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Garden Waste Collection Service 2016/17 set for launch!

Although the thought of wrestling with weeds and brawling with branches may be stressful, arranging for your garden waste to be removed will be a breeze.

All current Garden Waste Collection Service subscriptions are due to come to an end on Sunday, 8 May 2016, and this year we've made it easier than ever before for you to renew!

We will be writing to all current subscribers this week to let them know about some changes we will be making to the service this year, along with an option to renew their subscription automatically and the option to pay by annual Direct Debit. So, if you are a current subscriber, all you need to do is sit tight and you will receive a letter or email in the next few days with further information.

Whether you are renewing your subscription or signing up for the first time, you will have the opportunity to purchase a new wheeled bin or reusable sack.

A 240 litre garden waste wheeled bin costs £25 and a 130 litre garden waste sack costs £1.50. Both are one-off charges in addition to your subscription. If you have a spare wheeled bin at home that you would like to use, just let us know and we'll send you a garden waste label for it. Of course, if you already have a garden waste bin or sack and it is in good condition, you can continue to use this instead.

Your garden waste sack or bin should be left at the edge of your property by 7am on your collection day. Materials put out for collection should only include garden waste and the sacks should not exceed the 20kg weight limit. We will only collect garden waste from sacks and bins authorised by the Council. Only one bin or sack will be emptied per subscription.

If you aren't already signed up to the service, simply visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/gardenwaste and complete the online application form. You can also call our Customer Services team on **01264 368000** or **01794 527700**.



How much does it cost?

Annual subscription:	£29.50
Additional subscriptions:	£17
Garden waste wheeled bin:	£25
Reusable garden waste sack:	£1.50

Local Plan gets green light

Test Valley Borough Council now has a new Local Plan in place after the government Inspector who was responsible for scrutinising it found it 'sound' back in December.

The new Local Plan received the final green light at a full Council meeting in January, which saw the old plan withdrawn and replaced with the new plan simultaneously.

The new Local Plan will help to make sure that future developments meet the social and economic needs of local communities. It also seeks to protect the environment and retain Test Valley's unique countryside, which are two important priorities for residents and other stakeholders.

The plan includes policies for the Council to use when considering planning applications and it identifies appropriate locations for housing, employment and other uses.

Planning Policy and Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor Martin Hatley, said:

"I am absolutely delighted that all the dedicated professional work of officers and councillors has been recognised by the independent Local Plan Inspector."

"The Local Plan will be a powerful weapon in protecting the borough from inappropriate development. It will help us to meet the needs of the community while also maintaining the unique qualities of the borough."



★ Join in. Recycle. ★ Be a Recycling Star!

Our Recycling Star has a growing team of official Supporters, from parish and town councils to schools, local organisations and social media groups. Each Supporter does a fantastic job to help to encourage everybody to recycle more and waste less.



The Council provides Recycling Stars Supporters with information, resources and activity ideas, which will help them to learn more about recycling, and then share their knowledge with others! If you belong to a group or

organisation that would like to become an official Recycling Stars Supporter, our Environmental Services team will make sure that you have all you need to spread the word about the benefits of recycling.

Simply contact the team by emailing environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk
Alternatively, you can phone us on 01264 368000 or 01794 527700.

More Sparkle Days planned for 2016



As the Council's Sparkle Day initiative enters its fifth year, we have been busy planning where to visit next to help keep the borough looking squeaky clean and fresh.

Sparkle Days help to provide an extra touch of TLC to an area by cleaning streets, cutting back hedges and removing graffiti. They are also the perfect opportunity to speak with residents about waste and recycling and answer any questions people may have.

For more information about the Sparkle Days planned for 2016 and to find out if your area is on the list, please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/love



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Recycle Week competition

This year, as part of national Recycle Week, we will be launching an exciting competition where one lucky primary school pupil will see their artwork enlarged and displayed on the side of one of our waste collection vehicles!

Recycle Week, which will take place from 13 to 19 June, is a chance to encourage everyone to take a closer look at whether they are recycling as well as they could be, learn more about the benefits of reusing materials to protect the environment and be more aware of what they can and

can't recycle. And who better to help communicate this to our residents with a spectacular new vehicle display than the next generation of recycling superstars?

