

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON 6 JULY 2026

Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Flahive (Chairman), Hankinson, Lovegrove, Morrow, Noad, Slimin, Spence, Waterfield and Wilson-Thomas

In Attendance: Clerk, Kerry Reynolds until 7.38pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Received and accepted from Cllrs Burdett, Leeks, Mullan, Neilson and Witton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest and dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES

25/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting 5 May 2026.

4. OPEN FORUM 7.31 – 7.35PM

Kerry Reynolds introduced himself and expressed his interest in joining Tadley Town Council.

5. CO-OPTION

A nomination to fill the vacancy in the Tadley North ward was received.

26/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to elect Kerry Reynolds. Cllr Reynolds then made his Declaration of Office.

6. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES

A nomination to fill the vacancy on the Highways & Planning Committee was received.

27/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to elect Cllr Reynolds.

A nomination to fill the vacancy on the Recreation & Leisure Committee was received.

28/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to elect Cllr Noad.

7. ACCOUNTS

29/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to receive and sign a statement of receipts and payments for the months of May and June 2026.

8. 52 HUNTSMOOR ROAD – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

30/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to approve payment of an invoice from Blandy & Blandy for £627. (In addition to previous expenditure agreed of £1320).

9. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Cllr Burdett reported: I'd like to thank everyone for their support at recent community events, the Treacle Fair, the Fete on the Green and the Nature Day on the Common. A special thank you to Cllr Flahive for his unfailing support. You will have seen some information recently about AWE's future plans. This is huge, with a building programme stretching to possibly two decades. Nationally this is essential, but locally this has the potential to cause us even more problems with traffic, noise and pollution. Then there is the issue of contractors parking on local streets and roads becoming rat runs. At Local Liaison Committee Meetings AWE have spoken about some of the mitigation measures they are thinking of putting in place. The Chair of Aldermaston has suggested that local parishes work together on a response to this situation, to which I am fully in favour. I hope that all Tadley Town Councillors will agree to take part in this. I'm sure our residents would want us to.

10. COMMITTEES

31/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to receive and approve the reports of the Highways and Planning Committee held on 26 May and 29 June.

11. TADLEY & DISTRICT YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL WORKING PARTY

Cllr A Morrow – report attached. Cllr Flahive thanked Cllr Morrow for her work with the Youth Council.

32/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to agree the wording for the plaque as in the Appendix.

12. REPORTS

Reports were received from the following:

County Cllr Wilson-Thomas – report attached.

Borough Cllr Slimin - gave a verbal report.

TDCA – Cllr Spence – report attached.

Barlows Park Management Association – Cllr Slimin gave a verbal report.

Heath End Village Hall – Cllr Lovegrove gave a verbal report.

Tadley Common Nature Day – Cllr Flahive gave a verbal report.

13. GOOD CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Six nominations were received.

33/27FC It was

RESOLVED (10/0/0) to make six Good Citizen Awards.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated: 7 September 2026

Appendix

Tadley Town Cllr A Morrow: Tadley & District Youth Action Council June 2026 Update

It has been a very busy and eventful couple of months. It started with some devastating news that our two mural artists had to back out. But sometimes things happen for a reason- we now have Amy and Jo from Two Lost Birds leading the project. They are very experienced in organising school and community projects. Amy is a fine artist and Jo is a published historian as well as an artist. Borough Councillor Morrow held a meeting on the 17 June so that residents and group leaders could contribute their thoughts before the design was finalised by the Youth Councillors and Amy on the 25 June. Jo is now working on a leaflet to explain the content of the mural which we hope to make available on the TTC website, at the library and in a box by the mural.

