

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON 7 JULY 2025**

**Present:** Cllrs Atkinson, Burdett (Chairman), Flahive, Hankinson, Leeks, Lovegrove, A Morrow, K Morrow, Neilson, Slimin, Spence, Waterfield and Wilson-Thomas

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Cllr Mellor and Borough Cllr Bound.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Received and accepted from Cllrs Mullan, Rowden, Witton and Borough Cllr Chatburn.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

Cllr Burdett declared an interest in agenda item 8.

**3. MINUTES**

**21/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting 6 May 2025.

**4. OPEN FORUM**

There was no requirement for an open forum.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

**22/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to receive and sign a statement of receipts and payments for the months of May and June 2025.

**6. DEANSWOOD ROAD BENCH**

A request for removal was reconsidered.

**23/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to leave the bench in place.

**7. ZIP LINE BARK TOP UP**

Two quotations were received.

**24/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to accept the quotation of £600 from Finest Wood Fuels.

Cllr Burdett left the room at 7.36pm and returned at 7.49pm.

**8. HUNTSMOOR ROAD BOLLARDS CONSULTATION**

Responses to the consultation regarding removal were received.

**25/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (8/4/0)** to agree to not remove the bollards and to install telescopic bollards with combination padlocks at a cost of £650. An access agreement and waiver of liability between

Tadley Town Council and the residents to be drawn up and sent to those residents that require access.

## **9. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS**

The Chairman reported: Attended the VE service at St Marys. Sunday 13 July attending Tadley Remembers at 3.00pm at Tadley Cemetery.

## **10. TADLEY & DISTRICT YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL WORKING PARTY**

Cllr A Morrow reported: A launch meeting was held on the 23 June and was attended by 11 children and 2 adults. Lidl donated the refreshments. The young people were given a tour of The Point and were impressed by the building and the music room. The creation of a crafting group had been discussed. The first meeting of TDYAC will take place on Thursday 10 July at 6.00pm at The Link. The Hurst School have been very supportive and included information in their newsletter.

**26/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to cover the costs of up to five DBS checks at a cost of £35.90 each.

## **11. PARISHES LIAISON COMMITTEE**

A proposal from Baughurst Parish Council was received as attached.

**27/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to support the proposal, to suggest that Aldermaston Parish Council be included on the Committee and that Climate and Nature should be a topic included within the proposal. To suggest the first meeting to take place in October, Cllrs Burdett and Waterfield be the Tadley Town Council representatives.

## **12. COMMITTEES**

**28/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to receive and approve the reports of the Highways and Planning Committee held on 27 May and 23 June 2025.

**29/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **2/26B** to accept a quotation of £2695.30 from Streetmaster for a 4-seater bench

**30/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **3/26B** to accept a quotation of £700 from M&C Landscapes for the creation of the next ashes plot

**31/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to receive and approve the report of the Burials Committee held on 9 June.

**32/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **2/26FGP** to accept a quotation of £695.10 from Zurich for motor insurance

**33/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **3/26FGP** to accept a quotation of £1119.78 (3-year agreement) from Clear Council for general insurance

**34/26FC** It was

**RESOLVED (13/0/0)** to receive and approve the report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 10 June 2025.

### **13. REPORTS**

Reports were received from the following:

County Cllr Mellor – gave a verbal report.

Borough Cllr Bound – see Appendix.

Borough Cllr K Morrow – The Basingstoke Festival was a success and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's next event is Limitless, which is a sport and wellbeing day aimed at teenagers and young adults. Urge people to consult on local government reorganisation.

Borough Cllr Slimin – gave a verbal report.

**HALC County Forum** – Cllr Flahive gave a verbal report to accompany his written report attached.

**Heath End Village End** – Cllr Lovegrove reported the new matting for the ball hoop had been installed along with new CCTV.

**Pamber Forest Management Committee** – Cllr Lovegrove had attended a walk in Pamber Forest.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: .....

Dated: 1 September 2025

### **APPENDIX**

Tadley Town Council  
Unreconciled Bank Transactions Report

Bank: Bank Account Current (1200)

Account Balance: £4,063.26

Reconciled Balance: £4,781.01

Date	Name	Reference	Type	Payment	Receipt
20/06/2025		May PAYE	Other Payment	1,436.74	0.00
TOTAL				£1,436.74	£0.00
				BALANCE	-£1,436.74

BANK RECONCILIATION		
Bank Statement Balance	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	141073.34
Bank Statement Balance	CURRENT ACCOUNT	5500.00
Bank Statement Balance	PSDF ACCOUNT	103072.05
	Less uncleared payments	1436.74
	TRUE BANK BALANCE	248208.65
Sage Accounts	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	141073.34
Sage Accounts	CURRENT ACCOUNT	4063.26
Sage Accounts	PSDF ACCOUNT	103072.05
	TOTAL ON BALANCE SHEET	248208.65

Receipt/Payment: Receipts, Account: Bank Account Savings (1220)

