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Welcome

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

In March, we received the Government decision on the future of local government in Hart – see page four for full details of what this will look like from April 2028. Behind the scenes, lots of work is taking place to ensure any new council works best for our communities and those who rely on our services.

We're also looking to the future with our new Local Plan (page 12) which will help shape the vision for development in Hart. Alongside that, our new fund detailed below is part of our commitment to leaving a legacy for the new unitary authority to continue. After the local elections in May, your councillors will continue to look at projects such as those outlined in this edition to improve the district for all.

While we are focusing on the future, the here and now remains important. That's why we're helping people cut heat loss, find the right home and enjoy

the commute with some new wooden roundabout friends...take a look across the page for more! We hope you find this edition informative and please do get in touch with any feedback – we'd love to hear from you!

Looking to the future of Hart

“ The grants are designed to leave a lasting legacy and reflects the Council's long term commitment to working alongside community-based partners to strengthen local support and facilities. If you have a project that meets our goals, please apply. ”



Councillor David Neighbour
Leader of Hart District Council

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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New £440k fund to support Hart communities

**APPLICATIONS
OPEN ON 13 JULY**

We're launching a new Here for Hart Community Grant scheme with £440,000 available to community and voluntary organisations across the district.

Grants will focus on initiatives that help residents stay well, promote inclusion and community connection and support people facing challenges.

At least £40,000 of the funding will be dedicated to projects supporting young people.

Cover image: Play area at Whitewater Meadows Country Park



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**

New rights for private renters

Finding the right place to live whether it's owned or rented is vital to our wellbeing. To give tenants better protections and more security in their homes, the rules around private renting have changed.

The Renters' Rights Act, which came into force on 1 May, has introduced new rights and responsibilities for tenants, landlords and letting agents living and working in the private rented sector.

We're working with tenants and landlords across Hart to support them through the changes.

If you have a tenant enquiry or concern, email privatesectorhousing@hart.gov.uk

For landlord support, email rentdeposit@hart.gov.uk

SO WHAT'S CHANGED?

- ✓ **No more 'no-fault' evictions**
Landlords won't be able to evict tenants without a valid reason
- ✓ **Goodbye to fixed contracts**
All tenancies will roll on from month to month or week to week (depending on your arrangement) with no end date, giving renters more flexibility
- ✓ **Fairer rent rules**
Landlords can only raise rent once a year, and renters can challenge unfair hikes
- ✓ **No more bidding wars**
Landlords must stick to no more than the advertised rent price
- ✓ **One month's rent upfront, max**
Landlords can't ask for more
- ✓ **No discrimination**
Illegal to refuse tenants just because they receive benefits or have kids
- ✓ **Pets welcome**
Renters can now ask to live with a pet and landlords must consider it fairly



Information for tenants at www.housinghub.campaign.gov.uk/renting-is-changing-private-tenants



Information for landlords at www.housinghub.campaign.gov.uk/renting-is-changing

Hogging the spotlight

Our wooden friends on everyone's favourite roundabout in Fleet had a makeover early this year – and gained some mates down the road!

What do you think of the new sheep and pigs?

The lovely sculptures on Bramshot and Ancells Farm roundabouts were made by the wonderful chainsaw artist Rob Beckinsale.

See more of Rob's work, or buy some for your own home at our Nature Discovery Event on 15 August in Edenbrook Country Park.



The future for local government in Hampshire

Your local councils provide services that you use in your day-to-day life, from emptying your bins or looking after public spaces to providing education services or social care.

You may have heard about changes to your local councils through Local Government Reorganisation. The Government has now announced its decision on what this looks like for Hart.

It has supported the proposal put forward by Hart District Council to join with Basingstoke and Deane and Rushmoor Borough Councils to form one unitary authority to cover north Hampshire, incorporating Hampshire County Council services. These new authorities are expected to take over in just under two years, from 1 April 2028.

This means the current two-tier system – where county and district and borough councils share responsibilities – will be replaced and the new unitary authority will deliver all services for its area.

This process is happening across Hampshire, and the UK, with varying time frames.

What does this mean for your services?

At the moment, nothing will change. You'll continue to receive all your services from Hart District Council and Hampshire County Council as normal.

