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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of Hart News, with all the updates from your district council.

April 2024 marked 50 years of Hart District Council, following our creation from the Local Government Act of 1972. We may have been around for half a century but we're still learning and developing as the community around us continues to change. Back in 1974, without email or websites, how we delivered our services was very different. Now we have constantly evolving technology available to us and want to find ways to make things easier if you need us.

Another challenge now at the forefront of our work is the climate emergency we declared in 2021. We're leading by example by committing to becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2035. Alongside passionate local partners, we're dedicated to helping everyone take local action to tackle global climate change. If you haven't already, please check out Impact Hart at www.impacthart.co.uk for inspiring examples of those in our community striving to make a difference.

Here for Hart, here for you

“After 50 years, your district council is strong, looking forward and proud to support our fantastic communities. Please enjoy this issue and if you need our help, get in touch.”

Councillor Tony Clarke
Portfolio Holder for Digital and Communications



Away from a computer screen, we know our green spaces are one of the best things about living in Hart. With summer just around the corner we are thrilled to be able to share the new bike track facilities at Edenbrook Country Park. With so many options to get outside, this offers yet another way to enjoy the great outdoors right on your doorstep.

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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Calling all photographers!

We think we can all agree that Hart is a beautiful place to live, and we often see fantastic photos of the local area shared to our social media.

We'd love to be able to showcase these great shots - after all, who knows Hart better than those who live here? If you've snapped anything you'd be happy for us to share, be it town, countryside or the celebrity local cows, please send them to communications@hart.gov.uk

As much as we love seeing our residents, we can't use photos with people in without their permission so please try and keep photos people free!



Stay up to date with our e-newsletter

We send out Hart News twice a year, but did you know we also have an e-newsletter?

We send this more frequently with the latest news and updates. Sign up on our website at www.hart.gov.uk



For more information about the support available for those suffering from domestic abuse, visit www.hart.gov.uk/domestic-abuse-support or call Hart's housing team on 01252 774239.

“We take domestic abuse very seriously, and this affects a huge number of people. Many face additional challenges when it comes to receiving life-changing support.”

Councillor Stuart Bailey
Portfolio Holder for Community Services



Vital support for victims of domestic abuse

Everyone has the right to live in their homes in peace and safety but for many people living with domestic abuse, this is not their reality.

Hart District Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have secured a £112,000 grant from Hampshire County Council to provide a new specialist support programme. This will offer vital support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Alongside the grant, both councils will also contribute an additional £33,450.

The new outreach service, which will initially run for a two-year period, will fund two dedicated support officers employed by YOU Trust, a charity which specialises in domestic abuse, sexual violence and stalking services.

Support officers will help those who need housing assistance stay in the district by finding accommodation or enable them to stay safely in their homes. They will also provide specialist advice and offer one-to-one counselling.

Domestic abuse is controlling behaviour including physical, emotional, verbal, psychological, financial or sexual abuse.

Reducing barriers for solar panels

Good news for those in conservation areas or owners of listed buildings who want more climate-friendly homes.

We've looked at our approach to agreeing solar panels on roofs in conservation areas and installation of windows in listed buildings. Significant weight will now be given to our climate change emergency declaration when assessing these applications. In most cases domestic solar panel installations within conservation areas won't need planning permission but this may be different if a dwelling is listed.

Historic England have draft guidance on adapting historic buildings to address climate change issues, which is a good starting point if you are thinking of making changes. You can also contact our Planning team for clarification on applications@hart.gov.uk

The future looks 'bright' for Hart Leisure Centre

In partnership with Everyone Active, we've successfully secured £200,000 through Sport England's Swimming Pool Support Fund to install additional solar panels on the sports hall at Hart Leisure Centre.

Installing solar panels will significantly contribute towards reducing the site's reliance on energy from the grid, by harnessing renewable solar energy to provide electricity to its activities.

The solar panels will help reduce the impact of any future energy price increases as well as helping lower the site's carbon footprint by reducing reliance on fossil fuels. It's anticipated that this installation will reduce this building's annual carbon emissions by approximately 27 tonnes per year.

Climate change updates

Following our last update on climate change progress, a formal progress report was submitted to council. This page details some of the progress on projects from the climate emergency action plan. You can find this plan on our website.