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
6609	Customer Receipt	02/05/2025	Tadley Funeralcare				190.00
6640	Other Receipt	09/05/2025		Bank Interest	72.55	0.00	72.55
6626	Customer Receipt	12/05/2025	Tadley Funeralcare				65.00
6641	Customer Receipt	13/05/2025	Spencer & Peyton Ltd				65.00
6642	Customer Receipt	13/05/2025	Spencer & Peyton Ltd				95.00
6653	Customer Receipt	23/05/2025	Tadley Funeralcare				260.00
6656	Other Receipt	23/05/2025		Ashbrook Memorial	65.00	0.00	65.00
						<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£812.55</b>

## Receipts and Payments Day Book Report

Receipt/Payment: Payments, Account: Bank Account Current (1200)

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
6603	Supplier Payment	01/05/2025	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			227.00
6607	Supplier Payment	01/05/2025	M&C Landscapes	SO			551.00
6671	Supplier Payment	01/05/2025	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			192.00
6611	Supplier Payment	02/05/2025	Kings DIY	Maint Cons			146.73
6614	Supplier Payment	05/05/2025	M&C Landscapes	Grass cutting			1,852.24
6616	Supplier Payment	06/05/2025	Do the Numbers Ltd	Internal audit			750.00
6612	Other Payment	07/05/2025		Land Registry	7.00	0.00	7.00
6618	Supplier Payment	07/05/2025	HALC	Cllr Training			64.20
6622	Supplier Payment	08/05/2025	Personalised Print	Newsletter			331.00
6667	Supplier Payment	12/05/2025	SGW Payroll	DD			36.72
6623	Other Payment	13/05/2025		Land Registry	14.00	0.00	14.00
6672	Other Payment	13/05/2025		Grant 80/25 81/25 82/25FC	27,370.00	0.00	27,370.00
6620	Supplier Payment	14/05/2025	UK Fuels Ltd	DD			72.69
6635	Supplier Payment	15/05/2025	M&C Landscapes	New ashes plot			840.00
6637	Supplier Payment	15/05/2025	Infinity Playgrounds	Lowes Corner PA repair			322.80
6625	Supplier Payment	18/05/2025	Mainstream Digital	DD			130.97
6668	Other Payment	19/05/2025		PAYE April	874.07	0.00	874.07
6646	Supplier Payment	21/05/2025	HALC	Clerk Update			18.00
6648	Supplier Payment	22/05/2025	M&C Landscapes	Bishopswood Stream			1,800.00
6650	Supplier Payment	22/05/2025	EE	DD			46.19
6655	Supplier Payment	22/05/2025	SAGE	DD			56.40
6658	Supplier Payment	24/05/2025	4squareit (Tadley Computers)	Phone line skatepark			50.00
6674	Supplier Payment	26/05/2025	Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	SO Flower Baskets			392.50
6652	Supplier Payment	27/05/2025	P Hiscock	Litter Bin emptying			300.00
6628	Supplier Payment	28/05/2025	Lloyds Bank	DD			20.55
6630	Other Payment	28/05/2025		May Wages	3,500.34	0.00	3,500.34
6631	Other Payment	28/05/2025		May Pension	898.05	0.00	898.05
6665	Supplier Payment	29/05/2025	P Hiscock	Grounds Maintenance			140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>£41,004.45</b>

Trx	Transaction Date	Date Entered	Contact	Type	Method	Currency	Reference	Money In (GBP £)	Money Out (GBP £)	Balance
							- Opening Balance: 01/05/2025			-369.64
6638	15/05/2025	15/05/2025		Bank Transfer	Electronic	GBP		346.86		-22.78
6639	16/05/2025	16/05/2025		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Microsoft		75.72	-98.50
6661	16/05/2025	27/05/2025		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Amazon phone case		9.98	-108.48
6662	20/05/2025	27/05/2025		Other Receipt	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Cashback	0.56		-107.92
							TOTALS	347.42	85.70	
							- Closing Balance: 31/05/2025			-107.92
							- Movement			261.72

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TOTAL				£1,436.74	£0.00
				BALANCE	-£1,436.74

BANK RECONCILIATION		
Bank Statement Balance	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	120392.13
Bank Statement Balance	CURRENT ACCOUNT	5500.00
Bank Statement Balance	PSDF ACCOUNT	103451.19
	Less uncleared payments	1436.74
	TRUE BANK BALANCE	227906.58
Sage Accounts	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	120392.13
Sage Accounts	CURRENT ACCOUNT	4063.26
Sage Accounts	PSDF ACCOUNT	103451.19
	TOTAL ON BALANCE SHEET	227906.58



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Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
6711	Other Receipt	09/06/2025		Bank Interest	110.02	0.00	110.02
6744	Other Receipt	10/06/2025		Burial Ashbrook 500606	130.00	0.00	130.00
6713	Other Receipt	12/06/2025		Burial Self	260.00	0.00	260.00
6746	Other Receipt	20/06/2025		CDS Refund	0.60	0.00	0.60
6742	Customer Receipt	24/06/2025	Haven Memorials				65.00
6756	Other Receipt	25/06/2025		Memorial Haven 500607	65.00	0.00	65.00
						<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£630.62</b>