We've been contacting primary schools in the borough to invite them to promote the competition among their pupils.



**13-19
June**

For more information on this exciting competition, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingstarsupporters

A green Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who recycled their real Christmas trees in January. We collected almost 2,200 trees – more than we've ever collected before! All of the trees have now been composted and recycled into Pro-Grow soil conditioner.

Top tip!

Rinse tins and glass jars in your leftover washing up water before you recycle them!

Join Recycling Stars on Facebook

 www.facebook.com/recyclingstars

Fly-tippers, look out!

Did you know that the Council's Environmental Service uses covert CCTV equipment in fly-tipping hotspots throughout the borough?

Fly-tips often occur in rural areas where witnesses are rare, so CCTV is used to secure strong evidence to support criminal prosecutions. It is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) to fly-tip any material. Penalties for those found guilty of this crime at a Magistrates' Court include imprisonment and a fine of up to £50,000. However, fines are unlimited if the case goes to the Crown Court.

The Council provides a service for the collection of unwanted bulky household items and large amounts of garden waste. To find out more about what we can collect, please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk

Community Infrastructure Levy charging details approved

The Council is set to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), after receiving approval for its Charging Schedule from the government Inspector who was responsible for scrutinising it.

The Charging Schedule sets out how much developers will be expected to pay in CIL contributions towards new community infrastructure such as roads, sporting and recreational facilities, community facilities, medical facilities and open spaces.

The Inspector issued her decision following an examination into the Draft Charging Schedule in May 2015. She concluded that the charges proposed by the Council are appropriate and financially viable, and that the Charging Schedule should be approved, subject to minor modifications.

The Council formally adopted the Charging Schedule on 27 January 2016. The Council will begin charging the Levy on 1 July 2016.

Council Tax goes ONLINE

You can now access more Test Valley Borough Council services online than ever before!

Our new e-billing system allows you to contact us and update your Council Tax account at a time that is convenient for you, so why not save time and paper by opting to receive your bill by email?

Using the new online service, you can:

- Switch to paperless billing
- notify us of a change of address - including moving into or out of the area
- apply for, or cancel, a single person discount
- set up a new direct debit or amend an existing one
- change your name.

You can also view your account balance, instalment details, any discounts or exemptions that are applied to your account and check your previous bills and notifications.

All you need to do is visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/counciltax and follow the link to online services. Some of the services will ask you for your online key which you will find on your annual Council Tax bill.

We also offer online services for Business Rates accounts so that businesses can view their accounts and payments, set up direct debits and check the rateable value of their property. Please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/businessrates for further details.

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Make sure you're registered to vote



Test Valley Borough Council is now preparing for the Police and Crime Commissioner election which will take place on Thursday, 5 May 2016, and the referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union on Thursday, 23 June 2016.

Residents are required to register themselves to ensure they are eligible to vote. If you are not on the Electoral Register, you will not be able to vote. Your credit rating can also be affected if you are not registered.

If you're not sure if you're registered, please contact the Council and we will be able to tell you. If necessary, you can then register online by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You will need to provide your name, address and date of birth. You will also need your national insurance number,

which can be found on your national insurance card or on official paperwork such as payslips or letters about benefits or tax credits.

If you don't have access to the internet, please contact the Council on **01264 368000** and we will be able to help you to register. Alternatively, email us at elecereg@testvalley.gov.uk

If you cannot get to a polling station on polling day, you can apply to vote by post, or appoint someone else, a proxy, to vote for you.

Remember - if you are not registered, you cannot vote.

Further information, including registration and absent voting deadlines, can be found on the Council's website, www.testvalley.gov.uk or by contacting us.

A bright future for Romsey



Romsey Future

The Romsey Future partnership has published its first strategic vision document which will help to guide the town's priorities for the next 20 years.

The Romsey Future partnership, which is made up of local people and organisations, was launched in November 2013 to create a long term vision for the town. In addition, it aims to deliver a variety of projects to improve Romsey and its facilities. To date, it has contributed to initiatives including creating coach parking at the Romsey Rapids, delivering the brand new facility

for Youth in Romsey and improving designs for the War Memorial Park kiosk.

