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ear friends,

As autumn deepens and the trees shed their golden and colourful leaves, we enter a sacred season of remembrance. In the coming weeks, we mark All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday – two occasions that invite us to pause, reflect, and honour those who have gone before us.

All Souls' Day, which we will be marking on Saturday 1st November at 7pm, is a time when the Church remembers all the faithful departed. It is deeply personal: we recall loved ones whose lives have shaped ours, whose absence we still feel, and whose memory we cherish. In prayer and worship, we name them, light candles, and entrust them once more to God's eternal care. The Christian hope assures us that death is not the end, that through Jesus' death and resurrection we have a doorway into the fullness of life with God. Love, we believe, is stronger than death and held forever in the heart of God.

Remembrance Sunday, observed on the Sunday closest to 11th November, has its roots in the aftermath of the First World War.

Originally known as Armistice Day, it marked the moment the guns fell silent in 1918 after four years of devastating conflict.

In 1919, King George V called for a national observance of silence at 1 Iam to honour the fallen. Over time, this evolved into Remembrance Sunday, a broader commemoration of those who died in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

The red poppy, inspired by the poem In Flanders Fields, became a symbol of remembrance and hope. It reminds us of the cost of war and the courage of

those who served. Today, Remembrance Sunday is not only a time to honour the dead, but also to pray for peace, support veterans, and commit ourselves to a world where justice and reconciliation prevail. Please do join us for the village Act of Remembrance – details can be found on page 6.

These moments of remembrance – whether personal or communal – are not only about looking back. They call us to live differently now. To remember is to re-member: to put back together what has been broken, to restore what has been lost. In remembering the dead, we are invited to cherish the living. In honouring sacrifice, we are called to



pursue peace. In grieving, we find grace.

For some, this season may stir fresh sorrow. If you are grieving, know that you are not alone. The Church walks with you, and Christ – who wept at the tomb of his friend – holds your pain with compassion. Let us be gentle with one another, offering space for tears, silence, and stories.

As a parish, we will gather to mark these occasions with reverence and hope. Whether you come to light a candle, lay a wreath, or simply sit in quiet prayer, you are welcome. Together, we will remember. Together, we will hope.

With love and blessings,

Emma x

Canon Emma Racklyeft - Vicar of All Saints.

CHARITY FUND RAISER

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

The Denmead Church Flower Club will be running two workshops on Saturday 6th December at All Saints Church Hall, Denmead. Monies raised will go to the Rowans **Hospice** and **Canine** Partners.



Join us for some fun social time, support charity and create something special to take home

Workshop Times: 10am to Noon or 1.30pm to 3.30pm

The Cost will be £28 which includes a 10-inch oasis wreath ring, foliage, ribbons and various decorative items plus tuition. Price also includes drink and mince pie

Why not come along with a neighbour/family member/group of friends.

For more information or to purchase a non-refundable ticket, please contact Helen:

07946 532766 or email fundraising@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk

Services at All Saints

Saturday 1st November – 7pm All Souls

A special service of reflection, remembrance, and thanksgiving as we remember those who have died, particularly those who have died in recent years. This is a lovely, guiet, and contemplative service. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of the person who has died. All are welcome.

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints Day

Holy Communion (traditional, said BCP Communion 8.00am

Service)

Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten 10.00am

There will be prayer ministry at this service.



Morning Prayer is

said each weekday

at 8.30-9.00am in

welcome.

chapel – everyone is

Private Prayer - The

Church building is

private prayer.

candle and bray there is a candle

open from 8.30am

to dusk each day for

If you wish to light a

stand in the Chapel.

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday

8.30am A traditional Holy Communion Remembrance Service

10.45am Village Act of Remembrance (at the Village Green) followed by

refreshments in our church hall.

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 16th November – Second Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service) 8.00am

Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. 10.00am

Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King

Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service) 8.00am

Morning Worship. 10.00am

There will be no Holy Communion at this service.



Sunday 30th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service) 8.00am

10.00am Holy Communion.

There are no groups for children or young people.



Refreshments in our church hall after the service Live stream to our Facebook page



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Denmead Act of Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025



This year we gather for our community
Act of Remembrance
at 10.55am around the village green.