From: 01/06/2025  
To: 30/06/2025

Tadley Town Council  
**Receipts and Payments Day Book Report**

01 Jul 2025  
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Receipt/Payment: Payments, Account: Bank Account Current (1200)

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
6682	Other Payment	01/06/2025		PWLB Skatepark	3,205.50	0.00	3,205.50
6677	Supplier Payment	02/06/2025	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			227.00
6679	Supplier Payment	02/06/2025	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			192.00
6681	Supplier Payment	02/06/2025	M&C Landscapes	SO			551.00
6684	Supplier Payment	03/06/2025	Allens of Tadley	MOT and Service			245.66
6686	Supplier Payment	03/06/2025	M&C Landscapes	Grass cutting			1,852.24
6688	Supplier Payment	04/06/2025	UK Fuels Ltd	DD			83.90
6752	Supplier Payment	05/06/2025	SGW Payroll	DD			36.72
6692	Supplier Payment	06/06/2025	SSE	Christmas decs			207.59
6698	Supplier Payment	09/06/2025	Zurich Municipal	29/26FC			695.10
6705	Supplier Payment	10/06/2025	Clear Councils	30/26FC Insurance			1,119.78
6757	Other Payment	10/06/2025		Land Registry	7.00	0.00	7.00
6719	Supplier Payment	17/06/2025	Nash Contract Services Ltd	Tree removal and bollard			954.00
6694	Supplier Payment	18/06/2025	Mainstream Digital	DD			126.55
6723	Other Payment	19/06/2025		S Haines Newsletter	300.00	0.00	300.00
6689	Other Payment	20/06/2025		May PAYE	1,999.21	0.00	1,999.21
6726	Supplier Payment	22/06/2025	EE	DD			82.33
6728	Supplier Payment	22/06/2025	SAGE	DD			56.40
6730	Supplier Payment	23/06/2025	Streetmaster	17/26FC			3,234.36
6734	Supplier Payment	24/06/2025	Arco Wessex	Loo rolls paper towels			281.57
6722	Supplier Payment	25/06/2025	UK Fuels Ltd	DD			89.64
6733	Supplier Payment	25/06/2025	HALC	Training Course			64.20
6736	Supplier Payment	25/06/2025	Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	DD			392.50
6738	Supplier Payment	25/06/2025	Finest Wood Fuels Ltd	24/26FC			720.00
6740	Supplier Payment	25/06/2025	NBM Engraving	Plaque memorial bench			24.00
6702	Supplier Payment	27/06/2025	Lloyds Bank	DD			20.55
6707	Other Payment	27/06/2025		Net Wages June	3,500.34	0.00	3,500.34
6708	Other Payment	27/06/2025		Pension June	898.05	0.00	898.05
6716	Supplier Payment	27/06/2025	SGW Payroll	DD			36.72
						<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£21,203.91</b>

From: 01/06/2025  
To: 30/06/2025

Tadley Town Council  
**Cashbook Report — Lloyds Bank Credit Card (1260)**

01 Jul 2025  
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Trx	Transaction Date	Date Entered	Contact	Type	Method	Currency	Reference	Money In (GBP £)	Money Out (GBP £)	Balance
							- Opening Balance: 01/06/2025			-107.92
6687	03/06/2025	04/06/2025		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Autodoc		11.49	-119.41
6754	03/06/2025	01/07/2025		Other Receipt	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Loddon Valley Lions	19.00		-100.41
6703	10/06/2025	10/06/2025		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	DVLA Road Tax		347.50	-447.91
6717	16/06/2025	16/06/2025		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Microsoft		75.72	-523.63
6747	16/06/2025	30/06/2025		Bank Transfer	Electronic	GBP		107.92		-415.71
6753	22/06/2025	01/07/2025		Other Receipt	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Cashback	2.09		-413.62
							TOTALS	129.01	434.71	
							- Closing Balance: 30/06/2025			-413.62
							- Movement			-305.70

## **Proposal for the Creation of a Town/Parishes Liaison Committee – Cllr Clark**

This proposal sets out the framework for establishing a Town/Parishes Liaison Committee to bring together Tadley Town Council and neighbouring Parish Councils, including Baughurst, Ashford Hill, Pamber, Silchester, Brimpton, and Bramley. The committee will provide a platform to collaborate on shared concerns, develop strategic initiatives, and amplify our collective voice on matters affecting our communities.

### **Purpose and Objectives**

The Liaison Committee will aim to:

- Foster cooperation and communication between councils on cross-boundary issues
- Identify and coordinate action on shared priorities such as:
  - School access and youth clubs
  - Active transport solutions
  - Maintenance and development of footpaths, bridleways, and cycleways
  - Shared sports and play facilities
  - Addressing common social challenges (e.g., youth engagement, isolation, accessibility)

### **Membership**

Each participating council shall nominate up to two representatives. Membership is open to additional Parish Councils in the surrounding area that wish to engage meaningfully with the group's aims.

