

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL report to Soberton & Newtown Parish Council – Tuesday 16th April 2019

Supporting Families Programme

More than 4,500 families in Hampshire have been helped during phase two of the County's Supporting Families Programme, with over 700 families experiencing significant improvement in their circumstances. In addition, an independent evaluation by the Solent University shows that between 2015 and 2019, the support given to families to get back on their feet successfully, translated into savings or costs avoided of £27 million to the public purse.

Hampshire's Supporting Families Programme began in 2012, as part of a national initiative to support families facing multiple issues such as persistent unemployment, poor education, poor health, crime and antisocial behaviour, domestic violence and young people failing to thrive. The programme takes a 'whole family' approach involving everyone in the family including grandparents, parents, young people and children. It allows families to build on their strengths while helping them to overcome some of the concerns, difficulties, challenges or obstacles they may have in their lives.

Calshot Activity Centre

Visitors are scaling new heights in the Hangar at Hampshire County Council's Calshot Activities Centre with brand new aerial trekking, auto-belayed climbing, bouldering and interactive climbing facilities, thanks to a £320,000 investment.

To appeal to local people new to climbing, and those visiting the area, the new activities in the Hangar will be available on a drop-in basis, or bookable online. From the start of the Easter school holidays facilities will be available in a flexible 'pay and play' format, during holidays and weekends, subject to availability of sessions. To book online and secure a session in advance, visit www.calshot.com [<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/outdoorcentres/ourcentres/calshot/>] The new activities in the Hangar include:

- **Aero Trek** – New indoor high-ropes course including balance beams, tightrope bridges, stepping stones and zip wire, whilst visitors are attached to a continuous safety system.
- **Take Off** - Varied fun climbing walls with an automated safety system, so that people can get climbing and having fun safely and quickly, without the need to learn the about ropes and belaying.
- **Laser Climb** – an innovative interactive bouldering game, which invites anyone, from the youngest kids to hard-training adults, to have fun and get great physical exercise.
- **Bouldering Cave** – State-of-the-art bouldering cave with improved indoor rock climbing, enabling climbers to move freely and flexibly between climbing holds.

Report an Environmental Issue

If you want to report fly tipping, noise, environmental pollution or graffiti then visit the web page <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment>

Road Obstructions

Report obstructions on the road, such as mud, illegal signs, overhanging tree branches, hedges, builders skips or scaffolding, to the local council at <https://www.gov.uk/report-obstruction-road>.

If the obstruction is on the motorway contact contact Highways England at info@highwaysengland.co.uk 0300 123 5000.

Cycling

Over 750 miles of off-road cycle routes and urban cycle paths make Hampshire a great place for cycling. To download free cycling routes visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/cycling>

Countryside Canines

Dog walking in Hampshire - Hampshire Countryside sites are colour coded into RED, AMBER and GREEN 'paw print' zones. These zones are a simple way of showing people where dogs can exercise on and off lead.

- GREEN – dogs are allowed off lead. Please follow the countryside code so that everyone can enjoy the countryside
- AMBER – restrictions in place. Read the on-site instructions for details. It might be that dogs must be kept on leads because of grazing animals, or people and dogs must stick to the paths due to ground nesting birds. Other AMBER areas are BBQ and picnic sites. This is to keep dogs safe from eating anything harmful
- RED – dogs are not allowed in Red areas. It might be because it's a sensitive wildlife site or livestock is present.

Whether a dog owner or not, please follow the Countryside Code and help make the Country safe and enjoyable for everyone. See also <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/dogwalking>

Many of Hampshire County Council's countryside areas, including some of our Country Parks, have facilities just for you and your dog. The River Hamble Country Park has an enclosed dog walking field and there is an exciting dog activity trail at Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

We also manage a network of over 3,000 miles of rights of way for you to explore Hampshire's beautiful countryside with your dog. To help you enjoy your visit to the countryside, and to avoid any problems, the Hampshire Countryside Service supports the Dog Walking Code.

Rights of Way

Public rights of way are paths and tracks which you can use to cross private land. To find out more about Rights of Way and how to use them eg Vehicles in the Countryside; Definitive Map and Statement or Report a Problem with a Right of Way visit

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

Buy with Confidence

This scheme is run by Hampshire County Council and all businesses listed on the web site have been vetted and approved by Trading Standards to ensure that they operate in a legal, honest and fair way. To Buy with Confidence visit - <https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/>



Care Technology

Hampshire County Council is set to invest up to £67 million in care technology over the next ten years to support the growing number of elderly people and younger adults with disabilities in Hampshire. Through a new contract with the Argenti Partnership the Authority expects the number of adults using technology to help them to live more independently to grow significantly over the next decade, with some 20,000 new people set to benefit over the next five years.

Did you Know?

That Hampshire offer a design and/or printing service? For help with design, printing, signage and promotional items, call 01962 870099 or email hps@hants.gov.uk. The customer service desk is open from 8.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. You are welcome to visit the Hampshire Print Services [HPS] offices at the lower ground floor, The Castle, Queen II Court South, Winchester.

Transport to and from Hospital

If you cannot use public transport to get to/from try contacting the Good Neighbours Support Service on 02392 899671 or Portsmouth Action on 02392 822795.

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