Members of our uniformed groups, children from our local schools, plus community representatives will be processing from the Heath Field Car Park to the village green at 10.40am. You are welcome to line the route and join behind the procession as it passes.

'We will remember them.'









Evening WI Turns 60!

In September the Evening W.I. celebrated its 60th birthday in style with everyone dressing for the occasion. The hall looked very festive with bunting, balloons and pretty table decorations. Sharon, a local florist who uses only homegrown flowers, demonstrated two lovely arrangements which were added to the raffle. A delicious tea and glass of prosecco were enjoyed and the President cut the birthday cake. Members, who had taken part in the 60 challenge, were awarded their certificates with tasks undertaken including cycling, walking, swimming, litter picking, card making, beading, baking, knitting and even earring wearing, but not all at the same time!

The meeting on Wednesday 19th November will see Susie Creal giving a talk on Pyjama Fairies, a charity that makes pyjamas and gowns for children going into hospital.













Denmead Walks

This is another route that can start from anywhere in the village however directions are from Denmead Community Centre. Initially it heads toward Hambledon on the footpath off Uplands Road. Passing to the south of

WALK DETAILS

Length: 6.9km/4.9 miles

Time: 2h Stiles: 11

WALK GRADE: Moderate 3/5

Hambledon it continues along several different footpaths and lanes eventually coming to the large Kelanne Stud. A challenging section follows toward Bent Lane over poorly maintained stiles and a sometimes overgrown footpath, nevertheless further on it passes three Bronze Age burial mounds when heading back to Denmead.

Leave Denmead Community Centre CP by the main entrance, turn R and head up School Lane. Bear R into Thompsons Lane and at the top of this road pick up the FP on the other side of Uplands Road, on LHS of 'Wimborne'.

1.2km/0.75mile Emerging from this narrow FP, cut diagonally to the R across the field, then keeping to the path alongside the hedge continue to the far end. After passing through the gap in the hedge go diagonally L on the FP across the field before dropping downhill through a narrow copse while aiming for the metal gate which borders the B2 1.50 road into Hambledon.

2km/I.25miles A short distance from the gate bear L toward the electricity pylon going slightly downhill before going series of kissing gates, crossing a narrow plank bridge across a stream that is fast-moving after heavy rain and walking through a horse paddock. After passing through the third gate take care crossing the Fareham Road before heading up through the fields opposite passing through three further gates. It is possible a temporary electric

fence will be in place after the second gate; should this is the case, simply unhook it then replace after passing through.

2.4km/l.5miles After the third gate, which borders Madam's Copse, follow the FP through the wood to Menslands Lane where the direction is then L then almost immediate R through Glebeland Farm.

2.9km/1.8miles Follow the FP toward a line of trees (head for the gap between the last two trees on the RHS) after which continue in the same direction and soon the path skirts around the perimeter of Shepherds Copse which is on the left. Just after passing a former marl pit at the edge of the woods pass through a gate adjacent to a stile before heading obliquely R across a small field.



3.6km/2.25miles Go through another gate, continue straight on then branch R into a narrow stretch of woodland and head for the metal gate. After passing through the latter walk downhill keeping the fence on the RHS. At the bottom of the hill with Hole Farm on the RHS, turn L and head along Hole Lane passing through two further gates.

3.9km/2.4miles After the second gate which leads into Haben Lane, bear L then walk 200m passing Damsel Wood and Froe Wood on the RHS before coming to a RH turn onto the Allan King FP.Take a R turn then go over or around the stile before continuing along the footpath - a fence on the LHS separates the FP from the Kelanne Stud gallops. At the end of this stretch the FP joins the wide track that leads to the double gates in front of the stud.



4.6km/miles Go L in front of these gates through a single gate and stay on the FP as it passes between the grounds of the stud on the R and paddocks on the LHS. Soon the FP turns R but often it is quite overgrown as it passes the barn. On reaching the end of the barn turn L then keep to the RHS of the field while passing through a gate then over a series of stiles while heading east toward

Bent Lane. Again, be aware that the stiles are in poor condition and at the time of writing the FP at one point has been taken up by a small paddock being used to house two miniature ponies; here is it necessary to walk through the main paddock on the L of the original FP and climb through fencing further on to regain the official Allan King Way FP.