As part of its research into what local people want to see in the town, the partnership has carried out several public consultation events to inspire local people to get involved and put their ideas forward. The results of these events have enabled the partnership to produce a vision and set of ambitions for the town, which will continue to deliver projects in Romsey. The most recent consultation was held in the Town Hall in December 2015, where more than 100 people reviewed the vision and ambitions.

These ambitions are:

- Getting around Romsey
- Enhancing Romsey
- Enjoying Romsey
- Living well in Romsey
- Developing the economy in Romsey

Each December, the partnership will host an event where priority projects will be identified for the coming year and progress on the existing initiatives will be reviewed. In 2016, Romsey Future will focus on developing a Tourism Strategy for the town. A workshop for residents and stakeholders will take place on Monday, 18 April from 4pm to 7pm to discuss the matters that the Tourism Strategy will address.

If you are interested in attending, please email romseyfuture@testvalley.gov.uk for more information.

Councillor Martin Hatley, who has been co-ordinating the project, said: *"We want the residents of Romsey to be active partners in the future of their town. Romsey is very fortunate to have so many talented individuals and strong community groups. Bringing them together to harness their knowledge and energy can only be positive for the town's future."*

Romsey paves the way

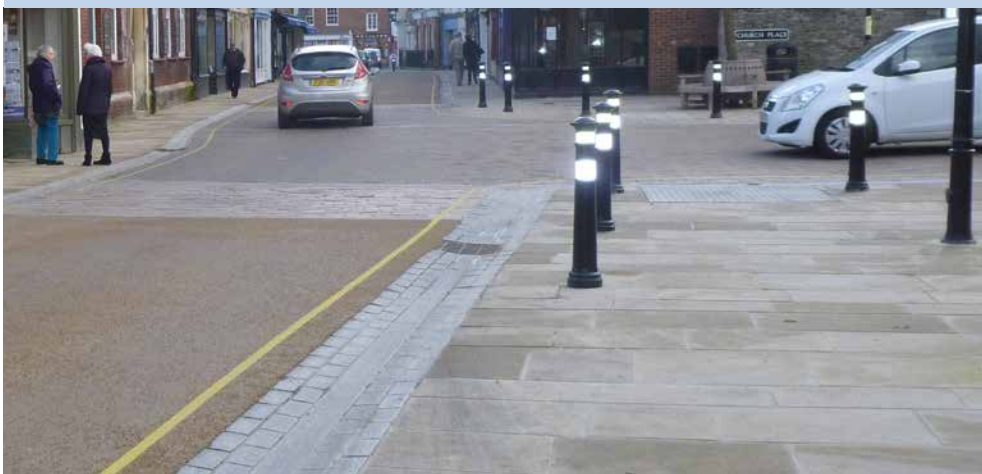
Test Valley Borough Council has been working with Hampshire County Council to improve some of Romsey's busiest streets and make the town more accessible for all.

The work has already seen Church Street benefit from smart new street furniture to make the area look more attractive, and levelled surfaces which make it easier for pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs to move around and access the shops and businesses in this part of town.

The second phase of work is due to take place in Bell Street in 2017, and also includes plans to widen the street's narrow footpaths by creating a level surface. If you'd like to view the plans and have your say, please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk

The two councils are also considering options to improve Market Place so that visitors can relax and enjoy the town near the Lord Palmerston statue. The work will aim to provide more space for pedestrians and safer areas to cross the road.

Residents may have noticed that the area to the west of Romsey Abbey is also looking refreshed. The Council has installed new seating, laid decorative plants and resurfaced the grounds using similar materials to the rest of the town centre. All of the improvements in Romsey join together to enhance the environment and support the economic viability of the town by encouraging more people to wander down Romsey's streets to discover new shops, cafés and businesses.



To find out more about the schemes, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk or pop into the Former Magistrates' Court on Church Street.

Work begins on brand new Romsey youth centre

A turf-cutting ceremony took place back in January to mark the start of construction on a £483,000 new centre for 'Youth in Romsey' next to the Rapids sports complex thanks to joint investment by Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council.

County Council Leader, Councillor Roy Perry cut the ground to mark the start of the work and was joined by the Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Councillor Ian Carr, and representatives from Youth in Romsey.

Hampshire County Council has contributed £292,000 of funding for the project, adding to an investment of £191,000 from Test Valley Borough Council.