### **Meeting Format and Frequency**

- The committee will meet quarterly, hosted on a rotating basis among member councils
- Ad hoc working groups may be established for focused topics
- Meetings may include guest speakers from relevant bodies (e.g., Highways, Education, Public Health)

### **Benefits**

By forming this liaison group, we can:

- Strengthen our advocacy to local authorities and regional bodies
- Share resources and best practices
- Deliver more consistent and informed services for our residents
- Build a stronger community identity across parish boundaries

### **Next Steps**

1. Circulate this proposal to prospective member councils, await member councils resolution regarding membership
2. Hold an inaugural meeting to confirm interest and agree terms of reference
3. Establish a schedule of meetings and working topics for the coming year

## **Cllr Bound Report to Tadley Town Council, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

Another quiet month as regards myself and the town directly although there are always confidential concerns being brought to my attention.

Below is information recently sent to Borough Councillors from the Borough Council that maybe of interest to organisations in Tadley, and parishioners generally. Also, the Councillor Grant scheme is open now to small Ward capital schemes and may be of interest to organisations locally; the forms and details are available on the Borough web site. Personally, I am almost fully committed.

### **Items of interest from the Borough:**

- **Get ready for food waste collections**

We're getting ready to introduce weekly food waste collections across the borough later this year. These will boost the amount residents will recycle and reduce the weight of their grey bins by up to a third. When the service starts, residents will be able to put items including fruit and vegetable peelings, plate scrapings, tea bags, eggshells, bones and pet food into their caddy for collection. The food waste will then be turned into greener energy and fertiliser. Please help to raise awareness that food waste collections are coming later this year by pointing residents to the Borough food waste webpage at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/food-waste](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/food-waste). There will also be information in the residents' magazine *Your Place* which is being distributed to homes next week.

As the Borough prepares for the introduction of food waste collections, they are keen to encourage residents to start looking at the amount of avoidable food, which includes out of date or excess food, they are throwing away. Cutting down on this will help to save money and is better for the environment. There are lots of top tips including meal planning, storage of food and helpful recipes at [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

- **New green community 'drop ins' on offer**

The Borough Green Team's community 'pop-ups' are bringing eco-friendly support right into the hearts of neighbourhoods and villages across the borough. Held in local community centres and halls, the drop ins aim to make going greener as convenient as possible for people by putting free planet-friendly advice and guidance within a few steps or short cycle ride from their homes.

People who pop in will get free advice on how to save money and cut carbon. And they can also take part in sustainable craft activities like building bug hotels and upcycling waste into arts and crafts, among others. Three drop ins have taken place so far, at The Irish Centre in Basingstoke town centre, at Beggarwood Community Centre and another at Oakridge Hall.

More are currently being booked for coming weeks and months. If you would like the team to visit a community centre or hall in your parish, please contact, [GreenTeam@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:GreenTeam@basingstoke.gov.uk)

- **Protecting the borough's hedgehogs**

The council is teaming up with Natural Basingstoke to help protect local hedgehogs, a species in decline and a priority in our biodiversity strategy. We are launching a campaign which supports the nationwide work of [Hedgehog Street](#).

Hedgehogs are now classed as 'near threatened' due to a 30% population drop in the last decade. The National Hedgehog Conservation Strategy aims to tackle key threats and reverse this trend.

Residents can help by reporting sightings to [Hedgehog Street](#), creating hedgehog-friendly gardens, and visiting the [Natural Basingstoke website](#) for more information. They can also [get in touch with our Green Team](#) to book a [free garden survey](#) for tips and ideas on how to support nature within the borough and to find out how to adapt their garden to help hedgehogs and other wildlife.

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## **Steps to a greener Basingstoke and Deane**

- **Funding to help non-profit organisations install solar panels and heat pumps**

Non-profit organisations looking to cut their carbon footprints can now apply for a grant from [Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks' 'Powering Communities to Net Zero' fund](#).

The scheme offers grants between £1,000 and £20,000 towards the cost of installing low-carbon technologies, including solar panels, heat pumps and electric vehicle charging points. Applications are open until Wednesday 25 June. Not-for-profit organisations can find out more and apply for a grant on [Scottish and Southern Electricity's webpage about its Powering Communities to Net Zero fund](#).

- **Council funding boost of £700,000 to improve community buildings now available**

Community groups and voluntary organisations across the borough are being encouraged to apply for funding to improve their facilities, thanks to grants from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Following two successful years, the council has re-opened its Community Infrastructure Fund with a £700,000 pot available to organisations to apply for grants to improve current facilities making them more accessible to users, increase income and reduce costs, or make environmental improvements.

Grants of between £5,000 and £75,000 are available to successful applicants through the two-stage process. The deadline for the first stage of applications is 5pm on Friday 18 July 2025.

The scheme is designed to enable existing facilities to better meet the needs of their communities now and in the future, rather than funding new building projects. Any potential applicants are encouraged to attend an information session or arrange a one-to-one chat before applying to see if their proposal fits the scheme criteria.