5.3km/3.3miles The FP soon emerges onto Bent Lane and here turn R, then after about 30m go L over a stile situated opposite Bent Lane Farm Cottage. Continue across a series of fenced paddocks access to each is by climbing over a series of stiles; note the Bronze Age burial mounds on the left-hand side. After the penultimate stile cross a stream via a narrow bridge.

5.8km/3.6miles Take care after crossing the final stile as you drop onto Fareham Road; go R but be aware of possible fast-moving traffic while walking the short distance along this often busy stretch of road. Walk approximately 100m on the RHS of the road before crossing into Broad Lane. The steep hill soon flattens out and at the crossroad further on continue straight ahead into School Lane which leads uphill to the Fox & Hounds pub.

Remain in the same direction and at the end of School Lane the community centre will be found on the LHS just before the junction with Hambledon Road.



Denmead Scouts



Christmas Craft **Workshop**Sunday 30th November

10am - 4pm At Denmead Scout HQ, Kidmore Lane

£50 including Home Cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments

Treat yourself to a relaxing day of craft!





Make a wreath and table decoration, then try lots of different crafts to make fabulous decorations to take home.

All craft supplies are provided.

Pre-booking only. Tickets available from Angela 07801 652198. fundraising@denmeadscouts.com www.denmeadscouts.com/events



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Coppice & the Craftsmen at Horticultural Society

In October, the Horticultural Society welcomed Chris and John Westcott from Three Copse Woodland Products, who own and work 64 acres of local woodland, producing Besoms brooms, firewood and BBQ Charcoal.

Chris, who is a Broom Squire, talked about the different types of trees within their woodland, the coppicing rotation times and how the wood will be used. As part of this management, they carry out both thinning and coppicing, the timber from which is used in their timber products, ensuring a low carbon footprint.

Hazel has the shortest rotation, followed by Ash, Chestnut and Oak having the longest. Oak is predominately used for timber frame buildings due to the hardness of the wood, Chestnut for fence posts, Crab Apple to create spoons, Birch for brooms, Hornbeam for Water and Windmills and Cedar for cladding.

BBQ Charcoal uses waste wood and timber, with felling closely controlled by the Forestry Commission and under licence only, ensuring this charcoal has a low carbon footprint compared to imported materials from Africa and the Far East, where mangrove swamps are being destroyed for wood. Imported charcoal must be stabilised with cement dust before transporting, to prevent it catching fire in the shipping container, which then requires it to be soaked in paraffin to aid lighting. None of this is needed with the English product, with the

heat being far more controllable for cooking.

In the 60s, there was a steep decline in coppice crafting, however this has increased due to the renewed interest in sustainability. Hampshire County Council helped set up Hants Coppice Craftsmen group, which has 60 members.

The biggest threat to woodlands is under management, housing, and travel infrastructure. In woodland management it is essential to thin out trees by coppicing, which encourages the canopy of remaining trees to grow and fill the gaps. Hedge laying is also undertaken which creates safe corridors for wildlife. Both coppicing and hedge laying are encouraged by South Downs and New Forest National Parks. It is felt that with the continued interest in rural crafts and the preferred use of wood over plastics, there is a future in this craft. Hampshire, as well as Sussex, Dorset and Kent, is classed as a woodland county.

Three Copse Woodland Products run workshops for Pole Lathe turning, making Charcoal, tree identification and uses and Archaeology. For further information or to purchase any of their items, visit www.threecopse.co.uk

The flower of the month was won by Gill Kernan with a pretty Dahlia, members and guests have been entering a lovely selection of flowers each month.

The next meeting, on 4th November, is the AGM followed by a social evening of







cheese and wine, served with a selection of breads, homemade pickles and chutneys in All Saints Church Hall. Follow on Facebook for details about forthcoming speakers and events. Guests always welcome (£2.00). Doors open at 7.15pm when refreshments are served (donations appreciated) allowing the meeting to start at 7.30pm.

Talent, luck and stamina at the Afternoon W.I.

