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Welcome

Welcome to your new look magazine from Hart, bringing you the latest news from your district council. We've had a bit of a facelift, with a fresh new format and improved layout.

Getting our communication right with residents is a key priority for us. We've created this magazine to be informative and easy to read. We hope you find some useful information about us and the beautiful local area we live in.

Alongside this magazine, we launched a new website in March 2023 and an online residents' newsletter in May. If you haven't already visited, you can find us at www.hart.gov.uk. While you're there you can sign up for our online newsletter and find a wealth of information about our services.

Don't forget, you can also follow us on social media for the latest news and updates.

It's important to us that all our residents can easily access the information they need through our website and magazine. That's why we have focused on improving our accessibility and removing any barriers that users may experience.

We want to get this right, so if you do find anything you think isn't how it should be, please let us know so we can fix it – all our contact details can be found on this page.

Here's to enjoying a great summer in Hart!

“ There's so much going on around Hart and we want to make sure everyone knows what's happening in their area. We share information on a range of channels so please sign up for our newsletter or follow us on social media for the latest news. ”

Councillor Tony Clarke
Portfolio Holder for Digital and Communications



Councillor Graham Cockarill
Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Place

Have your say on cycling and walking in Hart!

ENDING SOON
Comment by Sunday
20 August 2023

Encouraging more cycling and walking across Hart has a positive impact on health and wellbeing as well as environmental benefits from reducing cars on the road. Because of these clear benefits, it is a key priority for us in the coming years.

We'd like as many people as possible to share their views on our walking and cycling proposals through our draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. This proposes an extensive network of cycle routes across the district together with walking zones for the main residential centres.

In partnership with Hampshire County Council, we're running a 10-week survey until Sunday 20 August

for you to comment on the draft plan online and make sure the routes identified meet your needs.

The plan for Hart will identify and prioritise infrastructure improvements and make the case for future funding for active travel networks and developer contributions. It will also be an important evidence base to inform our emerging strategy for a Green Grid, which will link communities across Hart.

Add your views on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan at hart-icwip-hampshireonline.hub.arcgis.com or search 'Consultations' on our website.



Keep in touch

We want to make it easy for residents to get in touch.

If you have a general enquiry, you can contact us by calling 01252 622122 or emailing enquiries@hart.gov.uk.

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Follow us on Twitter: [@HartCouncil](https://twitter.com/HartCouncil)

Follow us on Instagram: [/HartCouncil](https://www.instagram.com/HartCouncil)

Connect with us on LinkedIn: [/Hart-District-Council](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Hart-District-Council)

Subscribe to us on YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com and search Hart District Council

Artist's impression of the new play area



Time to play at Whitewater Meadows

We're excited to announce that Whitewater Meadows in Hook will soon be home to a £150,000 play area, funded by contributions from housing developers.

The new amenity will provide play opportunities for children of all ages, from babies to teens and is due to be installed by early autumn.

Whitewater Meadows runs alongside the river Whitewater and provides a fantastic green space for the local community.

Hart's new adult training centre

Farnborough College of Technology and Hart District Council have announced plans to open a new adult training centre at the Civic Offices in Fleet. Hart Professional College will be the only one of its kind in the district, serving residents of the town and surrounding areas from this autumn.

The centre will offer a range of both part and full-time qualifications for adults. Qualifications offered through the government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee will also be available to adult learners who are eligible to study selected courses for free.

Hart is one of the College's main catchment areas, so by making use of the Fleet town centre location it's hoped this will better serve our residents.

Councillor David Neighbour, Leader of Hart District Council, said: "We're delighted to support Farnborough College of Technology in this exciting expansion of its services which dovetails with our commitment to supporting residents with employment and skills."

“ The council offices are a hub for many local organisations such as Hart Voluntary Action, Citizens Advice and Hampshire Constabulary. We look forward to welcoming staff and students into the building. ”

For more information about Farnborough College of Technology and the types of courses it offers, visit www.farn-ct.ac.uk.

Going electric

We've declared a climate emergency and tackling climate change is central to all our activities. This means we're committed to prioritising the reduction of greenhouse gases.

In light of this, we recently purchased our first two electric vans to replace vehicles that were reaching the end of their life. This is the start of our plan to replace our vehicles with the most carbon-efficient option. Our teams use our cars and vans to work at our countryside sites and car parks.

Making electric vehicle charging points readily available is important to support the growing number on the roads.



