

Hampshire County Council Update: Cllr Jan Warwick, Winchester Downlands

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National Lockdown Updated National, HCC Guidance and details of key services are available via the links below. **HWRCs and Country Parks remain open but residents are urged to stay local.**

www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/general-advice

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus#impacted-services>

Police and Crime The Police and Crime Commissioner has launched his annual survey to ask residents their views on the policing precept of the council tax and if they would agree to an increase to support policing across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Following the announcement that Police and Crime Commissioners would have the flexibility to increase the policing precept by up to £15 a year for a Band D property for 2021/22, wider consultation is now being undertaken and residents are being encouraged to give their view. The survey can be accessed through the Commissioner's website: [Your view on the policing precept of the council tax 2021-2022 - Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(hampshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://Your view on the policing precept of the council tax 2021-2022 - Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner (hampshire-pcc.gov.uk)).

The Chief Constable and her team have made a compelling operational case for investment in policing through an increase in the council tax. An increase of up to 7.1% (29p week based on a Band D property) would enable the force to build on what has been achieved during the last year, take the fight to criminals and to start to reduce crime. An increase would enable:

- the early recruitment of 50 new police officers
- targeted operational policing to take drugs and weapons off our streets
- an increase in further prevention work, including diverting young people away from crime
- an investment in forensic capability to enable officers to get evidence to bring more offenders to justice
- continue investment in police officer wellbeing to improve productivity even further.

The public survey will be supported with online focus groups to explore residents' views around policing priorities and levels of an increase in more depth.

Local Transport Plan for Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is asking for your views on the vision, desired outcomes and guiding principles behind a NEW Hampshire Local Transport Plan. This is the start of a conversation to help develop a new transport strategy and plan.

Since 2001, Hampshire's Local Transport Plan has set the objectives, policies and strategy for transport across the County, helping people to maintain their quality of life and go about their daily business. Seven years have now passed since the Plan was last updated, and there is a need to review outcomes and design principles in the changed context of new

technologies, the pandemic and increased focus on active lifestyles and the challenges of climate change.

You are invited to influence the early development of the new Local Transport Plan by sharing your views on the emerging:

- **Vision:** What will our transport system look like in 2050?
- **Outcomes:** What are we trying to achieve in terms of climate change, economy, the environment, and society?
- **Guiding Principles:** How we will change the way in which we plan and deliver transport?

To view more information and leave your feedback, visit:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>

Ash dieback

The link below gives some helpful guidance on the responsibilities and options for landowners dealing with ash die back disease.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/en/landplanningandenvironment/countryside/ash-dieback-disease>