In October, the Afternoon W.I. was pleased to welcome John Richards, who gave a most interesting talk about the life and work of Laurence Olivier. Whilst a student in London John used to queue overnight - complete with sleeping bag! - outside The Old Vic Theatre to obtain cut price tickets for performances. Olivier appeared in many Shakespearean productions and enthralled audiences in his many varied roles. When asked what made a good actor he replied "Talent, luck and stamina!". He certainly needed stamina as in one play he had to deliver a 20 minute monologue!

This month the group celebrates its birthday and will be joined by members from other Institutes. The speaker will be Alan Jones who worked for many years for Radio Solent. On previous visits Alan has described life as a roving reporter, this time he will talk about "The History and Mystery of Hypnosis".

Ladies are invited to meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 -4pm at All Saints Church which is central to the village with easy car parking. Visitors are welcome. It's an informal group - enjoying a chat over tea and biscuits after the speaker. Visitors are welcome to see if it's their "cup of tea" and might even find a bargain at the Sales Table which helps to raise funds towards speakers. Talks cover a range of subjects from camping in Europe to life in Guernsey, or The Talking Newspaper so there's something for all tastes. If you're unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you instead.

Joan Downing



The next Repair Café will be on Saturday 15th November 2025 in Denmead Community Centre Ipm-4pm

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Here are the regular activities that take place at the various venues in Denmead.

If you spot any incorrect entries, please send updates by email: chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

Church Hall regular bookings

Mondays

| 11.30-12.30 | Breathe Again (weekly) |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 15.00-20.30 | Slimming World (weekly) |

Tuesdays

| 09.30-10.30 | Pilates (weekly, term time only) |
|-------------|--|
| 10.45-11.45 | Fit 4 U (weekly term time only) |
| 14.00-15.00 | Positive Strokes (weekly) |
| 19.00-21.30 | Denmead Horticultural Society (monthly, Ist Tuesday) |
| 20.00-22.00 | South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2nd Tuesday) |

Wednesdays

| 07.30-10.30 | riczbance (weekly, term time only) |
|-------------|---|
| 11.00-13.00 | Dementia Support group (monthly, 2 nd Wednesday) |
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| 12.00-16.00 | Flower Club (monthly, 3 rd Wednesday) |
|-------------|--|
| 14.00-16.00 | Afternoon WI (Monthly – Ist Wednesday) |
| 14.00-16.00 | Encompass Group (monthly, 4th Wednesday) |
| 17.45-19.15 | 1st Brownies (weekly, term time only) |

09 30-10 30 Fit? Dance (weekly term time only)

Thursdays

| 09.15-10.15 | Mrs G's Pilates (weekly) |
|-------------|---|
| 16.15-17.15 | 1st Rainbows (weekly, term time only) |
| 17.30-19.00 | 2nd Brownies (weekly, term time only) |
| 19.00-21.00 | Guides & Rangers (weekly, term time only) |

Fridays

| 09.15-11.15 | Little Stars (weekly, term time only) |
|-------------|---|
| 14.30-15.30 | Gentle Chair Exercises (weekly) |
| 19.30-21.30 | Denmead Village Association (alternate monthly, 3 rd Friday) |

Saturdays

| 10.00-12.30 | WI Belles Community Café |
|-------------|--------------------------|
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Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

Heath Room regular bookings

Mondays

19.00-21.00 Denmead Horticultural Society Committee (monthly 2nd Monday)

Tuesdays

09.30-11.30 Coffee & Chat (weekly)

14.00-16.00 Mothers' Union (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)

Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Local Government Surgery (monthly, 1st Saturday)

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

Denmead War Memorial Hall Bookings, November 2025

Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

Tuesdays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

19.00-21.00 Archery – Weekly

Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles – Ist Wednesday Monthly

19.30-21.30 Denmead Horticultural Floral Workshop – 2nd Wednesday

19.30-21.30 Monthly Evening Denmead W.I. – 3rd Wednesday Monthly

Thursday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 07534 024388

Denmead Community Centre (The Old School)

If you are interested in joining any of the groups below please contact

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Regular Events

Mondays

09.30 - 10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 12.00 Yoga with Allison

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games - 1st and 3rd Mondays

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis

- Contact details:

Sylvia 02392 439037 email: john.morphett124@gmail.com

Tuesdays

09:00 - 10:00 Better Body Club - Pilates Intermediate

09.00 - 11.00 Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)

Contact the Centre for more Infomation.