Electric vehicle charging points have been installed in our Civic Office car park and we plan to install 36 charge points in more of our car parks as part of our wider plans to improve the charging structure across Hart. Some of these are expected this year.

Tip: 40% of a car's carbon footprint comes from manufacturing and maintenance, so the recommendation is to upgrade to electric only when your car is at the end of its life.

Get to know our climate change team

Hart has a small, passionate team dedicated to tackling the climate emergency. We spoke to our new Sustainability and Climate Change Officer, Liz, about the team.

What are your goals and aims?

We're working on the strategy and delivery of our climate change aim. This is to reduce our own council emissions by 2035 and our district-wide emissions by 2040.

What are you currently working on?

I'm new to the team so one of my main priorities is finalising our action plan for the next three years. There are lots of things in the pipeline but we've been upgrading our vans to electric, working on installing public charge points across Hart and recently engaging our residents with our 'bananas' carbon footprint game!

What are the biggest challenges?

There is so much to do! Nearly everything has a carbon footprint, so it affects everyone, especially our local residents and organisations. The challenge is engaging everyone on that journey.

What are the top things you've done personally to reduce your carbon footprint?

I love finding pre-loved clothes and furniture and encourage my children to buy second-hand bargains with their birthday money as they get a lot more toys that way. They really enjoy hunting out bargains!

I don't eat meat or dairy, choose local walks for family days out and have also dedicated an area of my garden to a wild native lawn - an easy way to add colour, variety and encourage wildlife for the children to explore.

Do you have any advice for our community?

My advice is to focus on things within your power to change, such as your own carbon footprint. For the biggest impact, focus on how you can modify your heating and insulation, choose a green energy supplier, look at local holidays over long car and plane trips and try to eat a little less meat and dairy.

It's not about doing everything, but trying to do what's realistic for you will go a long way.

If you're a local business, why not join our free Sustainable Business Network webinar sessions?

These are run by local organisation Carbon Footprint to help businesses navigate their way through emissions reduction. You can sign up at www.carbonfootprint.com/carbonacademy_sbn.html

Keeping the lights on with solar power

We've taken a big step towards our climate change commitments and installed solar panels on the roof of our offices in Fleet.

We hope these will generate as much as 57,000kWh of electricity a year – the equivalent of powering 20 average homes. This will save a huge 11.5 tonnes of CO2, the equivalent of over 11 hot air balloons of greenhouse gases, from the atmosphere each year.

While moving forward with our climate change commitments, we also want to ensure value for money with the changes we make. The pay-back on investment could be in as little as seven to ten years. From the start excess electricity will be sold back to the grid, providing a small income that will help reduce council costs.



From left, Leader of the Council David Neighbour, Chief Executive Daryl Phillips and contractor Phil Edaire

“ Climate change affects us all and we're looking for ways to reduce our emissions and do our bit. We'd encourage everyone to see if they can make changes to reduce their carbon footprint – it may be easier than you think! ”

Councillor Richard Quarterman
Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Corporate Services



INTERESTED IN SOLAR PANELS?
The Energy Saving Trust website, www.energysavingtrust.org.uk, has great information for both individuals and businesses.

Seven 'bananas' things to reduce your carbon footprint

Nearly everything has a carbon footprint – your food, your TV, even walking through an automatic door. That's one of the key messages from the book 'How Bad are Bananas?' by Mike Berners-Lee (2020).

Our aim is to reduce carbon emissions across the district by 2040, and here are some actions you might consider to reduce your personal carbon footprint as well:



✓ **eat more tinned and frozen fruit and vegetables**
(they've usually been grown 'in season')

✓ **eat bananas**
(they have a long shelf life so don't need to be flown and need less packaging!)



✓ **proudly wear your clogs**
(they've a lower carbon footprint than synthetic and leather shoes)

✓ **read paperback books**
(they have a low footprint compared to other activities)



✓ **look after your devices**
(manufacturing emissions can be HUGE)

✓ **avoid space tourism... and ideally flying**
(greenhouse gases have a far higher impact at high altitude)

✓ **maintain your car**
(so it lasts longer)

Know your numbers

Check your blood pressure – this five-minute task could literally save your life. Undiagnosed high blood pressure can lead to strokes and heart attacks, but it's easy to manage if you know about it. You can buy a blood pressure testing kit and many local pharmacies offer testing. Find a list on our website by searching 'Blood pressure'. Printed lists are available from Hart's reception, email hereforhart@hart.gov.uk or phone **01252 622122** to have a copy sent to you.