Youth in Romsey is a charitable organisation providing information and support for young people aged 11 to 25 years, on a wide range of issues such as financial difficulties, careers advice, finding work, and relationship problems. Each year, the organisation supports around 2,500 local young people who may be facing challenges at home, school or work, including those who may be young parents or carers.

The new building will replace Youth in Romsey's current premises in Bell Street, which the charity has outgrown. Youth in Romsey was in need of larger premises, with better disabled access, and the



capacity to be able to offer activities without impacting on their neighbours.

The new purpose-built facility will be all on one level, making it fully accessible while offering facilities which will be available for wider community use. A large activity room, smaller group room, 1:1 room with combined medical examination room, offices and kitchen are among the facilities that will be provided.

The new centre is due to be completed later in the spring.

Councillor Perry said: *"This is the start of a journey which I am sure will see us create a first-class facility for the young people of Romsey. I am confident that this will be a very well-used and much valued building once it is open. The new centre will provide youngsters in Romsey with a purpose-built facility of their own, in a readily accessible location, and close to other popular venues such as The Rapids, the cricket club and the skate park."*

There's a new way to pay for your stay in Andover

Earlier this year, we installed two brand new card payment machines in Andover's Chantry Centre car park to make it even easier for shoppers to pay for their stay.

The new machines mean that visitors can pay for car parking by debit or credit card if they find themselves without enough spare change. On arrival, all you need to do is insert your credit or debit card into the machine and key in your vehicle's registration number. At the end of your visit, simply insert the same card into the machine again and it will calculate the duration of your stay and charge accordingly.

Planning Policy and Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor Martin Hatley, said: *"The Council is committed to encouraging shoppers to visit*

Andover and making it as convenient as possible for them to stay for longer. The new machines provide the public with another option to pay for their parking in addition to the machines that continue to accept coins."

The system does not produce a pay and display ticket but it will record the time that the credit or debit card was inserted, along with its associated vehicle registration number. This means that the Council's parking team can monitor which vehicles have valid parking tickets.

Councillor Hatley continued: *"Many people prefer to pay for services using cards these days, so we are really pleased to offer this option to shoppers in Andover."*

Walking football kicks off in Andover



Walking football is a slow-paced version of football which aims to give anyone with low mobility, or those returning to sport after injury, the chance to take part.

As the name suggests, walking football is non-contact so anyone who sprints, runs or jogs while the ball is in play will be penalised with a free kick awarded to the other team. The sport is rapidly increasing in popularity, with venues across Hampshire regularly hosting competitive matches and tournaments.

Test Valley Borough Council has partnered with the Andover and District Football League to bring the game to Andover. The sessions take place at

Andover Leisure Centre from 5.40pm to 6.40pm on Tuesday evenings. The first session is free, with weekly sessions then costing just £3.

Stoke Park Rangers FC also hosts walking football sessions for anyone looking to take part in the sport in Romsey. Just pop along to Knightwood Leisure Centre at 7pm on Thursday evenings. For more information, please visit www.stokeparkrangersfc.co.uk

To learn more about walking football, visit www.hampshirefa.com

A word on what's on

Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Iris Andersen, has officially opened a set of brand new display boards in the Chantry Centre to make it easier for local charities, businesses and community groups to advertise events.

The boards, which can be found by the entrance to the bus station near Waitrose, have been introduced as a result of feedback through the Andover Summit. The boards can hold around 80 A4 posters at a time and are being managed by Test Valley Community Services (TVCS).

Councillor Chris Lynn, who arranged for the boards to be installed, said: *"Through the Andover Summit, many local groups expressed how difficult it was to know where best to advertise*

events locally. To help address this, we have installed the boards to enable groups and organisations to advertise events in a place where they know their poster will benefit from lots of passing pedestrian traffic.

"I think the display boards look really good and I would like to say a big thank you to Test Valley Community Services for agreeing to manage them. I hope they will be well used by the local community."

Local groups and organisations wishing to display a poster free of charge are asked to contact TVCS on 01264 362600, or send their poster to Test Valley Community Services at Shopmobility, Andover Bus Station, West Street, SP10 1QP. TVCS can only accept hard copy posters.