09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

09.15 - 10.15 TADAA (Musical Theatre Tots for 2-4 year olds)

10.15 - 11.15 Pilates - Beginners/Rehab

10.30 - 12.30 Denmead Writers

14.00 - 15.30 Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

14.00 - 16.00 Art History 2 (Monthly, Ist Tuesday of the month)

14.30 - 16.30 Table Tennis – contact annandmalcom.davies@virgin.net

17.00 - 18.00 Create - Children's Art Classes

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

18.00 - 19.00 Vinyasa Yoga

19.00 - 18.00 Alcoholics Anonymous - Anmore Room - AA 24 hour local helpline - 02392 580776

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI - monthly

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

Visit our Website www.downlandsingers.hampshire.org.uk/index.htm

Wednesdays

Village Diary

09.45 - 11.45 Jiggy Wrigglers - baby music & movement 10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly) 10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis - contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net 13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi 16.00 - 18.00 TADAA (Musical Theatre for 4 - 13 year olds) 18:00 - 19:00 *New Class* Meridian Judo Club - Juniors - Contact Mike 07710 585370 19.30 - 20.30 Yoga with Allison 19:00-20:00 *New Class* Meridian Judo Club – 15 years and Adults 19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters 19.00 - 21.00 LD Art Group **Thursdays** 09.30 - 10.30 Fit 2 Tone 09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis - contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net 12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's 14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (2nd & 4th Thursday) 19.00 - 21.00 Thursday 19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis New contact details: Pam - email: pam.mt.mcgovern@gmail.com Fridays 09.15 - 10.15 Vinyasa Yoga for Beginners and Improvers 09.30 - 10.30 Pilates 09.30 - 12.00 Art Class 09.30 - 12.30 The Messy Hand Crafters (Once a month. See DCC website for dates) 14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead) Saturdays 09.00 - 11.30 Southern Arts Academy (Term Time only) **Denmead Film Nights** Doors open at 19.00 (Typically the last Saturday of the month) A warm welcome is extended to all. Sundays 09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band 19.00 - 20.00 Kyoto Dojo 18.30 - 19.30 Relaxing with Sound - First week of each month. Email fernandforestcoaching@outlook.com 19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming - monthly



The Denmead WI Belles

- With the Police and Crime Commissioner

Last month we were joined by Donna Jones (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner). Donna gave us insights into her background and explained her current role. There were so many questions that we ran out of time for the planned quiz, but did manage to squeeze in cake to celebrate our 16th birthday!

Come along for our November meeting where the topic is Autism from 19:20 on Wednesday 5 November.





Ladies are invited to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month (except for August) at 7:30pm in the Denmead War Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend for a small fee of $\pounds 4$ before deciding if they want to join. Each month we have an interesting speaker or activity, catering for a variety of tastes. Hot drinks and cake are provided for a charity donation and there's a raffle.

We also run a number of sub-groups (including book club, walking group, craft club, gardening club, writing group, supper party and house party) and organise adhoc trips based on members interests.

Thank You...

The Denmead and Waterlooville Rowans Fundraising Support Group would like to thank everyone who attended or helped out at the camel racing evening on 11th October. The event was great fun and raised an amazing £1250 for Rowans Hospice. Thanks everyone!

Don't forget that we will be at the WI Belles Fair on 22nd November when we will be selling jigsaws and other items. All proceeds from our stall for Rowans Hospice.









Saving lives in Denmead

When someone experiences a heart attack, the sooner they begin treatment the better chance they have of recovery. In Denmead we have defibrillators available for use in such an emergency and so all we need to do is phone 999 and we will be guided to the nearest one and given step-by-step instructions on how to help the patient.

