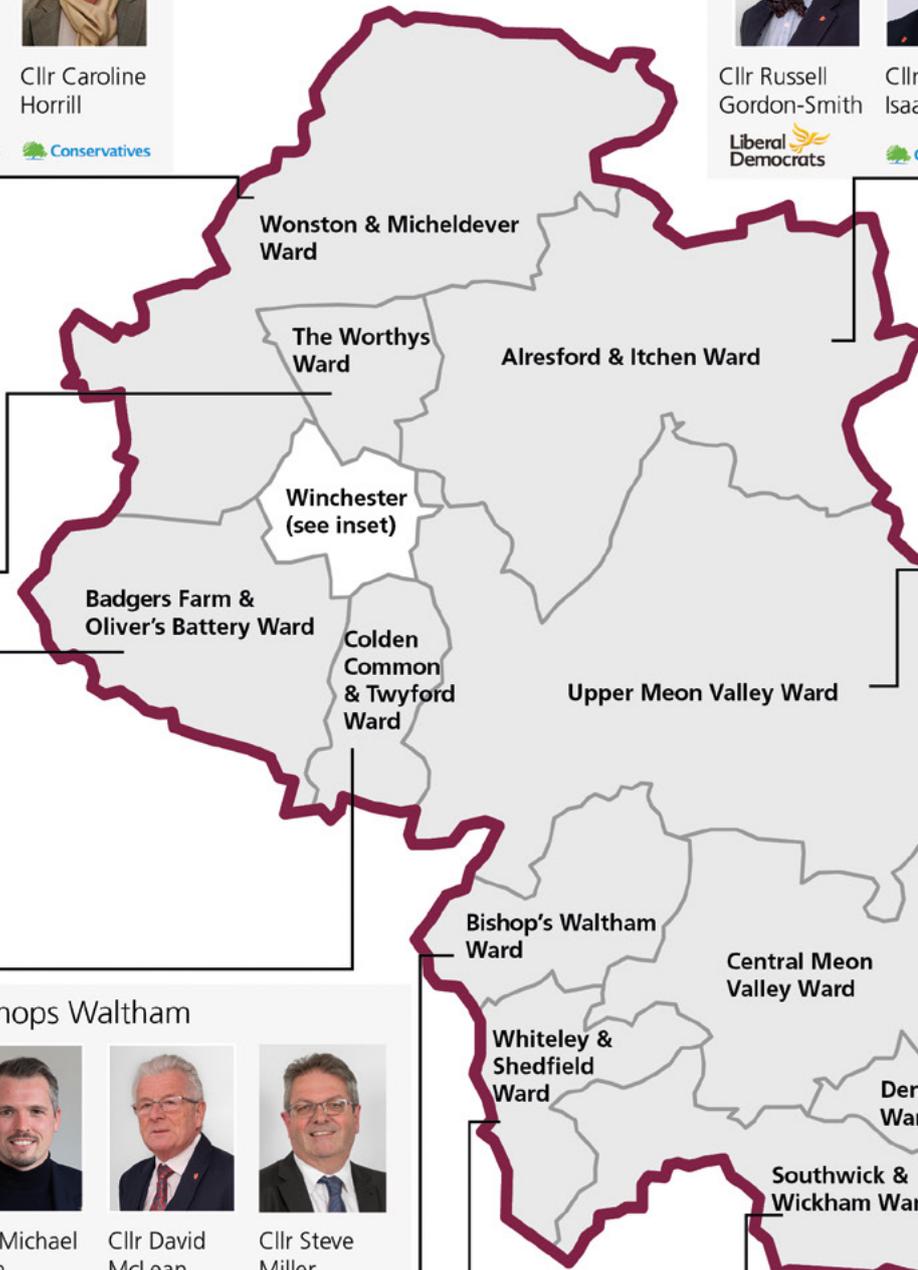
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#### Southwick & Wickham



Cllr Angela Clear  
Cllr Neil Cutler

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## DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE!

With elections taking place in May 2023, it's important that you check your voter registration details or risk your chance to vote on decisions that affect you!