Use the [Here for Hart Directory](https://www.hereforhartdirectory.org.uk) to find information about local activities, groups and services to improve your health and wellbeing. Visit [hereforhartdirectory.org.uk](https://www.hereforhartdirectory.org.uk)

Supporting rough sleepers

We often get asked how residents can help individuals sleeping rough.

The first thing to do is tell us. If you're out and about and you see someone who you are concerned about, you can report it to us by:

- telephoning our Housing team during office hours on **01252 774239** or by emailing dutyhomelessness@hart.gov.uk
- telephoning our out of office hours team on **01252 774477**

We're also supported by a CCTV team out of hours that will contact Hart's duty homelessness officer if they receive reports of anyone sleeping out.

If you have real concerns about the welfare and safety of a rough sleeper, you should also inform the police by calling 101.

The top three reasons for homelessness in Hart are:

- asked to leave by friends and family
- end of assured shorthold tenancy
- domestic violence or harassment

Helping you with the cost of living

We're committed to supporting our residents through the current cost of living crisis. Our website and cost of living bulletin provide current and useful information on a range of areas.

Our cost of living hub on the website has help on paying your bills, debt advice, housing and employment support, as well as details of local food banks and pantries.

We also produce a cost of living bulletin every three months. Find it on the Here for Hart section of our website or pick up a printed copy in our office reception. If you'd like a printed copy, you can also email hereforhart@hart.gov.uk or call **01252 622122**.



“We're fortunate in Hart that we have very low rough sleeping numbers but we take the issue very seriously. We make huge efforts to support vulnerable people so that they don't slip through the net.”

Councillor Stuart Bailey
Portfolio Holder for Communities



How we help

As soon as we learn about a rough sleeper, we work in partnership with other services to make contact and provide support. This may include, where appropriate:

- finding emergency accommodation and other services, such as healthcare, if they need it.
- helping rough sleepers find somewhere safe to go so we can find out what they need and find them alternative options.



Nataliia (left) and Ana from our Homes for Ukraine team

Ukrainian refugees find a safe haven in Hart

For most people starting a new job means setting up your desk and meeting colleagues but for Nikki Jenkins her first day at the Council was very different.

Nikki was immediately tasked with leading on the Homes for Ukraine scheme, helping the hundreds of people who had fled to Hart from Ukraine after the Russian invasion.

She said: “It was very daunting! I knew lots of people were depending on us and we were determined that both hosts and guests got the support they needed. It's hugely rewarding to help.”

Nikki and colleagues in the Communities team swung into action to coordinate Hart's response. Hundreds of people across the district had signed up to become sponsors and to date, we've welcomed 257 Ukrainian guests (126 families in total).



“I feel I can slow down and catch my breath, safe and happy here in Hart.”

Support continues and we now have a dedicated Homes for Ukraine team, helping guests build an independent life in the UK. The team also assists guests looking to move into their own home from host accommodation. One such family is Nataliia and her daughters.

Nataliia comes from Kharkiv, the second-largest city in Ukraine.

Thousands of homes have been destroyed and life for those who remain in the city, such as Nataliia's husband, father and brother, is constantly under threat. Nataliia and her daughters, aged six and 13, arrived nearly a year ago.

“Life was very difficult to start with, especially getting used to a new language. After using a translator for a while, my confidence grew enough to start speaking to others in English, which I'm also now studying.

“My youngest child started her first school in Hart. My older daughter found a new school in a new country hard but has made friends and settled in well. She even recently won 3rd prize in the school maths challenge!”

As well as being proud of her daughters, Nataliia should be proud of her own achievements. Since arriving she's found a job as a cleaner, passed her driving test, and saved up to buy a car. She's now renting privately in Fleet.

Nataliia is extremely grateful for her hosts' kindness towards her and her family. Many individuals, hard-working groups and government bodies have worked together to help our Ukrainian guests experience a new normality in the UK.

Nataliia had always wanted to visit the UK but could not have imagined the events that would lead her to the new life she is building here.

“Of course, I wish I had arrived under different circumstances, but I feel I can finally slow down and catch my breath, knowing that my children are safe and happy here in Hart.”

Enjoy our great outdoors!

Did you know that we have 17 wonderful country parks and green spaces across Hart, covering a whopping 1,400 acres!