The symptoms of a heart attack vary. They could be any or all of the following list

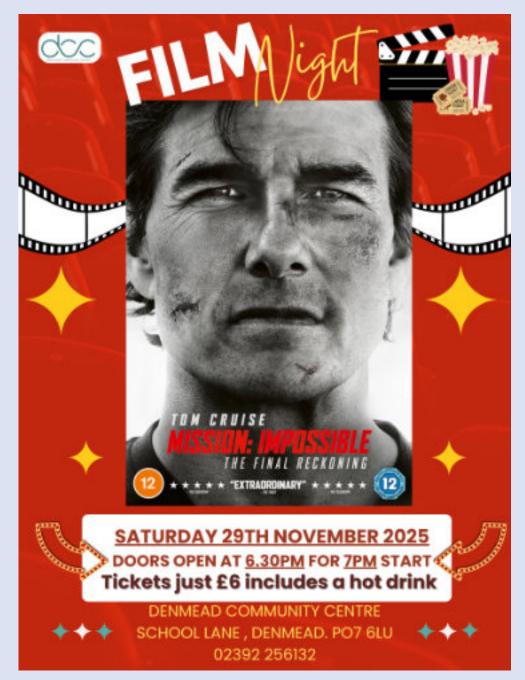
- Pain or discomfort in the chest
- Lightheadedness nausea and vomiting
- Jaw neck and back pain
- Discomfort in the shoulder and left arm
- Shortness of breath

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- South Downs Funerals
- Community Centre
- White Wings
- Harvest Home
- War Memorial Hall
- Pavilion in the Park (this one has an orange glow at night, so it is easy to find)
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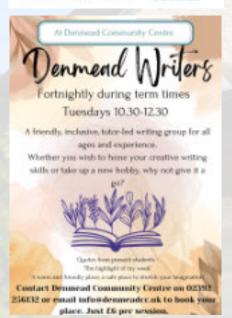


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HCC makes a splash!

School and Post-16 Transport Policies

Hampshire County Council runs two transport services for children and young people accessing school, further education or training. The <u>School Transport service</u> is required by law to provide free transport to children aged between five and 16 who meet the <u>eligibility criteria</u>. The authority also operates a chargeable <u>Post-16 service</u> in certain circumstances to young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This is offered on a discretionary basis, recognising that young people with SEND often need to travel further to access suitable placements and may need extra support with this.

The Council is proposing to withdraw the formal offer of a Spare Capacity Seats Scheme in its School Transport Policy. This is a discretionary scheme which allows spare seats on contracted vehicles to be offered on a temporary, chargeable basis to children who are not eligible for free School Transport. Unfortunately, the current offer creates an expectation that spare seats can be provided. However, this cannot be fulfilled if the available seats on a given vehicle are all in use by eligible children. Even once allocated, spare seats may later be withdrawn if needed for an eligible child, or if the number of spare seats reduces due to operational changes. There is therefore a lack of clarity for parents on whether spare seats can be made available.

The Council will also seek to further maximise the use of vehicles to prioritise eligible children, making the future availability of spare seats less likely. Additionally, the associated administration is significant and outweighs the number of students who benefit from it, with just 66 spare seats in use as of June 2025. Visit the Council's website for more information about the proposed consultation https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s139252/Final%20Report%20-

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Make a Splash

Swimming is set to become more accessible across Hampshire, thanks to $\pounds 100,000$ funding approved by HCC, which will support more pools to gain Swim England's Water Wellbeing accreditation, designed to make swimming more inclusive. This will open up access to swimming and other pool-based activities for people who may currently face barriers - particularly those living





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with long-term health conditions, older adults and individuals who are inactive or new to physical activity.

The grant will be managed by <u>Energise Me</u> - <u>https://www.energiseme.org/</u> which will support pool providers to identify needs within the community and use funding accordingly. This may include training to develop skills to deliver water-based exercise and/or the purchase of equipment to enable personalised programmes.

Currently, I I of Hampshire's 34 pools are accredited under Swim England's Water Wellbeing scheme. This investment aims to increase this, helping more residents access safe, inclusive physical activity.

With over 22% of adults in Hampshire currently inactive, and fewer than half of children meeting recommended physical activity levels, the Water Wellbeing project is a vital step towards building a healthier, active community.