▶ Hart residents have been applying for thousands of pounds worth of home upgrade grants to make their homes more energy efficient. Earlier this year, we launched the Home Upgrade Grant aimed at homes not heated by gas (using oil, electric heaters etc.) and on household incomes below £36,000. For information about all grants available, visit: www.hart.gov.uk/home-grants

▶ Our four thermal cameras were rolled out to more parishes in the winter. These help residents understand where heat may be escaping their home so they can make energy efficiency improvements. To register your interest to have your home imaged for next winter, please email: climatechange@hart.gov.uk



▶ Charge up while out and about

We're moving forward with work to install electric vehicle charge points in more of our car parks across Hart. This will support those making the switch to electric vehicles.

We are now progressing the legal process for each car park and you can expect to see charge points being installed throughout this year. Follow us on social media for the latest updates.



Serco, which runs local waste and recycling services on our behalf, also recently undertook a small six-week trial of a low-emission electric bin truck, offering an option to explore the viability of these vehicles in the future.

Cutting carbon for bin collections

We've taken a positive step towards our carbon neutral goals as most of our kerbside waste and recycling trucks have swapped diesel for a low-carbon biofuel.

With carbon emissions up to 98% lower than diesel (using government conversion figures), the move to hydrogenated vegetable oil will make our collections more environmentally-friendly, and our air cleaner. It's estimated this change will cut over 500 tonnes of emissions from our current carbon footprint. Our waste and recycling trucks empty approximately 70,000 bins each week.



“Everyone can do something to start living more sustainably but it can be hard to know where to start. Impact Hart is an excellent place to begin with information on many aspects of our lives.”

Councillor Richard Quarterman
Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Corporate Services



Highlighting local changes for global impact

We're excited to announce the launch of Impact Hart, a new website specifically aimed at the local community to help tackle climate change and promote sustainability.

Impact Hart provides information on a wide range of environmental issues outlining changes we can make locally to have global impact on the issue of climate change. It is also hoped the website will develop into a community hub.

Visit www.impacthart.co.uk to find:

- tips on how to live more sustainably
- local success stories
- local groups and events
- more about climate change and its local impact

Sustainability begins at home

For local resident Kevin, switching to a more sustainable lifestyle has been an easy choice to make, not only to lower his carbon footprint but also his bills.

He's made changes across many areas of his life. They include travelling by bike, insulating his home and buying second-hand clothes. He even does his bit for biodiversity by keeping bees!

One of the most impactful things he's implemented is solar panels, which have helped bring his energy bills down to £111 a month. He expects they will have paid for themselves by 2026 (after 10 years). Since a typical solar installation could save one tonne of carbon a year, this will have a significant impact on his family's carbon footprint.

Other changes Kevin has made to his lifestyle are:

- eating two vegetarian meals a week
- holidaying more in the UK
- installing cavity wall insulation (paid for by a grant), thermal curtains and radiator valves

Despite all the changes he's made, Kevin is modest about his efforts and encourages more people to do what they can. He sums up the changes as “good for me, good for the environment and good for future generations”.

If you would like to read more stories from those having a local impact, or want to tell us your own, please visit: www.impacthart.co.uk



Getting to the Hart



We strive to help residents, both through our work and by supporting amazing partner organisations across Hart.

Here for Hart provides local help, information and connections

through our directory, bulletins and working groups with our community partners. We also assist with funding for a range of organisations helping many different groups.



Below is just a selection of our partners, search our directory for full details at hereforhartdirectory.org.uk

Hartley Wintney Over 55s Forum

We've granted the Hartley Wintney Over 55s Forum funding for their social events.

They recently held an afternoon tea for 140 attendees with entertainment from the Odiham Military Wives Choir, and are kept up to date with other schemes.



Yateley Men's Shed

With an intriguing motto of "We make things, make tea and make friends" and a membership that has increased by 50% in the last year, Yateley Men's Shed is open to anyone over 18 and not just men!

They make things from mainly recycled wood for themselves, for sale and as part of their involvement in community projects. Oh, and they make tea - lots of tea!

Our team connected them with other community groups and let them know about grants. They've now received an offer of a grant to help fund an extension.

Find out more at www.yateleymensshed.wordpress.com

“Making connections with other community organisations has been a really positive outcome from meeting the Hart Community Partnerships and Project team.”

John, Yateley Men's Shed Secretary

The Army Welfare Service



Members of the Army Welfare Service Community Support team

We're proud of our historic connections with the armed forces in Hart.