They range from the small Cricket Hill Pond in Yateley to the meadows and woodland of Odiham Common.

And it's not just us that think our parks are special. We're proud that three of the parks have won a Green Flag award for being well-managed and welcoming spaces, with two more being judged soon.

Our sites offer a great variety of activities and amenities ranging from short and long walks, play areas, picnic spots, lakes and ponds, woodlands and heaths and fascinating wildlife. And we even have a celebrated bike track at Edenbrook Country Park.

Check out our countryside map to see if there is one near your house that you could walk or cycle to. You can also find out more about each site on our website at www.hart.gov.uk/country-parks-and-green-spaces

A visitor enjoys the peace and quiet at Fleet Pond



Edenbrook Country Park

Join in a park activity

Spooky bat evenings, wildlife adventures and guided walks are just some of the activities our Countryside team run every year. Why not go along and find out more about the countryside on your doorstep?

Coming up are:

Bat walks

(£5 adults, £3 under 12):

- **Thursday 17 August**, 7.45 – 9.15pm, Elvetham Heath Nature Reserve
- **Friday 20 October**, 5.25 – 7.50pm, Bramshot Farm Country Park

Halloween walk and pumpkin carving

(£5 with pumpkin, £2 without):

- **Thursday 26 October**, 5 – 7.30pm, Hart's Green Garden at Edenbrook Country Park

Bioblitz (free)

- **Saturday 19 August**, 11am – 3pm, Edenbrook Country Park
We find out with your help what wildlife and plants live here. There will be several walks throughout the day which you can book onto, and you can also lead your own adventures around the site and meet some local wildlife groups.

To find out more about the events and to book, please visit www.hart.gov.uk/countryside-events or call **01252 622122**

“ Our open spaces are great places to get in touch with nature. We take a lot of care and attention in maintaining them, making sure they're a safe and welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy. ”

Councillor David Neighbour
Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Countryside