Facing Barriers to Employment

HCC has unveiled plans to help residents across the county into meaningful, sustainable work, especially those facing barriers such as long-term health conditions, caring responsibilities or lack of qualifications. The Get Hampshire Working Plan - https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/get-hampshire-working-plan - brings together employers, health services, education and training providers, local authorities, housing associations and community organisations to tackle the causes of unemployment and economic inactivity, and connect employment, health and skills support based on local needs. The Plan, produced in response to the Government's 'Get Britain Working' white paper, addresses three urgent labour market challenges locally:

- supporting people facing barriers to employment including women, residents impacted by ill-health and disabilities, and older workers
- youth employment helping young people at the start of their careers through better careers support, work experience opportunities and skills training
- insecure and low-quality work working with employers to create inclusive recruitment practices and match local talent to local, sustainable work opportunities.

Participants will receive up to 12 months of personalised supported employment from Employment Specialists, including support with job searching, confidence building and tailored employer engagement. The programme is voluntary and uses a well-established model for helping people into work;

connecting work, health and skills in a joined-up way. Connect to Work is expected to support around 5,000 Hampshire residents over the next five years, helping them find and stay in good jobs that match their needs and aspirations. Detailed information on the Programme will be published soon. More information on the variety of employment support currently available can be found on the Council's website: - https://www.hants.gov. uk/business/skillsbootcamp/ employersupport

Public Health

Across Hampshire, more children are overweight and obese between starting and leaving primary school. lust over one in five Hampshire children are overweight and obese when they start primary school, and this rises to over one in three by the time they leave. We also know that being overweight disproportionately affects children living in deprived areas and different minority ethnic groups.

Fast food outlets near schools impact children's food consumption as they make their way to and from home. The availability of less healthy foods in mainstream supermarkets, education and leisure environments, as well as restaurants and takeaways, contribute to an 'obesogenic' environment. In more deprived areas there is reduced access to healthier food retail. options and often a greater density of hot food takeaways. The increasing availability of home delivery services also adds to the provision of cheaper and faster meals to our doorstep, making it easier to consume

less healthy food impacting the ability of children, young people and families to make healthy choices. National research suggests there is public support for restricting the number of takeaway shops within 400m of a primary school in our localities.

Children who are overweight are more likely to experience other associated physical health conditions, for example breathing difficulties, bone and joint problems, insulin resistance, high blood pressure and dental decay. Only 48% of children achieve 60 minutes of physical activity a day.

Studies show that obese young people are five times more likely to be obese in adulthood than those who were not obese as children. This brings with it significant risks for heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers, reducing the number of years people live in good health. The cost to public services is significant, particularly the health service. The annual cost of obesity in Hampshire is around £540 million annually, with a wider cost to society, through loss of work productivity and social care needs.

Councillor Surgery

There is a Councillor Surgery on the first Saturday of every month, 10am - 12 noon in The Heath Room, All Saints Church, Denmead. No appointment necessary.

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Please note, meetings will be held at The Hampshire Hog, Clanfield.

On TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2025, is your opportunity to learn more about The Great War — The Songs, Humour and Words That Kept The Boys Going. Speaker, Peter Gill, will give a presentation in words, music and visuals exploring how the Arts helped those embroiled in the devastation of the First World War to survive to the end of the day, or perhaps the week, or even to come home safely again. We will examine some of the Great War's poetry, the songs that emerged and the wonderful satire which all worked to keep spirits up.

There will not be a Speaker the following month, on Tuesday 9th December 2025, as it will be the annual Christmas Lunch.

The first meeting in the new year will be held on Tuesday 13th January 2026, when we will have a Speaker from the charity HOUNDS FOR HEROS.

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The Waterlooville Probus Club meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield (plenty of free car parking space).

There is a two-course meal, followed by tealcoffee and a Speaker. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch.

Dress: Men - Jackets and ties, women - equivalent.

In addition to our regular lunch with Speaker meetings, we also try to arrange occasional day trips, eg a visit to Westminster Palace; a river cruise with afternoon tea; visit to a gin distillery, a behind the scenes theatre visit, when family and friends are welcome. These trips are optional.

More information about Probus Waterlooville is shown on our website at https://probusclub.net/ waterlooville/

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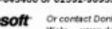




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