Around Andover

Finding your way around Andover will soon be much easier thanks to ten vibrant new signs which are set to be installed in the town this summer.

The new signs will include a large map complete with bus routes, images and other useful information to assist visitors with planning their journey. The colourful designs will highlight key landmarks such as the Guildhall, The Lights theatre and Andover Railway Station, and will provide estimated journey times to get to each location by bus or on foot. Visitors will also be able to find contact details for local travel operators and scan a QR code with their smartphone to access more information on the internet.

Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor Martin Hatley, said: *"The new maps will make it easier for visitors to explore and navigate the area's attractions. They will also help to encourage visitors to consider walking, cycling or catching the bus to travel around Andover."*

Similar signs in neighbouring towns and cities are proving successful in promoting sustainable transport methods.

Business fairs back for 2016

Local businesses will once again have the opportunity to showcase their products and services at Andover's lively Business Fairs this year.

The first Business Fair of the year will take place on the High Street on Friday, 29 April from 10am to 4pm. The fairs are a fantastic opportunity for local

businesses to gain High Street exposure and pitch their wares in the busy town centre. A variety of different businesses have attended previous fairs, with many coming back again and again following their success in widening their market place exposure. Stall holders will have the opportunity to talk to prospective customers and increase brand awareness, as well as network with the other participating businesses, all for a pitch fee of just £10.

Two more Business Fairs are also planned for 24 June and 9 September 2016.

For more information, or to book a pitch, please contact Heather Whittam by emailing hwhittam@testvalley.gov.uk or phoning 01264 368814.

Last chance to nominate for business awards!

Time is running out to submit your nomination for the prestigious Test Valley Business Awards!

Now in its 12th year, the Test Valley Business Awards is a well-established platform for local businesses to gain the recognition they deserve. This year, nominations must be received by Friday, 1 April 2016.

If you've been impressed by a business and would like to submit a nomination on its behalf, simply visit www.tvbawards.org.uk to complete a short form. Businesses may also submit their own nominations.

This year, there are six main award categories:

- **New Business of the Year, sponsored by Test Valley Borough Council**
- **Small Business of the Year, sponsored by Wilkins Kennedy, Romsey**
- **The Innovation and Technology Award, sponsored by the University of Southampton Science Park**
- **Hospitality Business of the Year, sponsored by McCrimmon and Reid**
- **Doing Business Local, sponsored by Taylored IT**

There will also be a special award for 2016. The Brenda Locke award, a special award for women in business, that will be presented in honour of Brenda who was a longstanding member of the Test Valley Business Awards steering group as well as many local business networks. The award is sponsored by Andover Mutual Business Group and Brenda's many friends.

Economic Portfolio Holder, Councillor Peter Giddings, said: *"The Test Valley Business Awards is a great way to recognise and reward local businesses, all of which contribute to the borough's thriving economy. I'd like to thank all the award and event sponsors that support the initiative."*

The winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner, at The Lights Theatre, Andover, on 22 September 2016. The guest speaker for the evening will be local TV personality and ornithologist, Chris Packham.

Revitalising rural regions

The Government's LEADER programme is inviting businesses to apply for funding of up to £50,000 for development projects to revitalise rural areas and create new jobs.

LEADER is designed to support farmers, land owners, businesses and community organisations in the rural area. The scheme has previously funded a wide variety of projects in Test Valley, including:

- converting farm buildings into a bed and breakfast
- funding equipment for farming and forestry businesses
- funding a viewing platform at the Museum of Army Flying.

LEADER has awarded nearly £500,000 in total to Test Valley businesses in previous rounds of the programme. The current round is the first in which all parts of rural Test Valley are covered by the scheme.

There are seven different grants available in the following categories:

- increasing farm productivity
- increasing forest productivity
- growth of micro and small enterprises
- farm diversification
- development of rural tourism and recreation
- rural community services
- cultural and heritage assets and events.

Applications must be for projects which will boost the rural economy, through the creation of jobs or growth of profits. Projects need to provide 60 per cent matched funding and be able to show that their business will grow as a result of LEADER investment.