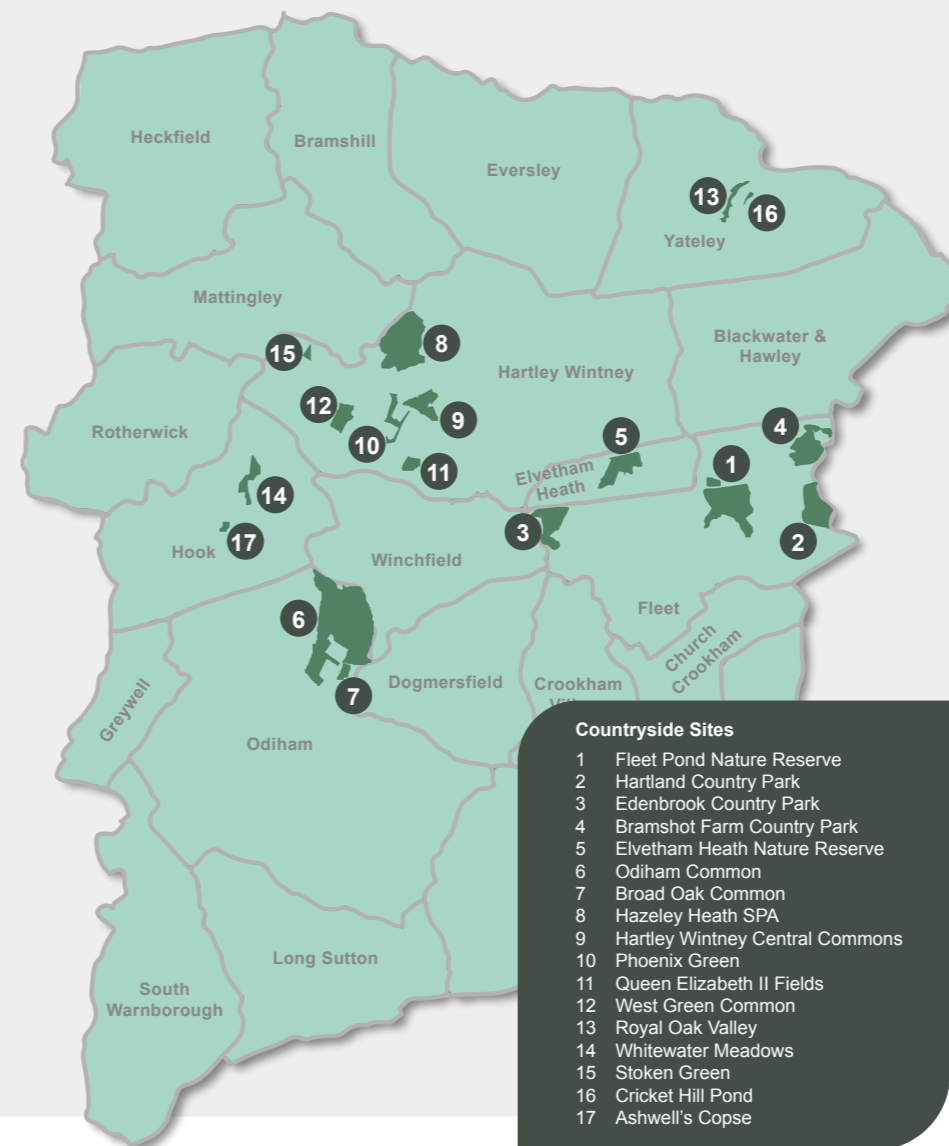
Running free

Parkrun has celebrated its first-year anniversary at Edenbrook Country Park with an amazing 52 events and an average of around 270 people taking part every week.

If you fancy getting your running (or walking!) shoes on and getting involved take a look at their dedicated webpage:

www.parkrun.org.uk/edenbrookcountry

If you don't fancy doing the run, why not volunteer as a race marshal or bar code scanner?



Countryside Sites

- 1 Fleet Pond Nature Reserve
- 2 Hartland Country Park
- 3 Edenbrook Country Park
- 4 Bramshot Farm Country Park
- 5 Elvetham Heath Nature Reserve
- 6 Odiham Common
- 7 Broad Oak Common
- 8 Hazeley Heath SPA
- 9 Hartley Wintney Central Commons
- 10 Phoenix Green
- 11 Queen Elizabeth II Fields
- 12 West Green Common
- 13 Royal Oak Valley
- 14 Whitewater Meadows
- 15 Stoken Green
- 16 Cricket Hill Pond
- 17 Ashwell's Copse

Remembering Patsy at Fleet Pond



A kind bequest has enabled the Fleet Pond Society to create a long-wanted accessible path at Fleet Pond Nature Reserve.

Patsy Welford, a keen Fleet Pond Society member and volunteer, left the society a generous bequest in her will. This has been used to build an accessible zig-zag path leading from the upper track near the picnic area, down to the Lions' View lookout. It is named 'Patsy's Path' in her honour.

Jane Reap, Patsy's long-time friend who officially opened the path, said: "Patsy had walked around Fleet Pond for 30 years, it was one of her favourite places. She would have been delighted to see how her money has been put to such good use."

Fleet Pond Nature Reserve is a beautiful community asset and Society volunteers work hard to maintain the site. If you would like to learn more about Fleet Pond Society and the work they do, visit www.fleetpond.org.uk



Jane Reap opening Patsy's Path and pictured left Patsy Welford

Hart at a glance

Take a look at some of the Council's activity over the past year

172
new affordable homes delivered, against a target of 100




269
affordable homes allocated through Hart's housing register




781
households received housing advice




55
households were prevented from becoming homeless



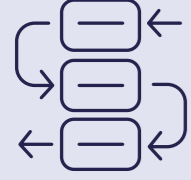
192
countryside volunteers signed up



103
volunteer days run with the Countryside team



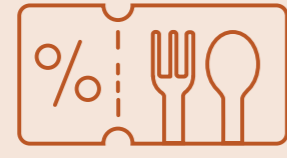
2,827
planning applications processed




57
Disabled Facilities Grants awarded to help Hart residents live independently



5,474
food vouchers delivered as part of our Household Support Fund



10,250
postal votes returned and processed for the May local elections



Recycling your small electricals

We're excited to announce that we've started a trial kerbside collection service of small electrical items from some homes in the district.



Unwanted electrical items are one of the fastest growing waste streams in the world and we recognise that not all items are suitable for repair or reuse. By collecting these items we can prevent precious resources being wasted, giving manufacturers access to recycled material.