Trevor of Flat Boy Skim, a local professional plasterer has rendered the wall, charging only for the materials which, the cost of which has been met by Belvoir. The wall should be dried ready for the artists to prepare it and sketch the design during the week beginning the 13 July. We are in the process of contacting local groups and residents to complete a rota for painting sessions on the 20, 24 and 27 July. So far, 10 of the Art Group have signed up. We hope that the TTC Councillors will sign up for a painting session. No artistic skills are necessary as the artists will be on hand to offer support. If you are involved in local groups, please either pass on the information yourself or arrange for one of us to talk to them. The mural will be unveiled by the Mayor at 11am on the 10 August. Youth Councillors Noah (Chairman) and Pippa (Secretary) Nicholson will host and introduce the Mayor with the support of Councillor Waterfield (Clerk). We are hoping that the brass band will be able to play a couple of pieces and that Sainsbury's might provide some refreshments.

Plaque wording:

Tadley and District Youth Action Council
10 August 2026
Unveiled by Cllr Jacky Tustain
The Worshipful Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane
Painted together by Two Lost Birds
and local people
to recognise and celebrate
Tadley- Past and Present

Financially, I am pleased to report that we have secured a £2000 grant from Greenham Trust and £1500 from the Loddon Valley Lions. Furthermore, two of our Borough Councillors have each agreed to use £1500 of their Borough Grants to support the project. Applications have been made and if these are agreed we will have raised the total £6500. This will reduce the TTC's contribution to the cost of a plaque and box next to the mural plus any costs associated with the unveiling.

Our stall at the Treacle Fair was well received with residents of all ages enjoying the Hook a Duck and Splat the Rat games. There was quite an outlay for the games and prizes but we still made a small profit and we now have these resources for future events. There was some interest from a few young people which we hope will lead to recruiting more Councillors. However, we made a good contact with the owner of an information company for parents of under-fives with a lot of companies advertising through him. At his request, I have sent him details of our projects as he said that he would try to find us some sponsors. He thinks that some of his advertisers would be interested in supporting projects aimed at older age groups. Councillors Flahive and Hankinson stopped for a chat and met some of the youth councillors. The mayor also stopped with her son and tried out the Splat the Rat game that Kerry and Ria had made. This was the first time that we had used the gazebo which we found to be of a good quality and easy to set up. The sail flag and table runner, all of which were purchased as a result of a Borough Grant from Councillor Johnstone last year, were a very effective way to promote the Youth Council.

At the invitation of Revd McKay, we also ran a stall at the church's Fete on The Green. This was a great opportunity to promote the mural and three families plus two young people shared their details so that we can contact them to book a time on the painting rota. Over the two fetes, the Youth Council raised a total of £85.24.

The Youth Council have also held two litter picks- Wigmore Heath in May and the footpath running parallel to Franklin Avenue including the access paths in June. We were surprised by the number of cigarette butts found in the Holmwood Health Centre car park!

One of our Youth Councillors ran assemblies for each year group at The Hurst in May which was followed up with a discussion in tutor groups across the school. The feedback we got, suggested that the MUGA is not used by a large number of teenagers due to a lack of equipment.

Saturday Pitch Up

We have therefore purchased a limited number of items costing £204.44. (We should be able to reclaim the VAT.) We will be manning the MUGA from 2 till 4pm on three Saturdays- 18 and 25 July plus 1 August. These will be advertised through The Hurst newsletter and an Instagram account that has been set up for The Youth Council. The Councillors are making a short video to advertise the sessions and social media will be useful in circulating reminders of events. We will obviously adhere to any new restrictions regarding social media as they become law.

Some students also expressed an interest in an informal game of rounders on Tadley Common so we are also offering a **Summer Games Night** on Wednesdays 29 July plus 5 and 12 August.

If these are successful, we will investigate how other councils have solved the problem of providing secure, accountable but unmanned access to equipment.

The Youth Council has experienced difficulties with ensuring a quorum at meetings due to young people being elected as councillors but then not resigning when they lose interest. It was also felt that a number of youngsters have been interested in participating in activities but do not want to commit to being an actual councillor or to attending every meeting. The Constitution has therefore been amended to offer interested young people the opportunity to become a member initially with the option to be elected as a Councillor after attending two meetings. The only difference in the two levels of involvement is that voting will be restricted to Councillors.

Tadley Town Cllr Spence: Tadley & District Community Association Update

TDCA continues to provide a wide range of activities, services and support for residents of all ages, with many events and programmes continuing to see strong attendance.