We are planning how the services will work in the new authority and will share all the details you need when they are available. Delivering your services will continue to be central to this process.

Find all the information on these changes at www.hart.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation

A new look for local elections

During the recent local elections in May, Hart residents chose their representatives for Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council. These councillors will continue their terms until these councils are replaced by the new unitary in April 2028.

Hart District Council elections next year will be replaced with elections for the new shadow authority, established to prepare the new unitary council for taking over from 1 April 2028.

“ Throughout this process our priority is continuing to deliver for all our residents. We believe that a North Hampshire unitary authority is small enough to stay local but large enough to stay strong to work for all our communities. ”

Councillor David Neighbour
Leader of Hart District Council



THE NEW UNITARY COUNCILS FOR HAMPSHIRE WILL BE:

North Hampshire Council

Current local government areas of Hart, Basingstoke and Deane and Rushmoor

Mid Hampshire Council

Current local government areas of East Hampshire, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester, less 11 parishes from all four areas

South East Hampshire Council

Current local government areas of Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, three parishes from East Hampshire and one parish from Winchester

South West Hampshire Council

Current local government areas of Eastleigh, four parishes from New Forest, Southampton and three parishes from Test Valley

Isle of Wight Council

Remains as a separate unitary authority

It's expected these councillors will serve five-year terms, to cover the shadow period and the first four-year term of the new authority.

It is also expected we will move to an 'all-out' model for local government elections. Currently, Hart District Council elect a third of councillors each year for four-year terms, with one year off elections in a four-year period. This will be replaced with all councillors being up for election every four years.

Be ready to vote in 2027

In August we'll start the annual process of confirming who should be registered to vote at each property. You might receive an email or letter asking you to check the details and make any changes.



Some letters need a response and we'll contact you again if we don't hear back. Other letters don't need one so please make sure you read what you receive from us and follow the instructions given.

No change for towns and parishes

Town and parish councils across Hart, will not be included in local government reorganisation.

They will continue to deliver their services, such as play areas and community centres, after April 2028.



Timeline for Local Government Reorganisation



**MARCH
2026**

Government publishes decision
on how councils across Hampshire will be organised



**AUTUMN
2026**

Legislation passed
to enable the formation of the new councils across Hampshire



**MAY
2027**

Elections for new councillors
for shadow North Hampshire council to prepare the new unitary council



**1 APRIL
2028**

The new unitary council
take over all responsibilities for Hart



**MAY
2028**

Expected mayoral elections
for Hampshire and the Solent strategic authority



What do you think about Hart?



We want to know what our communities really think about Hart (good, bad, indifferent!) as we continue the process of reorganisation. To make sure we're representing you, we'll be running a residents' survey in September to give everyone the opportunity to make their voices heard.

Sign up to our online newsletter to be alerted when the survey opens, or keep an eye on our website or social media.

A smart move to the right home

Hart is a very popular place to live and so the demand for affordable homes for rent far outweighs the supply. Families wait for many years for a suitably-sized home, especially those seeking three or four+ bedroom properties.

To help move to a new home the scheme offers:

- a cash payment to help you settle into your new home
- help with removals costs
- practical support to help you move from Citizens Advice Hart, guiding you through all aspects of the process
- help from us to find and apply for properties advertised through the housing register

Residents who are under-occupying and wish to move to a smaller property are also awarded additional priority on Hart's housing register.

Your home is important and we'll never make anyone move. We've worked with residents living in homes larger than their needs to develop this

If you think a move may be suitable for you, speak to our Housing team by calling 01252 774295 or emailing smartmove@hart.gov.uk

scheme and to find out what support they need to downsize. Smart Move is designed to help both current and future residents find the right home if the time is right.

Perhaps you want to move closer to family or facilities, reduce running costs or the hassle of maintaining a larger property, or struggle to get around your home. If you are downsizing, you can move to a property size of your choosing.

“ Helping people find a home in Hart will always be important to us. Smart Move is designed to help both current and future residents find the right home in a property size that works for them.”

Councillor Peter Wildsmith
Portfolio Holder for Housing
and Community Services



Court action sends fly-tipping warning

Fly-tipping is illegal, unsightly and has a real impact on the places we all enjoy.

That is why we are cracking down on criminals who dump rubbish in Hart. In the last year, we have taken eight people to court. They were issued with fines and costs totalling more than £14,000. More cases are awaiting a court date.