Armed forces personnel, their families, veterans and reservists are all important members of our community.

At Quetta Park, Church Crookham, the Community Development Worker on behalf of the MOD is working with young people from military families.

Through work with us, they've received funding to target those in need of life skills, including leadership skills, and are addressing the need for stable, safe environments. They've also connected with other organisations to strengthen their outreach.

Vision 4 Youth

Vision 4 Youth provide youth services based in Yateley and Darby Green, also open to those from other areas.

There is a continuous demand for their services, so they've recently received grants to start a new youth group in Blackwater and a project to engage young people referred by their youth social prescribing service in gardening activities. For more information, visit vision4youth.org.uk



The furnished new properties



“My children and I are very happy with our new and quiet home. Each of my sons has his own room and personal space. We are very grateful to Hart for helping us overcome all the difficulties in our lives.”

Kateryna, a Ukrainian guest

Helping refugees rebuild their lives

For refugees fleeing war and conflict having somewhere to call home is the first step in rebuilding their lives. Supporting them along the journey has been our Hart team.

Most of us take for granted having a key to our own front door but for Ukrainian and Afghan families who left their countries with virtually nothing, it represents an opportunity to put down roots in a safe and secure environment.

Working together with charities and a housing association, staff from our housing and community partnership teams helped five families move into their new homes earlier this year.

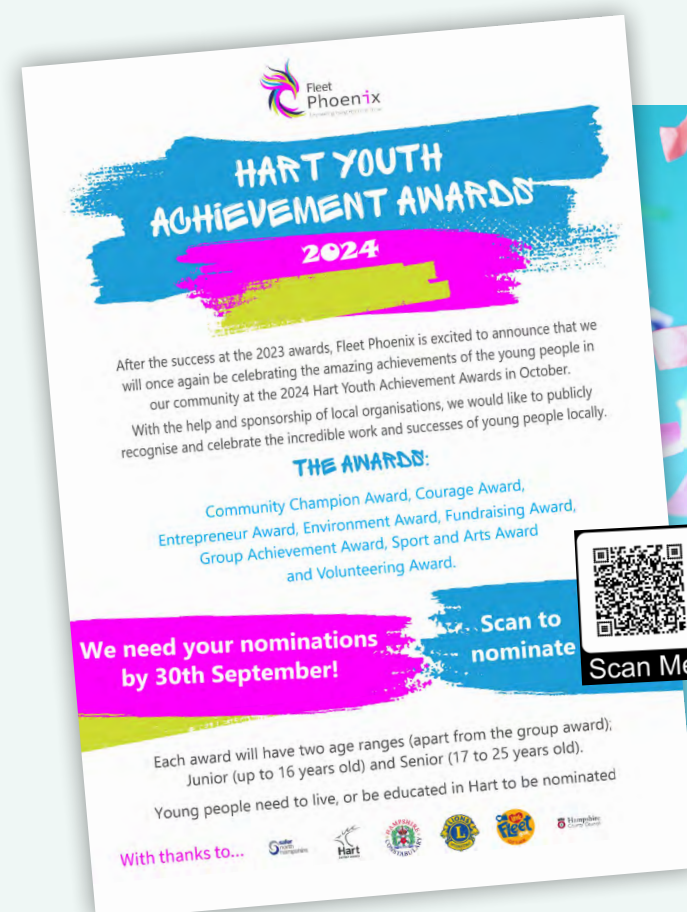
One of our guests, Kateryna*, is thrilled to have moved in with her two sons, having previously lived with a host family.

The scheme is funded from £1.5 million that we were awarded by the government's Local Authority Housing Fund which helps councils support displaced families. In time, the extra housing purchased will become part of the rented affordable housing available to Hart residents on the housing register.

“Everyone involved put in a lot of time and effort to deliver the homes, including sourcing furniture to make them warm and comfortable and offering advice and practical help to the families,” said Kirsty Jenkins, Executive Director of Community Services at the Council.

“Our thanks to Fleet Lions and St Michael's Hospice too for their support as well as to the housing association, which supplied additional funding and resources to provide the homes.”

*Not her real name



Celebrating young people across Hart

Do you know an inspirational under 25-year-old in Hart? After the success of the Hart Youth Achievement Awards in 2023, Fleet Phoenix are again teaming up with local organisations to host the 2024 awards in October.