The Motown Night held in June was a fantastic success. The event sold out and received excellent feedback, with everyone enjoying a great evening of music and dancing. TDCA continues to explore new entertainment opportunities that bring the community together and provide affordable social events for local residents.

Afternoon Discos have now paused for the summer and will return in September. These sessions remain popular, particularly with older residents, providing an enjoyable opportunity to socialise, stay active and reduce feelings of isolation.

Coach trips continue to be extremely well supported, with most selling out. TDCA is constantly looking for new destinations and places of interest, offering affordable opportunities for the people of Tadley and the surrounding area to enjoy days out, make new friendships and reduce social isolation.

The Silver Surfers sessions continue to make a real difference to local people by helping them develop confidence with technology. Many attendees come along following the loss of a partner and need support accessing online accounts or managing everyday digital tasks. Volunteers also assist with ordering repeat prescriptions, sending emails, completing online forms, creating CVs and building general digital skills, enabling people to remain independent.

The Community Pantry continues to support many local households, with attendance exceeding 40 people during some weeks. Alongside providing affordable food, volunteers offer a friendly welcome and signpost anyone requiring additional support to other local organisations and specialist services, ensuring residents receive the help they need.

TDCA also continues to provide a wide range of services from The Link, working alongside health providers and community organisations to improve the wellbeing of local residents. Regular services include NHS Quit Smoking support, Diabetic Eye Screening, Health Visiting appointments and a Carers' Coffee Morning, giving people access to important services within their own community.

On Thursday 16 July, TDCA will host the Mid Hampshire Healthcare Health Bus, raising awareness of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Residents are invited to visit the mobile unit to learn about kidney health, understand their risk factors, find out about screening and receive advice on maintaining healthy kidneys. This partnership demonstrates TDCA's commitment to bringing valuable health services directly into the community.

The Friday Tête-à-Tête Coffee Morning continues to be a valued part of community life, particularly for older residents and those who may otherwise be socially isolated. It provides a warm and welcoming environment where people can meet, chat and build friendships.

During the recent period of hot weather, TDCA made the decision to keep activities running, recognising that many people rely on its services not only for activities but also for social contact. Doors remained open, with drinking water and ice pops provided where appropriate, ensuring residents had somewhere safe and welcoming to go. Many people explained they had been isolated at home because of the heat and appreciated the opportunity to get out, see familiar faces and enjoy a conversation. This demonstrated the vital role community centres play in reducing loneliness and supporting both physical and mental wellbeing.

The youth provision at The Point continues to thrive, with a varied programme of activities throughout the year. Year 6 parties have proved extremely popular, with sessions selling out. Another Year 6 party is taking place this Friday, followed by the annual Year 5 to Year 6 Moving Up Party at the end of July.

These events provide an excellent opportunity for children from different primary schools to meet, make new friends and build confidence before starting secondary school. The activities are designed to encourage teamwork, communication and resilience while helping young people learn new skills in a safe, supportive and fun environment. They also introduce young people to The Point Youth Centre, making them feel more confident about attending regular weekly youth sessions.

Throughout the summer holidays, The Point will also deliver a varied programme of activities for children and young people, providing affordable opportunities to stay active, learn new skills, make friends and enjoy positive experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

Tadley Town Council
Unreconciled Bank Transactions Report

Bank: Bank Account Current (1200)

Account Balance: £4,470.77

Reconciled Balance: £4,781.01

Date	Name	Reference	Type	Payment	Receipt
19/06/2026		PAYE May	Other Payment	1,029.23	0.00
TOTAL				£1,029.23	£0.00
				BALANCE	-£1,029.23

BANK RECONCILIATION		
Bank Statement Balance	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	166542.19
Bank Statement Balance	CURRENT ACCOUNT	5500.00
Bank Statement Balance	PSDF ACCOUNT	157752.86
	Less uncleared payments	1029.23
	TRUE BANK BALANCE	328765.82
Sage Accounts	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	166542.19
Sage Accounts	CURRENT ACCOUNT	4470.77
Sage Accounts	PSDF ACCOUNT	157752.86
	TOTAL ON BALANCE SHEET	328765.82