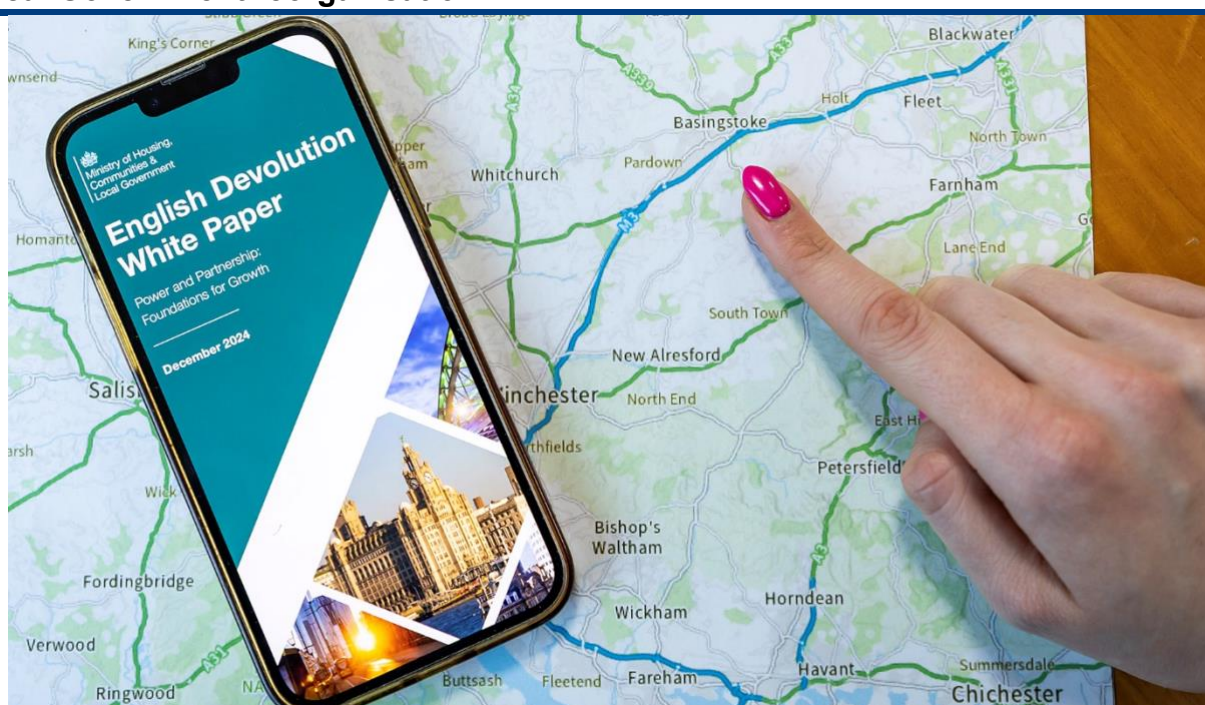
Since the grant scheme launched, 29 projects have benefited from over £700,000 in grants. Completed projects have included upgrades to toilets, kitchens and lighting, new doors, flooring, solar panels and the creation of two new community cafés.

Cabinet Member for Communities, Partnerships and Inclusion Cllr John McKay said: “By helping to improve our community buildings we are supporting better access to these important local facilities to help valuable services keep running and increase opportunities for new activities to take place. We are also helping to make existing buildings more sustainable and efficient in support of the borough’s carbon cutting targets.

“This year we’ve increased the funding pot available to £700,000 and I encourage organisations to get in touch to talk through how this money could bring vital improvements to their community facility.”

More information about the fund criteria and application process is available on the council’s website at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructureFund](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructureFund) or by contacting [cif@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cif@basingstoke.gov.uk)

- **Local Government reorganisation**



## **A quick summary of local government reorganisation**

The government wants to change the way local government is structured to make it simpler for residents. It has asked all 21 two-tier authorities across England – where there are county, district and borough councils – to submit proposals for new unitary councils through its plans for local government reorganisation.

For Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, this would mean replacing Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and all the district and borough councils, including our council, with unitary councils of population sizes of around 500,000, although lower numbers will be considered.

The aim is to make it clear to residents and businesses who is responsible for all local government services in an area and allow a more holistic and joined up approach to providing services with the aim of ensuring better outcomes for local people.

Councils in Hampshire can each submit their preferred option for the whole of Hampshire to the government by Friday 26 September 2025.

## Who currently delivers your services?

In Basingstoke and Deane your council services are delivered by us, as your borough council, and Hampshire County Council. You may also live in a part of the borough that has a parish or town council.

BDBC's job is to collect your bins, clean your streets, determine planning applications and allocate affordable housing. The county council is responsible for schools, social services, public transport and maintaining your highways.

## What are the options for my area?

The government has asked all councils to propose how they could join together to form new unitary councils that would each be responsible for all local services in that area. We are working with 11 other local authorities in Hampshire to develop options to replace the current 15 councils with four new unitary councils on the mainland, keeping the Isle of Wight as its own unitary council as it currently is.