Always check that anyone collecting your waste is a registered carrier and keep a record of them. Check if they are licensed at www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

REMEMBER you could be fined if any fly-tipped waste is traced back to your home.

Partnering up to tackle antisocial behaviour

Hart has become the first authority in Hampshire to give a housing association the power to issue Community Protection Notices.

Working with VIVID housing association, this new partnership protects residents and helps maintain safe, welcoming neighbourhoods across Hart.

Antisocial behaviour harms our communities, from intimidation and persistent noise to dog fouling and alcohol or drug-related nuisance. These Community Protection Notices are designed to stop ongoing or persistent behaviour that has a negative impact on the wider community.





Finding local support with the Here for Hart Directory

What matters to you? For social prescribers across Hart this simple question is at the heart of the services they offer those looking for support.

If you're feeling isolated or anxious, looking for better wellbeing or want to feel more connected to your community, many Hart GP surgeries have social prescribers who can help.

A social prescriber links people with local, non-medical activities, opportunities and support. By using community-based services, they can improve their health and wellbeing by addressing the wider issues affecting daily life. Our Here for Hart Directory can help social prescribers in this important role.

Jenny is the friendly face of social prescribing at Odiham Health Centre. She uses the Here for Hart Directory to find opportunities for her patients in a local setting. She can also find local organisations to help people with debt and housing support, parenting, independent home living and much more.

Jenny says: *"We focus on what matters with every patient which then encourages them to have greater choice and control over their lives, empowering them to make decisions that best suit their needs and preferences."*

Jenny's story

As a social prescriber who has just moved to the Hart area, the Here for Hart Directory has been invaluable.

I have learnt about so many services such as Parity for Disability, who I've already recommended to two patients. I regularly point patients towards the directory as it's so user friendly and has a wealth of information. I make the directory leaflet part of a support pack for my social prescribing patients.

I supported a lovely lady who can't work due to illness but loves to cook and bake for her family. Unfortunately, money is tight but I was able to point her to the Zero Hunger waste prevention drop-ins from the directory.

She now goes regularly and loves inviting her family over to enjoy the results of the new recipes she's invented with the ingredients she brings home.

Social prescribers Anca and Linda work for the Red Cross and support patients in Hartley Wintney and Hook surgeries. Using their extensive local knowledge and the Here for Hart Directory they connect people with the right groups or services for their needs.

"The Here for Hart Directory is a valuable and empowering resource we use frequently.

Supporting personal choice and individual needs, preferences and values depends on access to clear, well-organised, and up-to-date information. The Here for Hart Directory consistently provides this, making it an essential tool in delivering the person-centred support our service is committed to."
Anca, social prescriber

As well as being an excellent tool for social prescribers, the Here for Hart Directory is available for anyone to access.

Why not explore what's available near you?

It includes over 500 local listings, covering everything from Mental Health and Wellbeing and Disabilities & Health Conditions, to Older People, Children, Young People & Families, and Social & Leisure Activities.

Choose a category or use a keyword to find what you need.

Discover what's on your doorstep at www.hereforhartdirectory.org.uk

Fresh look for food waste trucks

Thanks to everyone who sent in their fantastic names for our food waste trucks. We've gone through all of them and are pleased to announce our newly named fleet! 'Slopping' around your neighbourhood can you spot:

The Very Hungry Caddyfiller

Chewscrapa

Chewie Stewie

Core Patrol

Hungry Horace

Foody McFoodface

Dame Foodie Dench

Sir Scrapsalot

Bin Appetit

Scrappy Doo

Peels on Wheels

Bangers and Trash

Scraps to the Future

Mission Compostable

Lucy Leftovers

As well as their fab new names, they are also getting a shiny new look with their new bin panels, designed by local children. A selection of the chosen designs are opposite – keep an eye out for the trucks for the full set!



Simpler recycling

You may have heard of Simpler Recycling, which is changing recycling collections across England so that everyone can recycle the same items from home.

We introduced kerbside food waste recycling in October 2025 to meet the Government target date of March 2026 for the Simpler Recycling changes. However we are still unable to collect some other items outlined in this scheme as we cannot recycle them.