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

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
7542	Customer Receipt	01/05/2026	Tadley Funeralcare				280.00
7543	Other Receipt	01/05/2026		Precept&Litter&Grass grants	148,223.59	0.00	148,223.59
7559	Other Receipt	01/05/2026		Ashbrook Memorial	70.00	0.00	70.00
7570	Other Receipt	11/05/2026		Bank Interest	33.39	0.00	33.39
						TOTAL	£148,606.98

From: 01/05/2026
To: 30/05/2026

Tadley Town Council
Receipts and Payments Day Book Report

30 May 2026
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Receipt/Payment: Payments, Account: Bank Account Current (1200)

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
7545	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	Kings DIY	Maint Cons			29.98
7547	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	M&C Landscapes	SO			551.00
7549	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			283.00
7551	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			93.00
7553	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	Blandy & Blandy	52 Huntsmoor Road			752.40
7555	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	TDCA	TDYAC Hall hire			21.45
7558	Supplier Payment	01/05/2026	Infinity Playgrounds	Repair springy Green PA			474.00
7561	Supplier Payment	05/05/2026	M&C Landscapes	Grass cutting			1,986.59
7599	Supplier Payment	12/05/2026	SGW Payroll	DD			34.56
7565	Supplier Payment	13/05/2026	UK Fuels Ltd	DD			101.20
7572	Other Payment	14/05/2026		High Speed Training	31.20	0.00	31.20
7574	Supplier Payment	15/05/2026	P Hiscock	Grounds Maint			150.00
7567	Supplier Payment	16/05/2026	Mainstream Digital	DD			94.80
7537	Other Payment	18/05/2026		April PAYE	1,029.03	0.00	1,029.03
7584	Supplier Payment	21/05/2026	M J Sly	Memorial repair			390.00
7586	Supplier Payment	22/05/2026	EE	DD			72.95
7588	Supplier Payment	22/05/2026	SAGE	DD			70.80
7582	Supplier Payment	27/05/2026	UK Fuels Ltd	DD			109.30
7591	Supplier Payment	27/05/2026	Infinity Playgrounds	19/27FC			3,900.00
7569	Supplier Payment	28/05/2026	Lloyds Bank	DD			20.25
7578	Other Payment	28/05/2026		Net wages May	2,512.40	0.00	2,512.40
7597	Other Payment	28/05/2026		May Pension	860.36	0.00	860.36
7576	Supplier Payment	29/05/2026	P Hiscock	Litter bin emptying			1,300.00
7595	Supplier Payment	29/05/2026	Allens of Tadley	MOT and service			366.20
						TOTAL	£15,234.47

Trx	Transaction Date	Date Entered	Contact	Type	Method	Currency	Reference	Money In (GBP £)	Money Out (GBP £)	Balance
							- Opening Balance: 01/05/2026			-338.81
7593	15/05/2026	29/05/2026		Bank Transfer	Electronic	GBP		159.68		-179.13
							TOTALS	159.68	0.00	
							- Closing Balance: 31/05/2026			-179.13
							- Movement			159.68

Tadley Town Council
Unreconciled Bank Transactions Report

Bank: Bank Account Current (1200)

Account Balance: £4,470.97

Reconciled Balance: £4,781.01

Date	Name	Reference	Type	Payment	Receipt
20/07/2026		June PAYE	Other Payment	1,029.03	0.00
TOTAL				£1,029.03	£0.00
				BALANCE	-£1,029.03

BANK RECONCILIATION		
Bank Statement Balance	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	154460.54
Bank Statement Balance	CURRENT ACCOUNT	5500.00
Bank Statement Balance	PSDF ACCOUNT	157752.86
	Less uncleared payments	1029.03
	TRUE BANK BALANCE	316684.37
Sage Accounts	PREMIUM ACCOUNT	154460.54
Sage Accounts	CURRENT ACCOUNT	4470.97
Sage Accounts	PSDF ACCOUNT	157752.86
	TOTAL ON BALANCE SHEET	316684.37