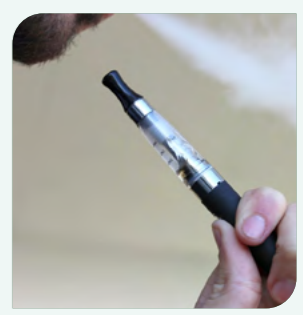
We'll be rolling this out to all homes over the next six to nine months, giving you the opportunity to recycle items from hairdryers to hand blenders, and kettles to vapes alongside your waste and recycling collections. Keep an eye out for your letter in the post with full details and your start date.

In the meantime, small electricals can be recycled at the banks around the district. Search 'Recycling sites' on our website for locations.

If you do use disposable vapes, these can be recycled in your small electricals collection or in the recycling banks around the district. Please do not put them in your general waste or normal recycling.

Cut waste with reusable vapes

If you choose to vape, swapping to reusable units from disposable vapes helps reduce the risk of dangerous fires and the amount of waste generated.



Over 1.3 million disposable vapes are thrown away every week, making them a fast-growing new source of waste to get rid of. As their popularity booms, urgent action needs to be taken around their disposal.

Disposable vapes contain lithium-ion batteries, which easily catch fire if broken. These can lead to dangerous fires on waste collection vehicles, in waste treatment facilities and in our open environment.

Producing lithium also requires a huge amount of energy and water, making it a much less sustainable energy option than the reusable options.

Keep it LOOSE

We aim to recycle as much of what we collect in your blue bins as possible. However, when non-recyclable items are placed in them, or the contents bagged, they cannot be sorted and are treated as general waste.

Nearly a quarter of the waste in blue bins either can't be recycled or is in bags.

To give your recyclables the best chance of ending up as something new please put them in your blue bin loose.

You can currently recycle:

- paper (not shredded)
- card (not shredded)
- tins
- cans
- aerosols
- plastic bottles (no other plastics please)

Just place them in your blue wheeled bin, clean, dry and loose!

“ We want everyone to be able to easily recycle as much as possible, so we're working to increase what you're able to recycle in your home collections. We're thrilled to be able to start the trial of kerbside collections of small electricals, allowing these broken items to be turned into something new. ”

Councillor Richard Quarterman
Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Corporate Services



Crate expectations

Don't forget, you can order as many glass crates as you need to use our kerbside glass recycling service, free of charge! Order via our website - search for 'Glass recycling'.



Dive into a new pool experience

Make a splash at Hart Leisure Centre this summer with its brand new pool inflatable!

The inflatable assault course is now available at selected sessions.

If you're ready to take on the challenge, book your place on the Everyone Active app, on the Hart Leisure Centre website or contact the Reception team on **01252 629879**.

At your convenience

We may not talk about it much, but for many the location of the nearest loo is essential knowledge.



For some people, lack of information on toilet locations causes unnecessary stress and worry and could make them reluctant to leave home. Older age, health conditions or being with young children can all increase the need for access to facilities.

We'd like this information to be easily available, so our Communities team has been working with town and parish councils to map all public toilets in Hart. We've added this information to www.toiletmap.org.uk. Type in a town name or postcode to see the nearest toilets. This works for other locations as well, not just Hart, so wherever you are you can quickly find the nearest public toilets.

In most cases there are also details such as opening hours, baby change and accessible toilet availability.

If you know of any other public toilets in Hart, you can also add them to toiletmap.org.uk, or email hereforhart@hart.gov.uk with details and we'd be happy to add them for you.

Think Water Safe

Staying safe in the water is always a concern and, tragically, drowning accidents are always high in the summer months. Enjoy the water safely and follow water safety advice.

- **Look out for lifeguards!** Tempting as some of our water in the district may look, please only swim in designated, and ideally lifeguarded, areas.
- **It's colder than it looks.** Water at open and inland sites is often much colder than it seems. This can affect your ability to swim and save yourself.
- **It's stronger than it looks.** Currents can be very strong. If in a current, don't fight it and tire yourself out. Stay calm, swim with it and call for help.
- **Bring a friend.** Never enter the water alone.
- **Remember float to live.** If you get into difficulty, stay calm and float on your back instead of trying to swim.

Are your electoral register details correct?

We want to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote in Hart can. Therefore, each year our Elections team checks the electoral register is correct for your household and updates it if needed.

This annual update to the electoral register is a big job, and the team starts contacting all households at the end of July to check the details we hold. You might also hear this referred to as the annual canvass.

Before we contact you, we match the data we hold against the Department for Work and Pensions. If this matches and we have an email address for someone at your property, we will have sent you an email in July.

What happens next?