At this time you can recycle paper, card, metal tins and cans, aerosols and plastic bottles (no other plastics) in your blue recycling bin. You can also recycle glass in your glass box and food waste in your caddies.

To sort and manage a wider range of materials including plastic pots, tubs and trays, a new recycling sorting facility is needed. The build of a new Materials Recovery Facility has been approved and is expected to be operational from Spring 2028. Hampshire County Council are our waste disposal authority and responsible for developing this facility.

Over the next two years we will be planning for the recycling changes this will bring and confirming how future collections will work.



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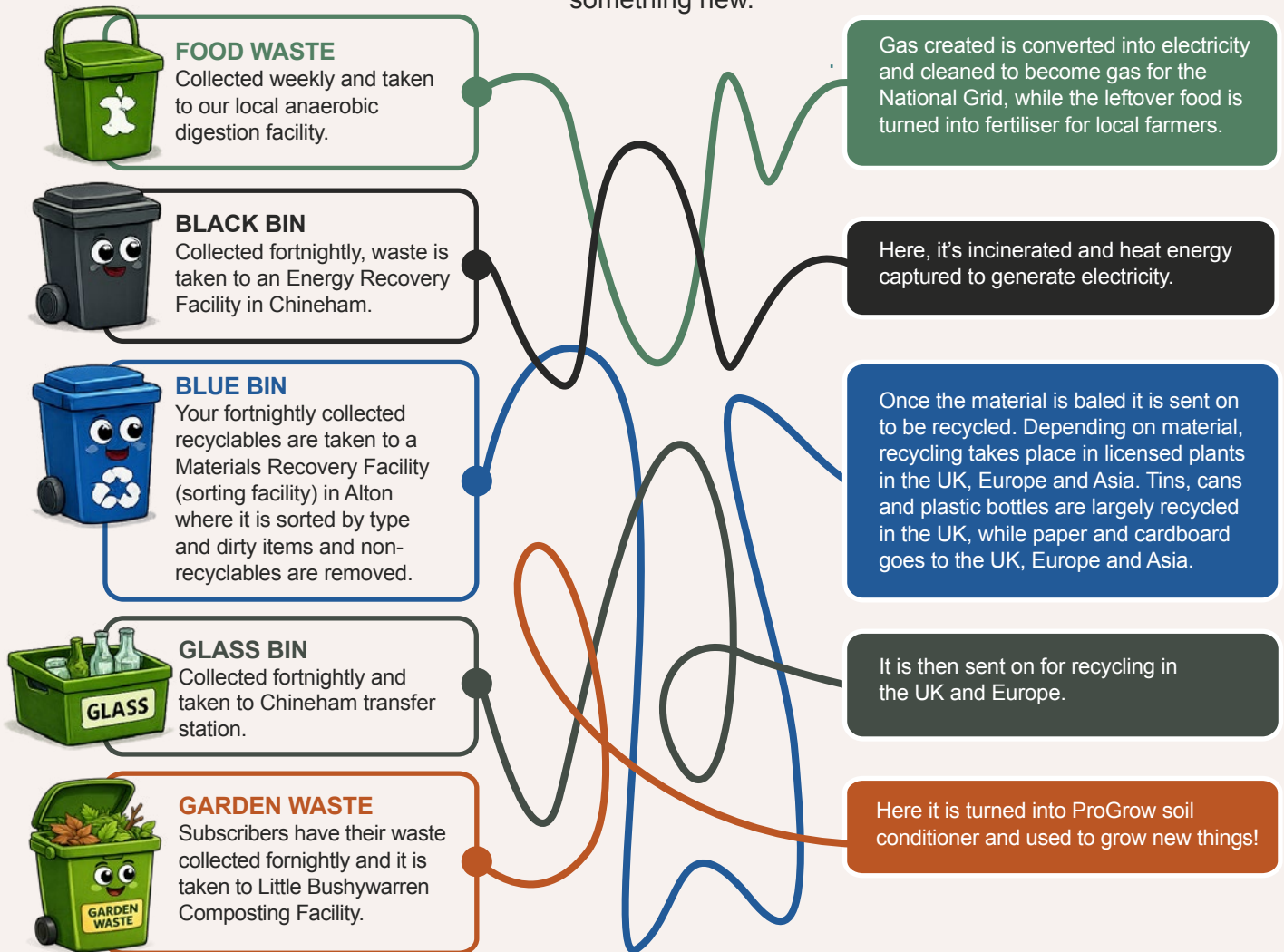
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WHAT HAPPENS TO MY STUFF?