Receipts and Payments Day Book Report

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

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
7624	Other Receipt	01/06/2026		500620 Ash Brook Add Inscription	140.00	0.00	140.00
7626	Other Receipt	04/06/2026		500621 Ash Brook Memorials	170.00	0.00	170.00
7631	Other Receipt	09/06/2026		Bank Interest	80.36	0.00	80.36
7635	Other Receipt	09/06/2026		Spencer & Peyton	100.00	0.00	100.00
7688	Customer Receipt	12/06/2026	Miles & Daughters Funeral Directors				70.00
7660	Customer Receipt	16/06/2026	Bruce Lethaby				140.00
7667	Other Receipt	17/06/2026		500622 Ash Brook Memorial	70.00	0.00	70.00
7689	Other Receipt	17/06/2026		TDYAC	85.23	0.00	85.23
7664	Other Receipt	22/06/2026		Grant LVL TDYAC	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
7658	Other Receipt	23/06/2026		Ash Brook Memorial	100.00	0.00	100.00
7650	Customer Receipt	24/06/2026	Hampshire County Council				4,690.00
7671	Other Receipt	24/06/2026		Ash Brook memorial	70.00	0.00	70.00
7672	Other Receipt	24/06/2026		Ash Brook ashes	140.00	0.00	140.00
7673	Other Receipt	24/06/2026		Ash Brook burial	1,120.00	0.00	1,120.00
7690	Other Receipt	26/06/2026		Ash Brook Burial	280.00	0.00	280.00
						TOTAL	£8,755.59

From: 01/06/2026
To: 30/06/2026

Tadley Town Council
Receipts and Payments Day Book Report

01 Jul 2026
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Receipt/Payment: Payments, Account: Bank Account Current (1200)

Trx No	Type	Date	Name	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
7603	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	M&C Landscapes	SO			551.00
7605	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			283.00
7607	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	DD			93.00
7609	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	M&C Landscapes	Grass cutting			1,866.59
7610	Other Payment	01/06/2026		PWLB	3,123.30	0.00	3,123.30
7612	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	Aquarius Cleaning Services	Cleaning bus shelters and signs			650.00
7614	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	Kings DIY	Maint cons			15.98
7616	Supplier Payment	01/06/2026	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	Play Area Inspections			4,717.96
7622	Other Payment	08/06/2026		S Haines newsletter	300.00	0.00	300.00
7698	Supplier Payment	10/06/2026	SGW Payroll	DD			34.56
7636	Other Payment	12/06/2026		Spencer & Peyton Refund	100.00	0.00	100.00
7621	Supplier Payment	16/06/2026	Mainstream Digital	DD			94.98
7634	Supplier Payment	17/06/2026	HALC	Training Course			144.00
7648	Supplier Payment	18/06/2026	Clear Councils	Insurance 33/26FC			1,125.52
7580	Other Payment	19/06/2026		PAYE May	1,029.23	0.00	1,029.23
7653	Supplier Payment	22/06/2026	EE	DD			60.48
7655	Supplier Payment	22/06/2026	SAGE	DD			70.80
7644	Supplier Payment	24/06/2026	UK Fuels Ltd	DD			110.31
7675	Supplier Payment	25/06/2026	Nash Contract Services Ltd	Tree works			594.00
7628	Supplier Payment	26/06/2026	Lloyds Bank	DD			20.25
7638	Other Payment	26/06/2026		June Wages	2,512.60	0.00	2,512.60
7694	Other Payment	26/06/2026		June Pension	860.36	0.00	860.36
7677	Supplier Payment	28/06/2026	NBM Engraving	2 Bench Plaques			84.00
7678	Other Payment	28/06/2026		Amazon TDYAC	204.44	0.00	204.44
7680	Supplier Payment	29/06/2026	Flat Boy Skim	Render for mural			177.19
7693	Supplier Payment	29/06/2026	SGW Payroll	DD			34.56
7657	Supplier Payment	30/06/2026	P Hiscock	Bin Emptying June			1,300.00
						TOTAL	£20,158.11