This is based on the evidence that this number of councils, delivering all services in the areas they cover, would give the best balance of local decision-making and sustainable size. The options being considered for these four unitary councils all include a new unitary council for north Hampshire, bringing together the areas of Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor.



## How can I have my say?

Any proposal for a new council needs to be shaped by the people it will serve. We want to hear your views on the proposals we are working on that would see a new unitary council created for north Hampshire covering the Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor area. We would like to know what's important to you about your local council and how you feel future local councils should operate.

**A survey** is being run in partnership with Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council and is **open now until Sunday 17 August**.

Visit BDBC  
website

Another survey is also running until Sunday 27 July, which has been developed by BDBC and the 11 Hampshire councils we are working with. This asks for your views on what areas you think new councils should cover across the whole of Hampshire.

Visit BDBC  
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	<b>HALC: Hampshire Association of Local Councils County Forum Thursday 19th June 2025</b>	
	<b>Sarah Goudie – Local Council Reorganisation and Asset Transfer</b>	
	WHERE DO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS FIT IN: Criterion 6; New Unitary Structures should enable stronger community engagement & deliver genuine opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment.	
	<b>“WinACC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:</b> Implications for parish and town councils; <b>Without districts, there may be more potential for parish councils to play a larger role.</b> This gives NALC an opportunity to build links with parish and town councils to work together on the climate. We need everywhere have its own parish/town council. Winchester City Council is already looking at creating a Town Council for Winchester town, the only part of Winchester District which doesn’t have its own parish council at present.”	
	<b>“WinACC: Implications for community climate groups:</b> Until the unitary boundaries are clear, or clearer, it is impossible to do more than consider options. These include: Existing groups continue as separate groups with ad hoc collaborations when appropriate opportunities arise Existing groups continue as separate groups with a Memorandum of Understanding setting out how to work together. Existing groups become members of a new charitable incorporated organisation that covers the unitary footprint, giving the option of acting individually or collectively. Existing groups merge into one charitable organisation – which could be done in various ways.”	
	<b>CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
	<b>CHALLENGES:</b> New Contacts / locations, Affect on local and statutory services, Possible Boundary Changes. <b>OPPORTUNITIES:</b> Community Governance Reviews, Asset transfer, Partnership working	
	<b>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS:</b> Could this be the time to structurally change your Council? Increase or decrease the number of members, Merge with other smaller parishes, Change name, style or status *	
	<b>ASSET TRANSFER AND ASSET MANAGEMENT:</b> Have you been approached by your District/Borough to take on their assets?, Are there local services that you would like to take on?, Are there local services you currently manage that you would like to offload?, Could you take on the management of an asset or lease, prior to transfer	
	<b>ASSET TRANSFER: WHAT YOU NEED TO CONSIDER;</b> Do you have the resources to take on more assets?, Staffing– will you need additional staff?, Equipment– do you have the right equipment or will you have to outsource, Finance– Can you afford it?, Legislative powers	
	<b>ASSET TRANSFER: PREPARE AN ACTION PLAN;</b> Identify and build a portfolio of your current assets - build an Asset Management Strategy, Identify other assets of interest within your parish and establish who owns them, Consult with your residents – identify what they value?	
	<b>ASSET TRANSFER: FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS;</b> Can you afford to take on additional services?, Do you have reserves, or will you need to increase the precept?, If you are taking on a devolved asset – is there a financial incentive?, Is there already income generation associated with the asset?, Staffing costs and associated responsibilities - TUPE	
	<b>ASSET TRANSFER: TO SUMMARISE;</b> Identify the parish assets and prepare a plan or Strategy, Consult with your Community, Prepare a sustainable budget	
	<b>PARTNERSHIP WORKING:</b> Consider working with neighbouring parishes, Grass cutting contracts, Refuse collections, Sharing assets e.g. lawn mowers, Joint purchasing contracts, Sharing services	
	<b>FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE TRANSITION TO UNITARY COUNCILS</b> Larger Councils have felt pressurised to take on additional services, Smaller Councils have seen little change, and in some instances, largely ‘forgotten’, <b>Having a one tier authority has been easier i.e.. a one stop shop</b> , Some Councils have enjoyed more independence and Autonomy, Communication is key	
	<b>WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP YOU?:</b> Provide advice and guidance on the various processes and legislation, Training, Work with Councils to deliver visioning sessions to help Councils produce a business or strategic plan, setting out priorities for the Council	