Publicly recognising the incredible work and achievements of young people in Hart in areas such as courage, volunteering, fundraising and more, nominations need to be received by 30 September. Visit www.fleetphoenix.co.uk for more information and to nominate.

“ We’re proud to deliver projects such as this. These are essential for residents’ health and wellbeing and do a fantastic job in encouraging them to get outside, staying healthy and active. ”



Councillor David Neighbour
Leader of Hart District Council

Get on your bike and ride Edenbrook’s new tracks

Providing opportunities to keep Hart healthy is a key priority for us, and these fantastic new bike tracks are opening for everyone with a launch event on 23 June at Edenbrook Country Park.

Adding to the already popular tracks at the site, there’s something suitable for a range of abilities.

Beginners can have a go on a new wheeled sports track which can be ridden on by anything with wheels, including skateboards and wheelchairs. A 100m flow trail, with a gentle slope, caters for riders on hybrid bikes, balance bikes, those with child seats on the back or those towing a small trailer.



The new Communication board at Whitewater Meadows

Helping kids communicate

We’ve recently installed a Communication board at Whitewater Meadows Country Park, giving children a new way to connect with those around them.

The board is made up of symbols designed to help children with limited verbal communication, neurodiversity or disabilities. Using the symbols, children can make choices, direct actions and share ideas with other children and caregivers without having to speak.

This is part of new signage providing visitors with information during their visit to Whitewater Meadows.

The planned new bike tracks



More experienced riders can enjoy a challenging 440m skills adventure trail and a new drops zone trail with progressive drops of 30, 60 and 90cm.

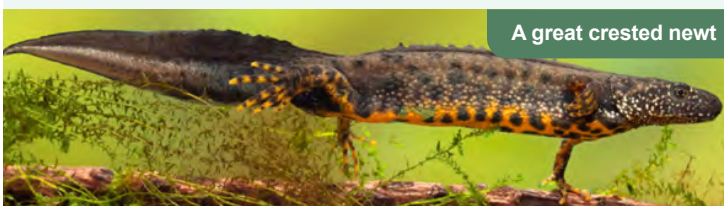
Our new(t) guests at Odiham Common

Two new newt ponds will soon be created at Odiham Common by the Newt Conservation Partnership before being managed and maintained by our Environmental Promotions team at Hart.

Creating new ponds will help with the conservation of great crested newts.

The team will also be looking to improve more ponds across our other countryside sites.

Named for the impressive wavy crest that males develop, the newts have suffered enormous population declines due to the loss of 50% of UK ponds throughout the 20th century.



A great crested newt

Discover more with events across Hart

We run a range of events across the year in our fantastic green spaces. Celebrate the summer solstice, learn the history of some of our rarest habitats or go ‘batty’ - there’s plenty to choose from. Many of these events are also FREE to attend, so visit www.hart.gov.uk/events-and-activities to book your space!

FREE EVENTS

MIDSUMMER MINGLE

Thursday 20 June 4 - 5:30pm
Bramshot Farm Country Park

We invite you to join us for a summer solstice soiree, celebrating the changing of seasons and reconnecting with nature. Be ready for meditation and creating your own summer solstice creations to take home.

NATURE DISCOVERY DAY

Saturday 27 July 11am - 3pm
Edenbrook Country Park

Meet our countryside rangers! Learn about local wildlife, enjoy free craft activities through the day and join wildlife walks. Bring a picnic to enjoy or purchase some food from the stalls onsite.

HISTORY HEATH WALK

Thursday 1 August 2:45 - 4:30pm
Hazeley Heath

We’ll be exploring one of the rarest habitats in the world with Thames Basin Heath Partnership during Heath Week, learning about the heathland habitat and its history.

MINDFUL WOODLAND WANDER

Sunday 22 September 10 - 11:30am
Fleet Pond Nature Reserve

Celebrate the autumn equinox on a woodland wander. Using the nature journals provided, log the nature around you to help you to reconnect.

CHARGED EVENTS

BAT WALK

Friday 30 August 7:45 - 9:15pm
Hazeley Heath

Cost: £5.00 adult
£3.00 under 16yrs

Join us for a batty evening as we explore the night life of this wonderful site. Learn about bats as we see what critters we can find dancing across the night sky.

Help yourself to Hart’s harvest

In summer 2023, we established two edible planters outside our offices in Fleet.