Every year we check the electoral register is up to date. If you don't hear from the council, you might not be on the register – the easiest way to check is online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

# WINCHESTER CITY



### Lower Meon Valley



Fiona Adams  
Conservatives



Cllr Margot Power  
Liberal Democrats

### Upper Meon Valley



Cllr Neil Bolton  
Conservatives



Cllr Hugh Lumby  
Conservatives

### Central Meon Valley



Cllr Malcolm Wallace  
Green Party



Cllr Frank Pearson  
Conservatives



Cllr Victoria Weston  
Independent

### Denmead



Cllr Caroline Brook  
Conservatives



Cllr Michael Read  
Conservatives

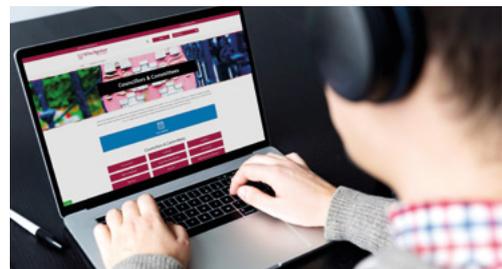


Cllr Judy Clementson  
Independent

### Denmead



Cllr Therese Evans  
Liberal Democrats



If you'd like to contact your ward councillor head to [www.winchester.gov.uk/contact-cllrs](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/contact-cllrs) for their details

### St Barnabas



Cllr Mike Craske  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Kelsie Learney  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr James Batho  
Liberal Democrats

### St Bartholomew



Cllr Paula Ferguson  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Kathleen Becker  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr John Tippett-Cooper  
Liberal Democrats

### St Paul



Cllr Christopher Westwood  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Lucille Thompson  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Martin Tod  
Liberal Democrats

### St Luke



Cllr Derek Green  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Jamie Scott  
Conservatives

### St Michael



Cllr Chris Edwards  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Charles Radcliffe  
Liberal Democrats



Cllr Mark Reach  
Liberal Democrats



# 70 YEARS SERVICE HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**We were deeply saddened, when in September, Her Majesty the Queen passed away.**

Following the announcement our district turned out in force, laying flowers in tribute, attending a special service in Winchester Cathedral, and signing the Book of Condolence in our thousands.

In an historic ceremony, the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Derek Green, announced the accession of King Charles III in a special proclamation ceremony at Winchester Guildhall, attended by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson.

Her Majesty the Queen will be remembered for years to come for her unstinting devotion to serving her country. We remain grateful to her for keeping her promise to our nation and profoundly thankful for her 70 year reign.

Over the summer we had celebrated her life first by marking her Platinum Jubilee over the long bank holiday weekend in June, supporting 49 street parties up and down the district and almost 100 tree planting events for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative; then supporting the Commonwealth Games later in the summer by welcoming the Queens Baton Relay (see page 17).

During her reign Queen Elizabeth II visited Winchester many times – once even before she was Queen – passing through Winchester on the way to her honeymoon in Broadlands in 1947.

Highlights include a visit on 5 July 1955 to mark the 800th anniversary of the city's first charter, where Her

Majesty gave a speech on the balcony of the Guildhall, with children lining the roofs of shops and houses along The Broadway, to get a glimpse of the Queen. There were other visits too, among others, Winchester Cathedral to distribute Maundy Money, Winchester College, Sir John Moore barracks, Elizabeth II court at County Hall and Hampshire Records Office. Her last visit to the district was in 2007, when Her Majesty opened the new Royal Military Police Museum at the Defence College of Policing and Guarding at Southwick Park.



## LICORICIA

King Charles III (as Prince of Wales) also visited Winchester this year to mark the installation of a statue of a highly influential Jewish woman, Licoricia, and her son Asher. The bronze statue depicts Licoricia making her way to her home in Jewry Street where she was later found murdered.

Winchester has an important Jewish past dating back to the mid-1100s,

making it one of the earliest, largest and most successful Jewish settlements in England.

Find out more about Licoricia and the fascinating history of our Jewish community on our Medieval Jewish Trail. Visit [www.visitwinchester.co.uk/listing/medieval-jewish-trail/](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/listing/medieval-jewish-trail/) to download a copy of the trail.