	SUPPORT: Hampshire ALC – our role, Website <a href="http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk">www.hampshirealc.org.uk</a> , Members area for advice/key topic notes, Raise questions via website members area, HALC Training and Networking Events, Email to: <a href="mailto:training@hampshirealc.org.uk">training@hampshirealc.org.uk</a> , Officers' updates/clerks' networks	
	<b>Jo Crocker, Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN)</b>	
	<b>Parish and Town Councils and climate action</b>	
	WeCAN - our approach to community led climate action: 1. planning action 2. developing projects, 3. building group capacity, 4. online digital platform. 5. events for inspiration and learning, 6. seeing local action as part of a wider response. What WeCAN group leaders say is important (Research 2024), forming a local action group, Support from a climate officer, Understanding carbon footprint, Support through a network - because it is hard work	
	We have learnt that: Support works (not control). We offer tools and guidance, but let communities choose their own priorities. Carbon literacy makes a difference, Visible action builds momentum, Partnerships matter: Councils (at all levels), local organisations and trusted community members all play a role. Relationship-building pays off.	
	<b>What is the WeCAN network?</b>	
	Our research tells us that residents in Winchester District have a far bigger carbon footprint per person than most other people living in England. The WeCAN network, established in 2021 brings together like minded people who care about the climate crisis and want to do something now! We work with community groups of all shapes and sizes across Winchester District who want to focus on the issues that impact climate change. No two groups look the same.	
	A WeCAN group in every neighbourhood: We envision a climate action group in every parish and neighbourhood across the Winchester district. With nearly 20 groups already connected with us, we're eager to support even more. Joining your local WeCAN group helps you take practical steps on climate issues, tailored to your community's needs.	
	WeCAN events: We put on a regular schedule of events for the WeCAN groups. Sometimes these are on a particular topic, such as energy or retrofit. On other occasions these are network events to help support groups with a particular issue such as communication & websites	
	<b>Chris Reynolds Hampshire Climate Action Network (HCAN)</b>	
	Working across Hampshire and beyond. Hampshire Climate Action Network brings together groups active on climate change in their communities in the local government areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, and now the Isle of Wight.	
	<b>Hampshire Climate Action Network interest groups</b> These are informal groups, mostly working digitally to exchange information when appropriate. To find out more on any of the topics, email <a href="mailto:hcan@winacc.org.uk">hcan@winacc.org.uk</a> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation</b></li> <li>• <b>Hampshire County Council Climate and the Climate Emergency</b> – Hampshire Climate Action Network's chair coordinates an interest group on Hampshire County Council and its work on the climate emergency. <a href="#">Find out more.</a></li> <li>• <b>Nature</b></li> <li>• <b>Hampshire Pension Fund Divest</b> – for people in the Pension Fund (whether paying in or drawing their pension)</li> <li>• <b>Transport</b> – walking, cycling, public transport and low carbon travel options to be the easiest choices for getting about for education, work, shopping, leisure and tourism.</li> </ul> See the <a href="#">HCAN Facebook group</a> and the HCAN Facebook page for people involved in climate change activities across Hampshire shares news and publicises events.	
	Working group on Hampshire County Council: Hampshire Climate Action Network has an interest group on Hampshire County Council and its work on the climate emergency. If you want to join that group, email <a href="mailto:Hcan@winacc.org.uk">Hcan@winacc.org.uk</a> . All members of the Expert Forum are welcome, as well as local climate groups.	

	WinACC and HampshireCAN: HCAN is treated as one of the action groups of Winchester Action on Climate Change (Ltd). This enables WinACC, on behalf of HCAN to enter into contracts, apply for funding, take out insurance, etc. WinACC provides HCAN with: this web page, our email address <a href="mailto:hcan@winacc.org.uk">hcan@winacc.org.uk</a> , financial management, access to zoom.	
	<b>WinACC</b> works with partners to: reduce carbon emissions from activity within Winchester District or by the goods and services we import, increase the capacity of Winchester District to absorb carbon and generate renewable energy, influence and help communities, organisations and nature to respond urgently to the climate crisis.	
	<b>Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC):</b> <i>is a local charity. We work to bring communities, Councils, organisations and people together in Winchester District to respond to the climate crisis and create positive, sustainable change. 'The most important thing you can do for climate change is be part of the community tackling it' Alex Clayton, previous WinACC Chair of Trustees.</i>	
	<b>Additional Information</b>	
	<b>HCAN (Hampshire Climate Action Network) Section 1: News and links</b>	
	<b>Hampshire Climate Action Network 26 April 2025 Minutes: Climate and health , Engagement ideas exchange, including <a href="#">Big Green Week</a>, Transport, Energise South Downs will launch their first share offer, Just Transitions, Defra Land use consultation</b>	
	<p><b>Climate &amp; Health:</b> HCC Expert Forum and Hampshire 2050 Partnership Year of Health and Wellbeing have asked Chris Holloway to bring together thoughts on barriers to cross-sector working on climate and health and recommendations for tackling them. Comments on <a href="#">her draft</a>, by 1 June.</p> <p><b>Engagement ideas exchange, including <a href="#">Big Green Week</a>,</b> Havant has got possibly 60 local shops/businesses to put a green display in their windows for Big Green Week.</p> <p><b>The Climate Coalition</b> suggests that inviting your MP to your Big Green Week events is a good lead-in to the <a href="#">Mass Lobby of MPs</a> on 9 July and they want to collate large numbers for Green Week as part of that campaign.</p> <p>Southampton National Park City has <a href="#">Urban Wild</a>, a citywide festival celebrating Southampton's green and blue spaces and the people who care for them, from Monday 26 May to Sunday 1 June 2025, to showcase Southampton's parks, rivers, wildlife and people. Southampton Climate Cafe are reviewing whether to continue as numbers drop off. PeCAN has a regular drop-in EcoCafe which uses a different model, and is better attended. <a href="#">Climate FRESK</a> was recommended by several people as a good way to get people involved in in-depth but not depressing discussion.</p>	
	<b>Section 2: What is happening</b>	
	Next steps for us on devolution, Next steps for us on local government reorganisation, Nature and devolution, Climate Emergency UK, Wildlife & Countryside, Local Government Association	
	<b>HCAN: Next steps for us on devolution:</b>	
	To respond to devolution, the groups at the meeting AGREED that climate and nature groups across the new strategic authority area need: a coordinated voice, to work on strategic level, not just topic by topic, to do this quickly, as soon as Mayoral candidates are known, two-way feedback - from local groups to strategic authority level, & from strategic authority level to local groups, an identity, and the ability to receive grants, which means we need to be incorporated (i.e. have a legal identity)	
	<b>Devolution and local government reorganisation: What is happening</b>	
	Councillor Zoe Huggins, Hampshire County Council's <a href="#">Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 which includes Climate Change</a> , gave a presentation and answered questions about what is happening. <a href="#">See main points</a>	
	<b>Next steps for us on local government reorganisation:</b>	
	The meeting also discussed how local climate groups might respond to the creation of the new unitary authorities and AGREED it's hard to decide anything until the new unitary boundaries are known, <b>ACTION:</b> local groups need to make their own decisions whether to continue in their current area, collaborate with other groups, or merge in various ways.	
	<b>Nature and devolution:</b>	