The planters provided an attractive display and tasty produce well into winter, a valuable habitat for insects and food for bird life.

We hope for another good harvest this year, so please pop along to the beds, located in the car park outside the Civic Offices, and help yourself to this colourful array of truly local produce.

Volunteering success

357

volunteers joined us on 104 different countryside volunteering tasks – a huge thank you to everyone!

Our ranger team can tackle so much more with volunteers by their sides, across the

17

different sites we manage.

If you’d like to get out and explore with our team, please register as a volunteer at www.hart.gov.uk/volunteering

You’ll receive a quarterly task calendar which has a variety of options and sites to choose from across Hart.

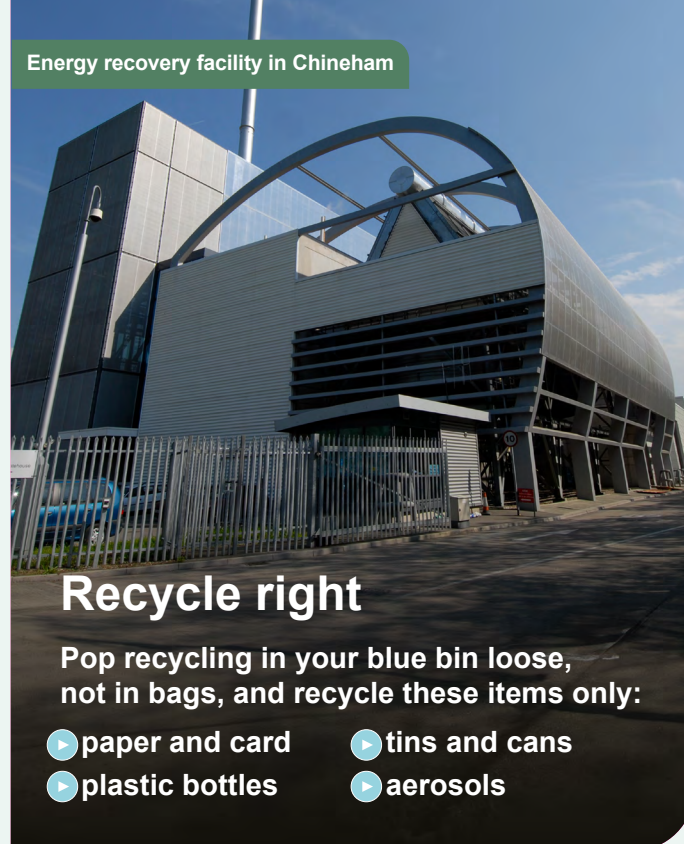
What happens to your waste?

Ever thought about what happens to your waste and recycling once we collect it from your home?

Even if waste isn't suitable for your recycling bin, it's still put to good use. Waste in your black bin is taken to an energy recovery facility in Chineham near Basingstoke. Here, it's incinerated to recover electricity, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Energy recovery is an important source of renewable, sustainable energy and a vital link in the waste management chain.

Your recycling is taken to a materials recovery facility in Alton. Here it is sorted, bailed and sent on to companies who specialise in recycling particular materials.

Energy recovery facility in Chineham



Recycle right

Pop recycling in your blue bin loose, not in bags, and recycle these items only:

- ▶ paper and card ▶ tins and cans
- ▶ plastic bottles ▶ aerosols

Be a bright spark with batteries

Crew video footage of the vehicle fire



Find your local drop-off point here:
www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/batteries

We recently suffered a fire on one of our waste collection vehicles in Fleet, caused by batteries in household waste.

Thankfully our crew were all safe on this occasion, but the fire quickly took hold. This is dangerous for crews and also causes disruption to the collection rounds. Batteries can also cause fires at our recovery facilities.

Please don't put batteries in any of your household bins. Batteries can be recycled but need to be separate from other recyclable items. Remember, batteries can also be contained in other items such as vapes and toys. These can be left out for kerbside collection of small electricals, but separate batteries should not be put out for this service.

Garden waste round changes

In February we made some changes to our garden waste collection days.

Customers subscribe to the garden waste collection service, so numbers and locations change over time. To allow for this we sometimes have to review our rounds and make changes to ensure we are operating an efficient and reliable service.

We wrote to all garden waste subscribers to let them know what their new day would be.