We collect a variety of materials from the kerbside in Hart, but have you ever wondered what happens to it after collection? Your waste goes through a different process to be disposed of and is often turned into something new.



Let's talk liners!

We're over eight months into weekly food waste collections in Hart and in the swing of separating our food waste from general rubbish!

“ We've seen participation rates of around 60% for our new weekly food waste collections so thank you to everyone who has embraced this change. We can't wait to see our new-look trucks travelling around Hart. ”

Councillor Alan Oliver
Portfolio Holder for Development
Management and Waste Services



You may have run out of the free caddy liners we supplied to get you started.

Once these are gone, start reusing packaging such as bread and vegetable bags, or buy more liners (from most supermarkets and online retailers). All bags are separated out during processing, then used to generate electricity in a separate process. This applies to all bags used, so it is fine to use non-recyclable bags such as bread or vegetable bags.



Edenbrook tool shed's new solar panels

A step forward for sustainability

Our Countryside team have recently installed solar panels on their tool shed at Edenbrook Country Park.

The solar power is used for charging electric vehicles, tools and machinery as well as the facilities in the shed, allowing for general management of the site without the use of fossil fuels.

Once the battery pack reaches its limit, excess power trickles back out into the National Grid to avoid waste. This is a great step forward for sustainable countryside management, taking power from the sun straight into our tools and avoiding any waste.

Countryside Events

Summer has just begun, with our wildlife and family events carrying on through to autumn. There's something for everyone, with both bookable smaller events and free to attend larger events.

Cut these dates out and save for later!

BAT WALKS

24 JULY | ADULT

Whitewater Meadows Country Park, Hook

11 SEPTEMBER | MIXED AGES

Fleet Pond, Fleet

9 OCTOBER | SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER FAMILIES

Bramshot Farm Country Park, Fleet

Search 'Events' on our website or scan the QR code for more information and to book.



Bat walks last two hours, starting at dusk. Please check our website for detailed timings.

ADULT: £5.00 | U16: £2.50
Advanced booking required

SAVE THE DATE

TALES OF THE HEATH | Free entry – No booking required

FREE

1 August 11am – 3pm | Hazeley Heath, Hartley Wintney

Free history and wildlife pop-up event at Hazeley Heath.

VILLAGE HISTORY TALES | £2.50 – Advanced booking required

7 August 10am – 12pm | Hartley Wintney Commons, Hartley Wintney

Take a walk around the village and Common learning about the history and oak trees.

NATURE DISCOVERY DAY | Free entry – No booking required

FREE

15 August 11am – 3pm | Edenbrook Country Park, Fleet

Free wildlife and nature family-friendly event at Edenbrook Country Park.

BUSHCRAFT | £2.50 – Advanced booking required

27 August 1 – 3pm | Bramshot Farm Country Park, Fleet

Book-on survival skills family event.

AUTUMN TALES WITH PUMPKIN CARVING | With pumpkin: £7.50 / Without: £5.00

29 and 30 October 3:30 – 6pm | Bramshot Farm Country Park, Fleet

A festive celebration with pumpkin carving and an educational walk.

Happy 50th Fleet Pond Society

This year Fleet Pond Society celebrates 50 years of caring for Fleet Pond Nature Reserve. So many people have supported and contributed to the work of the Society throughout those years.

In 1976 the local community came together and formed the Society as they were worried about the condition of Fleet Pond. The conservation work continues, in co-operation with site owner Hart District Council.

Footpaths have been created, bridges installed, silt dredged, jetties, dipping platforms, islands managed and look-out points fitted, along with a myriad of other conservation tasks to keep this beautiful community asset accessible to all.

Fleet Pond Society Chairman, Jim Storey said: *"There is no limit to the enthusiasm, skill and hard work of our fantastic volunteers. We could not do it without them. Onwards to the next 50 years!"*

To learn more visit www.fleetpond.org.uk



1977 Bridge going over Brookly Stream



2026 Fleet Pond Society volunteers



Welcome Hawley Park Farm

We'll soon be taking on the management of Hawley Park Farm Open Space, welcoming it joining the 19 other green spaces we manage across Hart for residents to enjoy.