If you'd like to find out more about the grants available from the three LEADER programmes which cover Test Valley please contact:
North Wessex Downs LEADER covering Bourne Valley:
dawn.hamblin@wiltshire.gov.uk

New Forest LEADER covering southern Test Valley: sally.igra@NFDC.gov.uk
Loddon and Test LEADER for all other parts of rural Test Valley:
emily.preston@hants.gov.uk



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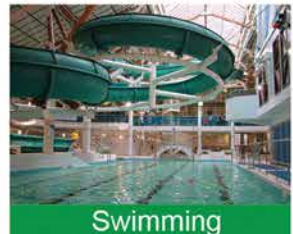


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Keeping fit in Cupernham



Councillor John Ray and Councillor Dorothy Baverstock watch Maggie Grimmett from the Romsey Chiropractic Clinic test out the new gym equipment.

Test Valley Borough Council has installed four items of gym equipment in Cupernham to provide residents and visitors with a fun way to keep fit outdoors!

The skier, surfer, horseback rider and sit-up bench are located on the green space at the bottom of Mercer Way, just off the canal path, and cater for upper and lower body fitness, cardiovascular exercise and core work. This type of equipment is extremely popular in

towns and villages across the UK and offers a range of health benefits to adults and children aged 12 and above.

Cupernham ward members, Councillor Dorothy Baverstock and Councillor John Ray, awarded £2,000 to the project from the Councillor Community Grant scheme following consultation with residents.

Aster Communities and developer contributions also helped to fund the project.



Pitch perfect

Sport continues to thrive in Test Valley and 2015 proved to be a busy year for the Council's Community and Leisure Service.

The Service published its Playing Pitch Strategy at the end of 2014 and has now delivered some of the pitches and facilities that it had identified as priorities.

In 2015, the Service:

- launched an adult football hub at Picket Twenty, available from 2017
- converted two sand based five-a-side football pitches into 3G pitches at Knightwood
- created a football and cricket hub at East Anton
- created two new junior football pitches at Abbottswood, available from 2017
- created two more rugby pitches at Charlton Sports Centre

For more information about the sports pitches available to hire, please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk or email pitchbookings@testvalley.gov.uk

A plan for Fishlake Meadows

Test Valley Borough Council is preparing to take on the management of Fishlake Meadows - a unique site located to the north of Romsey and home to a wide variety of birds, invertebrates, mammals and plants.

Following a series of consultation events last year, including guided walks and exhibitions, the Council published a draft management plan. The plan underwent public consultation for seven weeks from 21 December 2015 to 5 February 2016. Almost 80 people submitted their feedback and the Council is now working its way through the comments to finalise the plan.

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And the winner is...

Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Iris Andersen, has selected the winner of the 2015 Test Valley Visitor Guide prize draw!

Paul Baker from Southampton is the lucky winner of an overnight stay for two at The White Horse Hotel and Brasserie, Romsey, where he and a guest will enjoy a glass of Prosecco on arrival, a three course dinner and a full English breakfast the following morning.

Paul said: *"I am very happy to have won the competition. We live locally and enjoy visiting the beautiful Test Valley, particularly Mottisfont, Stockbridge and Romsey."*

The prize draw is a great way for the council to gain valuable feedback about tourism in Test Valley. Entrants are asked to answer a few questions about where they stayed, which attractions they visited and what they enjoyed



Paul Bingham with Councillor Iris Andersen

most about their trip to Test Valley.

Paul Bingham, General Manager at The White Horse Hotel and Brasserie, Romsey, said: *"I'm really pleased that we've teamed up with Test Valley Borough Council to provide the winner of the Visitor Guide prize draw with an overnight stay at The White Horse. We can't wait to welcome Paul and his guest to Romsey and help them to enjoy another visit to the borough."*

The 2016 Visitor Guide includes another prize draw waiting to be won by another lucky visitor! Pick up your copy at a Tourist Information Centre or download it from www.testvalley.gov.uk/visitorsguide

Plan your stay with the Test Valley Visitor Guide

We have just launched the 2016 edition of the Test Valley Visitor Guide, and it is packed full of fantastic places to explore, eateries to visit and activities to try. Whether you're entertaining visitors for a week or you just fancy rediscovering what's on your doorstep, there's something for everyone.