If you're not sure of your collection day for garden waste, or any of your collection services, you can look it up online anytime at www.hart.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/when-my-bin-day

Help us help the most vulnerable

We're proud of the community in Hart and how people come together to support those who need it most. However sometimes these acts of kindness can be exploited for other means, and actually make existing issues worse.

Our teams go out and offer help when we receive reports of homelessness or begging across the district. Often when we attend, we see others also trying to help, offering money or buying food. These actions come from good intentions, but we're increasingly concerned that some people may be taking advantage of this community kindness.

While every situation is unique, we know through our work that many who regularly appear in the area are not homeless and will not accept offers of support from ourselves. They may feel begging is more beneficial than other benefits. In reality begging can further entrench individuals on the streets, fund drug and alcohol addiction, and can cause anti-social behaviour. Begging can also be organised and facilitated by criminal gangs to obtain cash for illicit activity.



Concerned about someone sleeping out or begging? Call our housing team on 01252 774239, email dutyhomelessness@hart.gov.uk or report through the StreetLink website. You can contact our out of office hours team on 01252 774477.

The best way to help vulnerable people in our community begging or appearing homeless is to not give them money or food. By telling us so we can make contact and provide official support, you allow these individuals to access the help they may need without having to beg.

Everyone needs a boost!

We want to support all our residents in staying active in any way they can. While you may know about the gym and facilities at Hart Leisure Centre, did you know there are also activities for those who need extra support? And, you don't need to be a member to take part!

- ✓ In the community, anyone is welcome at **Community seated exercise sessions** in local assisted living centres.

These sessions are held on Mondays at Rosefield in Hartley Wintney from 10:30 - 11:30am and Hedge Croft in Yateley from 12:45 - 1:45pm.

At Hart Leisure Centre in Fleet:

- ✓ **Good Boost**
an app-based therapeutic water and land exercise programme designed for people with limited mobility, joint pain and musculoskeletal conditions.
This creates tailored sessions based on each individual's needs.
- ✓ **Land session**
Tuesday 1 - 1:45pm
- ✓ **Aqua session**
Wednesday 12:30 - 1:15pm
- ✓ **Walking tennis**
Tuesday 11am
- ✓ **Senior circuits**
Wednesday 11:30am - 12pm



Book your place through the Everyone Active app, website or in the leisure centre

Is your child safe?

With the summer holidays approaching, when many young people spend more time without adult supervision, can you be sure your child is not at risk of exploitation by criminal gangs?

Hanging out with older people, new possessions and being secretive are just some of the signs of child exploitation. And it's not just a problem in cities and big towns – it's happening in Hart too.

Criminal Child Exploitation is a term used to describe when children and young people are manipulated or coerced into committing crimes. Criminals groom young people to carry out illegal activity on their behalf – such as selling and storing drugs, carrying weapons and committing burglary, robbery or theft.

All children are at risk of being exploited. Children from as young as seven have been criminally exploited in the UK. In Hart, each month, an average of 10 young people are identified as at risk of child exploitation and discussed in a multiagency meeting that seeks to protect them. The numbers may seem small, but the impact on each young person can be devastating.

At Hart our Community Safety team works with partners across the district to keep young people safe. This includes running the Stay Safe awareness sessions in secondary schools, holding

Signs of child exploitation

There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is being exploited by a criminal gang:

- ▶ being away from home more and in places they wouldn't usually be
- ▶ spending time with older people
- ▶ committing ASB / low level crime
- ▶ changes in emotional wellbeing
- ▶ unexplained injuries
- ▶ new and expensive possessions
- ▶ deterioration in school performance or missing school



the Think Safe event for Year 6 pupils and attending other youth groups by request to cover this and other key topics such as the risks of knife crime.

How to report child exploitation

Speak to the school, if known, to make them aware of your concerns and additionally report through:

- the police on 101 (999 in an emergency)
- anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- Hart Community Safety team by email on communitysafety@hart.gov.uk

Get more involved in elections

Delivering well-run elections for our residents is important to us. We have a dedicated Elections team but organising elections takes a lot of manpower, so we always need temporary staff to help us on the day.

This is more important than ever at a General Election. On average, voter turnout at least doubles compared to a local election, with a turnout rate of around 65%.

We fill a range of positions at the polling stations and at the counting of votes in the evening. These are paid positions, and payments are around £255 for a presiding officer and £190 for a poll clerk.

It's an interesting day with lots going on, during the day and late into the night. Interested in applying?