This site is open grassland with around 2km of paths, numerous planted trees and some views across the valley. There are a few picnic areas with tables, a small play area and woven willow huts and a play feature for kids to enjoy.

Find the new site off the B3272 Hawley Road.

Further information at:

- www.hart.gov.uk/countryside-and-leisure/green-spaces-and-nature
- www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/greenspace/hawley-farm

Supporting our local community

Seven local organisations have been helped with countryside projects through funding from our Countryside Community Grants Scheme.

We awarded £10,000 to Hartland Men's Shed to build a new allotment area. The 6th Fleet Ancells Farm Scout group have received £5,000 to fund a series of wildlife activities and improvements around Ancells Farm. Odiham Parish Council have also secured £5,000 to help improve the native woodland at The Firs, where they will also be adding benches and information boards for visitors.

We gave a series of smaller grants to Heatherside Junior School, The Green Oaks Federation, Wilder Hook and the Odiham Conservation Volunteers.

Applications for the next round of funding are open until 17 July. Search 'Countryside grants scheme' on our website for more information.

Branching out

Trees are vital allies in our fight against climate change, offering remarkable benefits that help us adapt to the warming and more extreme weather.

In the last year we've planted across our land:



148
standard trees



86
orchard trees



150m²
of woodland

Spotlight on major sites

We know people care about planning applications that may affect the area they call home. While we process nearly 2000 planning submissions a year for a variety of different planning sites, we also receive a few applications that would be considered major in their scale.

We've recently launched a Major Sites webpage on hart.gov.uk. An application will be considered major if the development sites consist of:

**COMMERCIAL OR WAREHOUSE
OVER 1000SQM FLOORSPACE**

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
OVER 100 NEW DWELLINGS**

We may also add other schemes to this page if we feel they could have a significant impact on the area.

You can view all documents associated with these applications and make any comments through our planning portal.

**SEARCH 'MAJOR SITES' ON OUR
WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE**



“ The new Local Plan will set out the long-term approach to a range of planning matters for your area. We will be holding a series of consultations during the process, so please let us know your views so that your voice is heard. ”



Councillor Graham Cockarill
Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy

Planning for Hart's future growth

We've taken the first steps in preparing our new Local Plan for Hart, setting out where new homes, jobs and facilities can be delivered up to 2044. Once adopted, the Local Plan will guide planning decisions across Hart and help ensure growth takes place in the right locations, with the right infrastructure.

A strong Local Plan is crucial to plan for growth in the coming years, with the Government setting the goal for Hart to plan for around 800 new homes per year. By identifying the most appropriate locations, we can maintain local leadership over future development and reach decisions that best serve our communities in the long-term.

Recently we've undertaken a Call for Sites and an early consultation on what should be included and how people want to be engaged with the process. We'll publish these results shortly.

We'll now begin the 30-month process of preparing the new Local Plan, including a vision and strategic priorities for Hart.

This will continue to provide the planning framework after Hart, Basingstoke and Deane and Rushmoor councils become one unitary in 2028.

Identifying the most appropriate locations will never be easy but our ambition is for infrastructure-led growth, planning alongside improvements to schools, health services, transport and leisure facilities. The Plan will also secure more affordable homes while protecting and enhancing the environment.

In the Autumn we'll be sharing the Plan's draft vision and early ideas on how best to accommodate the growth. We'll be asking for your views on this and taking them into account when finalising the Local Plan.

Stay informed about this consultation and any other updates on the Local Plan by signing up at www.hart.gov.uk/planning-consultation-database

Spotting heat loss at home

We're keen to help residents find ways to cut heat loss and improve energy efficiency in their homes, as part of our goal of a carbon neutral district by 2040.

For the second year running we've run our thermal imaging scheme across Hart, surveying 150 properties in partnership with Hart Voluntary Action.

Thermal imaging helps reveal issues that aren't always obvious, such as poorly insulated walls, heat escaping around doors or windows or draughts through small gaps. Some solutions are straightforward and low-cost; from installing draught excluders and letterbox covers, to improving insulation in specific areas like loft hatches. These small changes can reduce expensive energy bills and the carbon footprint of a home.

