



### **Book an Appointment - Household Waste Recycling Centres**

A new pre-booking system for residents to access Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) to manage demand and reduce queuing traffic has been introduced at all Hampshire HWRCs. From Monday 15th June you must have an appointment to visit a HWRC in Hampshire. If you visit an HWRC without an appointment you will be turned away. You can only make one trip to one HWRC in a week (Monday to Sunday). You cannot visit more than one HWRC in the same week. Dates further than 2 days ahead will show as unavailable. These slots will be released for booking 48 hours prior.

The appointment booking system has been set up to help manage demand during the coronavirus pandemic. It is not connected to the HWRC Vehicle Registration Scheme. You do not need to register your vehicle to book an appointment. Household waste recycling centres are now open 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. To book online visit - <https://customer.bookingbug.com/?client=hantsrecyclingcentres#/services> or telephone 02380 179 949, Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5:30 pm. Any information you provide will be automatically deleted after 14 days. Your information will not be used for any other purpose.

### **Bus Passes**

A reminder that concessionary travel times for older people to travel free on Hampshire's buses have reverted to the normal 9.30 am start. Restrictions on times older people could use their bus passes were first lifted on 20 March to enable travel to supermarkets earlier in the day and access dedicated shopping hours while national travel restrictions on all but essential travel were in place.

Older Persons Concessionary Bus Passes are available for people who have reached State Pension age. The older person's bus pass entitles people to free travel on bus services throughout England from 9:30 am to 11.00 pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays.

Bus passes issued by another English council can be used in London at any time for free travel on buses displaying the red roundel. Show your pass to the driver as passes don't currently read on the yellow card readers. You can also use your bus pass on these Community Transport services:

- Cango
- Call and Go, eligible for a 25% discount against full fare
- Dial a Ride, eligible for a 25% discount against full fare
- Fleet Link, Yateley Shopper and Eastleigh Parish Links, eligible for a 25% discount against full fare
- Park and Ride services that are registered as local bus services (though you must still pay for the parking).
- Hampshire County Council Taxishare and carshare schemes.

On routes which have an infrequent service where there is a journey between 9.00 am and 9.29 am and then no further journey until 10.31am or later, passes will be accepted for free travel from 9.00 am on those specific routes. You can apply for a Bus Pass by visiting [https://concessioncard.net/BeforeYouApply\\_input.action](https://concessioncard.net/BeforeYouApply_input.action) or apply and pay by telephone on 0300 555 1376.

### **Short Break Activities Proposals**

Hampshire County Council is seeking people's views on some proposed changes to its Short Break Activities Programme for children and young people who have disabilities. Residents' feedback is being invited on a range of proposals for how the Short Break Activities Programme could operate after 31st March 2021. Some of the proposals could help Through the Short Break Activities Programme, parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities can take a break from their caring responsibilities while their children attend an educational or leisure activity.

Anyone who would like to take part in the consultation will have until 11:59 pm on Sunday 12th July 2020 to make their views known. Before completing the response form, people are strongly encouraged to read

the information pack which provides the background to, and details of, the proposals. Both the information pack and response form can be found online at [www.hants.gov.uk/shortbreakconsultation](http://www.hants.gov.uk/shortbreakconsultation)

## **Making Space for People and Social Distancing**

A range of temporary changes are being made across the County to provide more road space for people walking and cycling – keeping a safe social distance as they begin to go back to work and school after the Coronavirus lockdown. HCC has already made some immediate changes across the County to traffic signals and signs, to give pedestrians more space and time. The next stage will be work on the ground to install physical measures which provide more space for safe social distancing.

Changes already in place include:

- Following a review of all pelican, puffin and toucan crossings, waiting times at 166 crossings have been reduced in favour of pedestrians;
- Traffic signals have been altered at some of Hampshire's busiest town centre traffic signal junctions, increasing the frequency that the pedestrian stage appears, and the amount of green time provided to cross the road by foot;
- As well as national messages to Stay Alert and maintain social distancing, many electronic traffic information signs now inform motorists to slow down, share the road and look out for pedestrians and people on bikes.

Work has started on some of the first schemes in Hampshire to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists. Further schemes are in development to support retail spaces which mean taking traffic and parking out of our town centres to create space. These plans are being developed with Hampshire's District and Borough Councils, Business Improvement Districts, Town and Parish Councils. Communities, schools and residents are encouraged to make suggestions for schemes which support social distancing at: [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/hantscovidtravel](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/hantscovidtravel) with priority given to those ideas with the potential to make the most positive impact and which meet Government criteria for funding.

## **Phased reopening of library services**

All Hampshire libraries are currently closed. However, visitors who have booked a timed collection under the 'Ready Reads' scheme, may now visit at the allotted time. This is the first phase in our move to re-open libraries as safely as possible. See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/service-updates>

Ready Reads: We Select You Collect - this is a new book collection service, where staff select books according to your preferences for collection from your local branch. This is the first phase in our move to re-open libraries in Hampshire as safely as possible. Our libraries are operating new temporary opening hours for collection, with social distancing guidelines in place for everyone. Please do not visit one of our libraries unless you have been given a collection time for your Ready Reads books.

## **Library -Virtual Book Club**

- Our Digital Readers Facebook group is a virtual book club where each month members vote for a new title to read and discuss.
- Members can download the chosen title for free using our eBook and audiobook provider, [BorrowBox](#)
- Our virtual reading group is always open online, which means you never have to wait to share your thoughts or take part in the conversations
- Take part in the conversation today by joining the Hampshire Library Facebook group

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