Keen historians can travel back in time at our stately homes or make their way to the top of Danebury Hill Fort to witness the magnificent views of the countryside. And we've got plenty of activities to keep children entertained, whether they're making a splash at Romsey Rapids or feeding the animals at Finkley Down Farm in Andover.

Leisurely walks through our picturesque villages are the perfect way to spend an afternoon and there is always an opportunity to catch a show at one of our vibrant theatres to end a busy day. Complete with hotels to check into and restaurants to eat at, the Test Valley Visitor Guide will help you to plan your activities.



Pick up your free copy of the guide at your local Tourist Information Centre or visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/visitorsguide to download it now.

A taste of Test Valley

From mouth-watering meats to home grown chilli, food lovers are spoilt for choice when they dine in Test Valley!

Our borough has plenty of restaurants, pubs and cafés to choose from, so whether you're tempted by trout, drawn to dairy or you simply can't resist a sweet treat, you're bound to find something to tantalise your taste buds and leave you wanting more.

You'll find that many of Test Valley's pubs and restaurants serve fish and meat fresh from local farms including The River Test Smokery, near

Stockbridge, and Greenfield Pork Products, which is home to a herd of specialist hybrid pigs. Or why not whet your appetite with something a little more unusual, like the water buffalo naturally reared at the Broughton Water Buffalo organic farm?

Dairy farms across the borough also sell their milk, cheeses, and other products in nearby shops and cafés. You could even stay at the Dairy at Packridge Farm bed and breakfast where you'll be offered a range of different catering packages to choose from.

Pick up a copy of A Taste of Test Valley from your local Tourist Information Centre to make sure you don't miss out on all the delicious, locally sourced food that the borough has to offer.

Raise a glass at a Test Valley vineyard

Spring is the perfect time to enjoy a relaxing glass of wine and make the most of the long, cool evenings, so why not treat yourself to some locally produced wine this year?

The borough's chalk hills make the ideal setting for vineyards to thrive, so it's not surprising that Test Valley devotes more acres of land to producing wine than anywhere else in Hampshire.

The geology and climate of the borough combine perfectly to create the best possible environment for grapes to flourish. The thick layer of chalk, laid down 100 million years ago, extends under the English Channel to northern France, where so many other brands of white, red and rosé wines also begin their journey.

The 11 vineyards in Test Valley are:

- Nyetimber, Stockbridge
- Danebury, Stockbridge
- Teffont Wines, Awbridge
- Cottonworth, Andover
- Leckford, Stockbridge
- Somborne Valley, King's Somborne
- Coach House, West Wellow
- Merryhill, East Wellow
- Embley Wines, East Wellow
- Sour Grapes, Michelmersh
- Veritas, Tangley

The Council's *Test Valley Vineyards* leaflet explains more about the fascinating process of wine making, and lists all the shops and markets where you can buy local products. Some of the vineyards are open to the public for tours, while others invite you to wander around their farm shops and enjoy treats in their cafés.

Pick up a copy of the leaflet at your local Tourist Information Centre, or download it now from www.testvalley.gov.uk/tourism

Andover Farmers' and Crafts Market

Dates for 2016

- Sunday 20 March
- Sunday 17 April
- Sunday 15 May
- Sunday 19 June
- Sunday 17 July
- Sunday 21 August
- Sunday 18 September
- Sunday 16 October
- Sunday 20 November
- Sunday 18 December

The Andover Farmers' and Crafts Markets will run throughout 2016, and are part of a broader programme of events planned to encourage people to visit Andover High Street and support the town.

These markets are an important part of the calendar of events in Andover High Street. They involve local farmers and traders within our community and encourage people to keep things local.



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An even bigger incentive

Test Valley Borough Council has supported almost 500 businesses since it introduced the Business Incentive Grant, and now the authority is increasing the grant from £500 to £750!

The Business Incentive Grant is just one of the ways the Council recognises and rewards hard working entrepreneurs who have taken the plunge to launch a new business in Test Valley. In 2015, we awarded the grant to 30 new businesses, including

Berkeley Dog Beds, Samantha James Design and Romsey's new climbing centre, Golden Gecko.

The Council is committed to developing a strong economy and the increased value of the grant means that new entrepreneurs have even more help to grow their business. Some recipients have used the grant to help market their business, some have used it to create new websites and others have invested in equipment to help them to offer more services.