For one Yateley resident Sue, the scheme provided her with reassurance and advice on simple adaptations she could make. She'd recommend this scheme to others, particularly older homeowners.

"The survey and report can help you become more energy efficient. I'd say give it a go, what harm can it do?"



Sue's story

I'd noticed some cold spots in areas of my home, so I was keen to book an appointment.

The survey was interesting and the volunteers very knowledgeable, explaining what they were doing, as well as what issues the images were highlighting. Their enthusiasm rubbed off on me, but, most importantly, I felt very comfortable inviting them into my home.

Following the survey, I received a report with some recommendations, including installing blinds, adding a draught excluder to the base of the conservatory door and improving insulation to the side of the front door – all realistic and achievable for me. I've already added the draft excluder and will consider the heating upgrade advice, once my boiler is at end-of-life.

Since having the survey, I feel confident enough to make decisions that will improve my home's energy efficiency and I'm a lot more aware about the effects of heat loss now too.

Warm home, lower bills

Hart residents could get up to £30,000 of fully-funded home improvements, thanks to the Government's Warm Homes Local Grant funding.

From air-source heat pumps and solar panels to loft and wall insulation, there's never been a better time to consider energy saving improvements for your home, particularly given the fluctuating energy prices and cost of living crisis.

COULD YOU BE ELIGIBLE?

- Your home has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of D-G and your combined household income is £36,000 or less per year before tax

or

- Your home has an EPC rating of D-G and you receive certain benefits.

Check your eligibility at www.warmerhomes.org.uk or call 0800 038 5737



Developing STEM skills through eco-coding

Hart pupils of all ages have been taking part in Council-funded Eco and Net Zero Coding Adventures, using technology and creativity to learn how digital skills can support sustainability and climate change.

Read the full case study on impacthart.co.uk

Meet our new Chair

Councillor Stuart Bailey has been elected as our 47th Chair for 2026/27.

The Chair 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.

Councillor Bailey has lived in Yateley for almost 30 years and has been a Councillor for 25, both for Yateley Town Council and Hart District Council. In 2025, he was also elected as a Councillor for Yateley East & Blackwater at Hampshire County Council.

Why is the role of Chair important to you?

The role really helps set the tone for how the Council works. Chairing Council meetings is a key part of that, particularly this year when, with the planned reorganisation of local government, Hart will be making some important decisions. There's also the civic side of the role, which I value – representing the Council and recognising and celebrating all the great things that happen in our district.

What are your plans for the next year?

Over the next year I am looking forward to joining many community events and meeting the volunteers who do so much to make Hart the great place it is. If your school, group or club have something planned for this year, please do invite me to join as I would hope to use the role to raise awareness and profile of what is happening across our district.



What are your charities?

I will be raising money for the Hart Foodbank and other charities tackling food poverty across Hart. Collectively, these are great district-wide charities operating in Fleet, Odiham, Yateley, Hartley Wintney, Hook and Darby Green. Alongside the foodbanks the Community Pantries provide food, advice and education to help people help themselves.



Reflections from last year's Chair

"Reflecting on my year as Chair, time and time again this year I've seen our community step forward with a generosity of spirit that deserves recognition. I've been proud to represent Hart, but even prouder to witness the compassion, resilience, and quiet heroism that defines it." Councillor Chris Dorn, Chair 2025/26.

Over £9,000 was also raised for Mustard Seed Autism and Service Dogs UK, the Chair's charities for 2025/26.

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

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PHONE NUMBER:

- ▶ 01252 407028

EMAIL:

- ▶ admissions@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.



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

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.

Blackwater & Hawley	Fleet Central	Hartley Wintney	Yateley East
Andy Brown	Katie Davies	Dr Anne Crampton	Stuart Bailey - Chair
Pam Hardy	Richard Jones	Spencer Farmer	Graham Cockarill - Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy
Robert Harward	Alan Oliver - Portfolio Holder for 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	Ann Baty	Gerry Crisp
Gill Butler - Vice-Chair	Dan Taylor	Selena Coburn	Richard Quarterman - Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Corporate Services
James Radley - Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance	Peter Wildsmith - Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services	Dermot Smith Independent	Mark Vernon
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