

## Happy New Year

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## Take part in Local Government Consultations.

For **Winchester City Council** visit

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com>

Current Consultations are:  
Review of Statement Principles – Gambling Act 2005 – closes 20 Jan 2019

Review of Licensing Policy – Licensing Act 2003 – closes 20 Jan 2019

For **Hampshire County Council Consultations**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations>

Consultation on school admission arrangements for 2020/21 - closes 25 January

Residential Care Survey -closes 18<sup>th</sup> January

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## Grants

Remember to keep an eye on the Grants web page <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants> Current applications are still open for the

WINnovation - up to £4,000 closes mid day 15<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Business Innovation Funded – up to £2500 opens 11<sup>th</sup> Jan and closes 28<sup>th</sup> February

# Winchester District Councillors report Jan/Feb 2019

## Rough Sleepers

Should you find someone sleeping rough within the district please contact **StreetLink**.

StreetLink is the national service set up to enable rough sleepers to become connected with the support they need. There are three ways that you can contact **StreetLink** to tell them about a rough sleeper:

1. Call 0300 500 0914. This is a free phone number and lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
2. Visit [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) and click 'Tell us about a rough sleeper@' and fill in as many details as possible.
3. Download the mobile app (available for free from the iTunes and Google Play stores) and follow the same steps as the website.

Any details you may provide about the rough sleeper will be sent to both the housing options team at the City Council and to Trinity Winchester, the local day centre providing support for the homeless, who will aim to make direct contact the rough sleeper in order to provide relevant advice and assistance. A few days later StreetLink will follow the case up with the City Council and can provide you with an update.

Please remember that you do not need to approach anyone rough sleeping directly. You can also contact the Housing Options Team at the City Council directly during office hours 9.00am to 5.00pm in the following ways:

Face to face with a Housing Options Officer at our drop in Triage Service based in the Customer Service Centre, via email [roughsleepers@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:roughsleepers@winchester.gov.uk) or by telephoning the duty line on 01962 848 163.

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## Grants up to £5,000 plus the support of Volunteer Rangers available in 2019 for South Downs projects

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for non-profit organisations, parish councils and landowners in 2019 for projects that care for and enhance the South Downs National Park and promote opportunities for people to understand and enjoy it.

Daniel Greenwood, Volunteer Development Officer, for the South Downs National Park, said:

“Got an idea for a project in your community that the Volunteer Ranger Service can help deliver? Whether it’s refurbishing a community pond, creating a sensory garden, creating wildflower meadows or butterfly banks, this is your opportunity to make it happen.”

The grants are available thanks to the new South Downs Volunteer Conservation Fund, managed by the South Downs National Park Trust in partnership with the South Downs Volunteer Ranger Service (VRS) and to be eligible, projects must use the practical support of the VRS.

Almost any project which helps to conserve or enhance the National Park is eligible, provided it fits with the National Park Partnership Management Plan and makes use of the South Downs Volunteer Ranger Service.

The deadline to apply for the first round of funding is 31 March 2019 and the first grants will be awarded in June 2019. Find out more at [www.southdownstrust.org.uk/volunteer-fund](http://www.southdownstrust.org.uk/volunteer-fund)

## Ditches and Flood Prevention

Please ensure that all watercourse or drainage ditches are well maintained. Blocked drains cause most surface water flooding issues in our Parishes. Many open ditches have been filled in over the years and we are now having to deal with more and more flooding issues due to poorly maintained piped ditches.

A blocked pipe may be having a detrimental affect on a property up stream from you.

## Kerbside Glass Collection



A kerbside glass collection will be put in place for all households from October 2019. This is to be a free monthly collection service. The collection rounds may be changing as well for some households. More information will be communicated as soon as it is available on the details and any changes to collection days.

*Do you own land that has a watercourse or drainage ditch on or adjacent to it?*

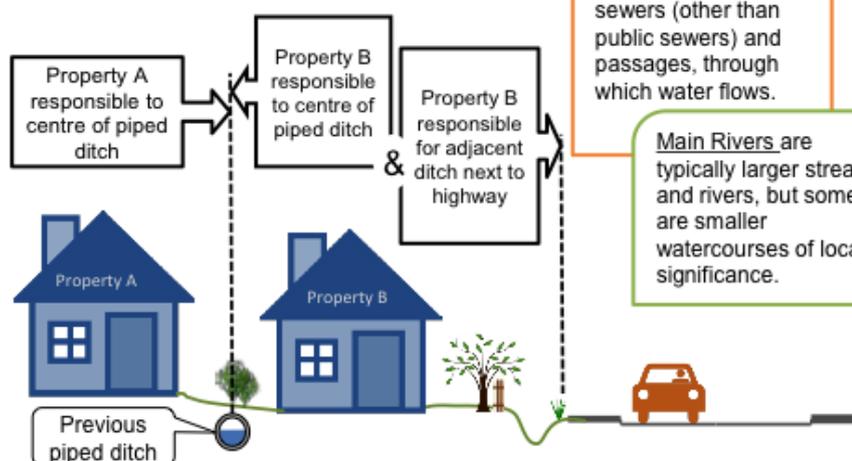
Answer: Yes –You are therefore a **'riparian landowner'** and you are responsible for maintaining those watercourses

### What is a watercourse?

Watercourses are any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows. Watercourses are classified as either 'Ordinary Watercourse' or 'Main River'.

**Ordinary Watercourses** are watercourses that are not part of a main river and include streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers) and passages, through which water flows.

**Main Rivers** are typically larger streams and rivers, but some are smaller watercourses of local significance.



*What can land and properties owners do to reduce the risk of flooding?*

- ❖ Identify your ordinary watercourses/ditches/piped watercourses – check deeds if required
- ❖ Check whether they are clear from debris and vegetation and if not clear them

**As a landowner you have a right to protect your property from flooding – consider how you might do this and prepare a plan.**



More information:

[www.hants.gov.uk/watercourses](http://www.hants.gov.uk/watercourses)

National Flood Forum provides information on preparing for a flood:

[www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/at-risk-of-flooding-2/](http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/at-risk-of-flooding-2/)

## SDNP Local Plan Examination

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/national-park-local-plan/>

The scheduled hearings for the Local Plan examination at Midhurst and Falmer have ended. The Inspector is now considering what he has heard and will be working with the National Park Authority on Main Modifications to the Local Plan. This consultation will take place in the New Year 2019.

All updated evidence and supporting documents are on pages:

[Examination Page](#) (updated regularly)  
[Core Document Library Page](#)

Useful web links: SDNP Planning applications:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/>