Find out more about the roles available, requirements and apply online at www.hart.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/work-our-elections-team

Get ready for the General Election

At the time of going to press, we don't have a date for the next General Election in the UK.

However we do know the latest this can be held is in January 2025, so it is likely to be in the next six months. There's a few things you can do to make sure you are ready to vote when a date is announced, and some changes since the last General Election.

Votes for life for those overseas

Did you know British citizens living overseas can now register to vote in Parliamentary elections, no matter how long they've been abroad?

Previously, electors living overseas could only register for 15 years after leaving the UK. However this has now changed and British citizens living overseas have 'votes for life' if they were previously registered to vote in UK elections or were a UK resident.

If you know someone who lives abroad and might not be registered to vote due to the previous restrictions, please do let them know about the changes. Overseas electors can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

There are some logistical problems with voting from abroad. Postal votes can be sent overseas but think about the time the postal vote takes to be posted to an overseas address, completed and then posted back to the UK in time for polling day. This may not be a feasible option, especially given the tight time frames usually involved in a General Election.

If you live overseas you could consider nominating a proxy voter who can vote at the polling station on your behalf. They can also set up a postal proxy vote if they can't attend the polling station.



For more information visit www.gov.uk/voting-when-abroad

Checklist...

Don't forget your photo ID!

Photo ID is now required by law at the polling station so don't get caught out at the General Election. Accepted types of ID may change, so remember to check the list at www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need

No acceptable photo ID? You can request a free Voter Authority Certificate

Are you registered?

Have you moved house, changed your name or not voted before? Make sure you can vote by registering at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Need a postal or proxy vote?

You can now register online for these. Visit www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election for this and a range of other information.

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Education is a Matter of the Heart



Meet our new Chairman

Councillor Dermot Smith has been elected as our 45th Chairman for 2024/25, an extra special year as we mark our 50th anniversary as Hart District Council.

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 community. The role is also politically impartial.

Hart News caught up with Councillor Smith to find out more about him and plans for the coming year.

► Why is the role of Chair important to you?

I'm really excited to be Chairman for the coming year. It's important for Hart to be represented on the wider stage. We may be a small district, but we have vibrant communities, amazing countryside and great businesses which I want to showcase. I'm looking forward to championing Hart.

► What are your plans for the next year?

I'd like to build on the good work of my predecessors and take the opportunity to visit all parts of the district and support residents and businesses in any way I can. I'd also like to explain the role of the Council and the services we provide, as well as highlighting the areas for which other authorities such as Hampshire County Council are responsible for. I know it can be confusing sometimes to know who does what!

► What are your charities?

My charities for this year are Hart Foodbank and Citizens Advice Hart. Both of these organisations help those in need across the district in what are challenging and complicated times for so many people. I want to support those that have a direct local impact and make a difference to the lives of people in Hart.

► Can you tell us a little more about you?

I love to travel and have been fortunate enough to do so with work. Walking on the Great Wall of China and seeing the Chinese Emperor's Terracotta Army Warriors are two highlights.

I'm also a big film fan with a wide range of tastes from Oppenheimer to Barbie, though comedies are my favourite!

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.

JOIN OUR NEW HART PROFESSIONAL COLLEGE THIS SEPTEMBER



FOR QUALIFICATIONS IN:

- Accounting
- Counselling
- Human Resources
- Initial Teacher Training
- Marketing
- and more being added!

STUDY LOCALLY

Our new campus is located on the same site as Hart District Council in Fleet town centre, with Open Events coming soon.

FIND OUT MORE AND BROWSE COURSES AT
FARN-CT.AC.UK





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. They 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
Andy Brown	Katie Davies	Dr Anne Crampton	Stuart Bailey - Portfolio Holder for Community Services
Robert Harward	Richard Jones	Spencer Farmer	Graham Cockarill
Bethany Woods	Alan Oliver - Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Development Management	Tim Southern	David Neighbour - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Direction and Partnerships
Crookham East	Fleet East	Hook	Yateley West
Chris Axam	Daisy Khepar	Selena Coburn	Gerry Crisp
Gill Butler	Dan Taylor	Dermot Smith Independent - Chairman	Richard Quarterman - Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Corporate Services
James Radley - Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance	Peter Wildsmith - Portfolio Holder for Regulatory	Jane Worlock	Mark Vernon
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