What action you need to take depends on if the data we hold matches with the Department for Work and Pensions and if we have an email address for someone in your household.

If your data does match:

- **You'll have received an email if we have an email address for you. Please reply** – just one member of your household can reply for the property. If you reply, we won't need to send you any further communication.
- **If you don't respond to the email, or we don't have an email address, we'll send you a letter checking your details.** You only need to reply to this if you need to make a change.

If we can't match your data:

- **You won't receive an email but will receive a letter that you need to respond to,** even if nothing has changed. This will be explained clearly in the letter.
- **If you don't respond to this letter, you'll get a reminder letter** in early September.
- **If you don't respond to the reminder, we will either call or visit** your property towards the end of September / early October.

Please look out for your email or letter and follow the instructions provided to make sure you don't lose your right to vote.

Moved house?

If you've moved since the last annual electoral register update, you'll need to re-register to vote at your new address, otherwise you won't be able to vote in future elections. It's up to you to make sure you are registered and on the electoral register.

You'll need to provide further information including your National Insurance number, even if you've moved within Hart. The quickest way to do this is by going online to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

For more information please visit our website and search 'Annual update' or you can email our Elections team on elections@hart.gov.uk.





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Meet our new Chairman

Chairman Councillor Peter Wildsmith with Charlotte Tickner, Managing Director of Fleet Phoenix



Councillor Peter Wildsmith has been elected as our 44th Chairman for 2023/24.
The Chairman has a number of duties and functions and one of them is to lead meetings of the full Council. However, the main role is to act as the official representative of the Council on civic and ceremonial occasions and to be a figurehead in the Hart community. The role is also politically impartial.
Hart News caught up with Councillor Wildsmith to find out about his plans for the coming year.

Why is the role of Chairman important to you?
I am honoured to have been chosen as Chairman of Hart District Council and excited for the year ahead. Hart is a great place to live and as Chairman I can't wait to showcase the district to both residents and visitors.

What are your plans for the next year?
I'd like to focus on all of the 11 wards that make up Hart and promote all that we have to offer. This includes our town and village centres, our beautiful green spaces, local businesses and entertainment venues.

I would also like to hold a Civic Day that celebrates all corners of Hart and thanks local organisations for their contribution to the district.

I am keen to meet as many people as I can, so if you have an event or activity you would like me to be involved with, please email chairman@hart.gov.uk or telephone **01252 774143**.

What are your charities?
I've chosen two charities that focus on young people – Fleet Phoenix and Vision 4 Youth. Both charities provide support and help with advice, mentoring, clubs, community outreach and much more. We need to give young people the best start in life, particularly hard during the current cost of living crisis. These charities make a real difference, breaking down barriers and developing the skills they need to be independent and responsible young people.

Fleet Phoenix: fleetphoenix.co.uk
Vision 4 Youth: vision4youth.org.uk

HART YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2023

Fleet Phoenix is excited to announce that we will be celebrating the amazing achievements of the young people in our community with the first Hart Youth Achievement Awards in October. With the help and sponsorship of local organisations, we would like to publicly recognise and celebrate the incredible work and successes of young people locally.

THE AWARDS:

Volunteering Award, Fundraising Award, Environment Award, Courage Award, Community Champion Award, Sports and Arts Award and Entrepreneur Award.

WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS BY 15TH SEPTEMBER! **SCAN TO NOMINATE**

Each award will have two age ranges; Juniors (up to 16 years old) and Seniors (17 to 25 years old).

Young people need to live, or be educated in Hart to be nominated.





Hart District Council



Who does what in Hart
 Scan the QR code or visit hart.gov.uk/about-council to find out which authority is responsible for what.

Your councillors
 33 elected councillors make up Hart District Council, who come together regularly to debate issues and make decisions in meetings and committees.
 Hart is divided into 11 wards, each represented by three councillors.

Unsure of your ward? Search for 'Wards' on our website for more information.

Blackwater & Hawley	Fleet Central	Hartley Wintney	Yateley East
Brian Blewett	Mark Butcher	Dr Anne Crampton	Stuart Bailey - Portfolio Holder for Communities
Robert Harward	Katie Davies	Spencer Farmer	Graham Cockarill - Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Place
Bethany Woods	Alan Oliver - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Development Management	Tim Southern	David Neighbour - Leader and Portfolio Holder Strategic Direction and Partnerships

Crookham East	Fleet East	Hook	Yateley West
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