Trx	Transaction Date	Date Entered	Contact	Type	Method	Currency	Reference	Money In (GBP £)	Money Out (GBP £)	Balance
							- Opening Balance: 01/06/2026			-285.65
7632	10/06/2026	10/06/2026		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Van Compare Direct		460.45	-746.10
7645	15/06/2026	17/06/2026		Bank Transfer	Electronic	GBP		179.13		-566.97
7641	17/06/2026	17/06/2026		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	DVLA		362.50	-929.47
7685	18/06/2026	30/06/2026		Bank Transfer	Electronic	GBP		500.00		-429.47
7686	29/06/2026	01/07/2026		Other Payment	Credit/Debit Card	GBP	Microsoft		74.69	-504.16
							TOTALS	679.13	897.64	
							- Closing Balance: 30/06/2026			-504.16
							- Movement			-218.51

May 2026 Report from Cllr Mark Wilson-Thomas

Hampshire County Councillor for Tadley & Baughurst

This is my first monthly report as your newly elected Hampshire County Councillor for the Tadley & Baughurst Division. Starting with this report, I will strive to provide regular updates on county-level matters affecting the division, together with information about local issues that residents and councillors have raised, and the work I am undertaking on their behalf.

As always, if there are any issues that Parish and Town Councils would like me to investigate or pursue with HCC, please let me know.

County Councillor Grant Scheme

The County Councillor Grant Scheme is expected to reopen on 1 July 2026. It gives me an annual budget of £5,000 to allocate to local projects, initiatives, or organisations across the division. I'll be able to share more details once the scheme is live. If you have a project in mind, please do get in touch. There are some constraints on what sort of projects and organisations can be funded – you can read more at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

My County Council Responsibilities

I have been appointed to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee. The committee covers policies on delivering wellbeing for adult residents including adult social care and public health. It has its first meeting of the new council on 16 June. For more details on the role of this committee and its meetings, see

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=184>

I look forward to reporting back on matters relevant to local communities.

Highways

One of my top priorities is to ensure residents issues with the local road system are properly resolved.

Resident issue reports are one of the most important ways of identifying potholes and other highway defects without waiting for inspections. I strongly encourage you to download the OurHants app on your mobile phone if you have one, and use it whenever you encounter a pothole or other item in need of repair. You can use the HCC website, but the phone app has the significant advantage of easy capture of location and pictures for your report. The report IDs from this system are also very useful when I'm following up on issues on your behalf.

You can get the app at <https://tinyurl.com/OurHants> or by scanning the QR Code below. Once you have it, set up your account and you'll be ready to report issues whenever you see them.



Local issues raised

Since being elected, I have already begun raising a number of local issues on behalf of residents and Town & Parish Councils. These include:

- Improving phasing of the A340/Franklin Ave Traffic Lights
- Following up on a temporary “repair” blocking drain on A340
- Dealing with an overgrown pathway
- Helping a resident deal with claims for pothole damage
- Working to avoid “accidental widening” in road repair schemes around Baughurst
- Routing queries to the correct HCC people about the quality and extent of recent resurfacing on the Ashford Hill to Headley road

Many of these issues are ongoing - I will continue to pursue them with the relevant county council officers and cabinet members.

Local Government Reorganisation

As you know, our local government is being reorganised into Unitary Authorities, replacing the County and Borough Councils (but leaving Parish and Town Councils essentially unchanged).

Shadow Unitary Authorities are due to be in place in 2027. They will take over all current County and Borough responsibilities by 2028.

There has been some controversy over the government’s chosen unitary model (so called “Option 1A”, which you can read about in detail at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/new-councils-proposals>). The option’s proposal to move the waterside parishes from the New Forest into the same Unitary as Southampton has been particularly heavily debated.

HCC is currently exploring whether there are sufficient legal grounds to pursue a judicial review of the process by which the option was selected. The council must weigh financial implications and potential costs involved, together with the chances of changing the outcome.

I will track developments and share updates as more facts becomes available.

Community Engagement

I always aim to be accessible to all residents and welcome enquiries from residents and councils in my division (contact details below).