	<p>Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust <a href="#">questionnaire</a> about devolution : "What should be the nature of the devolution deal for Hampshire Solent and the Isle of Wight region?" They want to hear views on the importance of nature and the environment.</p> <p>Climate Emergency UK, Wildlife &amp; Countryside Link and lots of other orgs are pushing for climate and strengthened nature duties for councils. See their <a href="#">briefing on how the Planning &amp; Infrastructure Bill</a> could do this.</p>	
	<p><b>Energise South Downs: will launch their first share offer</b> to raise capital for solar panels at three rooftop sites in Hampshire - find out more <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
	<p><b>Defra Land use consultation: WinACC's response for interest.</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Zoe Huggins, Hampshire County Council's <a href="#">Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 which includes Climate Change</a>, gave a presentation and answered questions about what is happening. See minutes of that part of the meeting.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Transport:</b></p>	
	<p>Gethin Morgan-Owen introduced a discussion on planning for active travel from new &amp; existing homes. All agreed that current transport provision and behaviours are not sustainable; there is potential for using active travel for short trips but there are barriers; Local Plans say they want to encourage active travel but give insufficient guidance about what developers must do. Phil Gagg agreed, and is speaking at the Winchester Local Plan Regulation 19 hearing by the Planning Inspector on the need for better guidance, among other things.</p> <p>Possible actions identified can be seen <a href="#">here</a>. ACTION: To revive a Hampshire &amp; Solent-wide transport/climate group to support action on this, both at local planning level and across the new Mayoral Strategic authority. Chris, Phil and Gethin will liaise - anyone interested, please contact <a href="mailto:HCAN@winacc.org.uk">HCAN@winacc.org.uk</a>.</p>	
	<p><b>'Just Transitions:</b></p>	
	<p>How to make sure actions on climate and nature take into consideration everyone in society, and how you can get involved in what a just transition looks like for Hampshire via a focus group. Quick informative zoom by Action Hampshire's Hampshire Communities for People and Planet project and the Sustainability and Resilience Institute at the University of Southampton on Wednesday, 14 May.</p>	
	<p><b>Briefing on Planning &amp; Infrastructure Bill - Climate &amp; Nature Duties:</b></p>	
	<p>Role of councils in climate and nature action: The UK has set urgent and stretching environmental targets in law. The Climate Change Act 2008 and the Environment Act 2021 are world-leading frameworks. However, delivery of these twin frameworks will not succeed without local action. Without local authorities making more climate-positive decisions, the UK will fail to reach national carbon budgets and net-zero by 2050. Without local authority actions such as better land management and planning and development control, the Environment Act target to halt biodiversity decline by 2030 will be missed.</p>	
	<p><b>SECA: South East Climate Alliance (includes HCAN):</b> The South East Climate Alliance is an alliance of over 140 environment, community and faith groups from across the South East uniting for urgent action on climate and nature. Its membership is drawn from <b>East and West Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey and Kent</b></p>	
	<p><b>Climate Change Expert Forum Report: 7 July 2025</b></p>	
	<p>Key cross-sectoral barriers to Health and Wellbeing, This is the revised version to be discussed at the next Expert Forum meeting on 7 July 2025.</p>	
	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) <a href="#">consultation</a> to get the views of councils and interested parties including interest groups etc on whether councils should have a legal responsibility or responsibilities to act on climate change. We need as many groups as possible to reply. Danny suggested we should ask them to include nature. The <a href="#">consultation</a> closed Friday 30 May 2025</p>	