I’m also available to residents on Facebook and other social media channels where I will be posting periodic updates and items of interest.



June 2026 Report from Cllr Mark Wilson-Thomas

Hampshire County Councillor for Tadley & Baughurst

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County Councillor Grant Scheme

The County Councillor Grant Scheme **has reopened on 1 July 2026**. HCC Councillors have an annual budget of £5,000 for grants of £100 - £1000. Local projects, initiatives, or organisations across the division may apply. If you have a project in mind, please do get in touch with me to discuss whether it can be funded. There are some constraints on what can be funded.

Details are available at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor/application-notes>

Community Funded Initiative (CFI) for Road Safety Improvements

HCC policy for making roads safer includes several options for Town and Parish Councils and residents groups to fund simpler traffic management on a full cost recovery basis.

See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/makingroadssafier> for a list of the sort of works that are possible under this scheme. Parish and Town Clerks have a leaflet on the scheme for distribution. A similar scheme exists for Parish and Town Councils to help support and fund 20mph speed limit requests for residential areas:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limit>

I'm happy to assist in pursuing appropriate schemes in the division and encourage Parish and Town Councils to make good use of their powers under these schemes.

Access To Cash/Banking Hub Appeal

I've been pursuing a Banking Hub for Tadley due to our total lack of local bank access. The lack of in-person banking impacts the digitally excluded, especially elderly folk in our community. Sadly, the current rules for Hubs depend upon an "Access To Cash" assessment, which we fail because of insufficient "cash dependent businesses". Consequently, we are unlikely to succeed under the current criteria.

There is some hope on the horizon however: an "access to banking review" is currently being conducted on behalf of HM Treasury by Richard Lloyd. This is specifically considering the needs for access to face-to-face banking support beyond mere cash access. The Call for Evidence is **open until 20th July 2026**, and details can be found at [Access to Banking Services Review Call for Evidence \(PDF\)](#). I hope that it will broaden the criteria to recognise the problems caused by withdrawal of face to face banking in areas like ours.



Health and Adult Social Care (HASC)

As a member of the HCC HASC select committee, I've been making connections between the County's Public Health team and local wellbeing related group Green Health Tadley, with a view to improving partnerships for wellbeing services in the area and spreading good ideas/practice. Do let me know of other wellbeing initiatives that are worth publicising more broadly.

Highways

One of my top priorities continues to be advocacy for residents issues with the local road system (see the section below on Local Issues Raised).

Please continue to report issues via OurHants – you can get the app at <https://tinyurl.com/OurHants>. Once you have it, set up your account and you'll be ready to report issues whenever you see them, and I can help follow up via the report IDs it creates as needed.

Local issues raised

This month, I have been following up on multiple issues – a selection of these is shown below:

- **Highways**
 - **Temporary “repair” blocking drain at crossing on A340 and related collapsed drain at bus stop**
Repair of the underlying drain brick support structure is due in the next month and the temporarily-blocked drain will be restored. I'm tracking and will follow up if it doesn't happen. I'm hopeful this will also address the related collapsed drain at the bus stop outside Rowberry Morris
 - **Avoiding “accidental widening”** in road repair schemes around Baughurst
 - **Road safety concerns at New Road/Yelland Court road crossing** : ongoing discussions with residents and TTC about this (see CFI above)
 - **Following up after the dragon patching work in Southdown Road** which has left the road still very bumpy and vulnerable to future re-patch needs
- **Overgrown Vegetation**
 - **Northview pathway cleared!** Overgrown vegetation has been successfully cleared in Northview thanks to the amazing ranger team and volunteers!
 - Raising priority of **trimming a tree at Heath End Village Hall** due to safety concerns over nursery playground
 - Pushing for **clearance of vegetation on an unmetalled adopted road near Wolverton**, to allow Bridleway 44 to fully open for use again

Many of these issues are ongoing - I will continue to pursue them with the relevant county council officers and cabinet members.

Community Engagement

I aim to be accessible to all residents, and welcome enquiries from residents and councils in my division (email contact details below). I'm also available to residents on Facebook and other social media channels where I will be posting periodic updates and items of interest.