Anyone interested in applying for the Business Incentive Grant should do so before the business is launched. If the business is still trading six months later, the Council will present the cheque to the applicant. Find out more at www.testvalley.gov.uk/business

Learning from success

Twenty independent retailers in Test Valley have learnt top tips and valuable lessons from a highly successful retail expert.

As part of its commitment to supporting businesses in Romsey and Andover town centres, the Council introduced 20 independent retailers to Mark O'Dolan, a retail expert from High Street Mentor, who has extensive experience of working with well-known high street chains as well as with small,

independent brands.

Mark delivered the one-to-one business coaching sessions for ten retailers in each of the town centres. He analysed their company's strengths and weaknesses, and he helped the recipients with various aspects of running a business. The results and testimonials were universally positive and all of the businesses felt that Mark's practical expertise has helped them improve and become more successful.

The mentoring sessions followed a series of three inspiring social media training courses, delivered by the Association of Town and City Management and attended by 60 independent retailers in Romsey.

Independent retailers fill vacant town centre units

Test Valley Borough Council offers a £1,000 Independent Retailer Grant to entrepreneurs who set up a business in a vacant town centre unit.

More than 20 businesses have benefited from the grant in Andover and Romsey. Rose and Brian Glendinning were recipients of the grant after they opened their new business, Organic Bliss, in Romsey last year. Their environmentally-friendly shop sells products including washable nappies, skincare ranges and children's books, clothes and toys. The business also has a nappy laundering service which customers can sign up to, meaning they can receive freshly laundered nappies on a weekly basis.

Abbey ward member, Councillor Ian Richards, presented the cheque to Rose and said: *"The business is an asset to the town and the sustainable products are helping to save our planet, especially the reusable nappies and laundry service which have come a long way since I had to use them for my children!"*

Recipients of the Independent Retailer Grant receive £500 after three months of trading and a further £500 six months later. To be eligible for the grant, new or existing independent businesses must occupy a town centre ground floor unit which has been vacant for at least one month. Qualifying businesses include shops, restaurants and cafés.

For more information about the Council's Independent Retailer Grant, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk



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First steps for Evolution 50

Test Valley Borough Council has taken a step closer to opening a new distribution warehouse at Walworth Business Park.

Work has begun to build a brand new, purpose-built warehouse space, named Evolution 50, which will be a 50,000 square foot building suitable for a large business to operate from. The brand new building will feature four full-height loading doors, a large loading area, more than 100 car parking spaces and a fully-fitted office.

The development is part of a joint venture between Test Valley Borough Council and Kier Property to rejuvenate Walworth Business Park and will offer an exciting opportunity for a business looking for new premises.

Walworth Business Park is Andover's largest and oldest commercial area. It is home to more than 150 independent businesses from large multinational companies to many smaller organisations based in the Walworth Enterprise Centre. The Council is

currently working with Virgin Media to deliver high speed broadband to the business park.

Economic Portfolio Holder, Councillor Peter Giddings, said: *"It is great to see that work has started on this jointly funded warehouse. The Council is committed to developing the local economy and this new unit will provide an excellent opportunity for a large company to join the thriving business park."*

Kier Property Senior Development Manager, George Shepherd, added: *"Evolution 50 is an exciting development and will complement other units occupied by Twinings, Booker, Abel & Cole, Ocado and Le Creuset."*

Evolution 50 is expected to be available from the summer. Any businesses interested in buying or renting the unit should contact David McGougan at Jones Lang Lasalle on 02380 232882, or Adrian Whitfield at Lambert Smith Hampton on 02380 330041.

Looking for a venue for that special occasion?

From a stunning listed building to charming community halls, Test Valley Borough Council owns and manages a number of venues in the borough that are available for members of the public to hire.

If you're looking for a venue to host a business meeting, social event or even your wedding day, one of our venues could tick all the boxes to make your event a success.

Andover Guildhall was built in 1825 and is an iconic, imposing Grade Two listed building at the top of the town's High Street. The structure is a fine example of Georgian architecture and is licensed for weddings, civil partnership

ceremonies and naming ceremonies. It can seat up to 80 people in a range of layouts and has a lift to provide easy access, and a fully-equipped kitchen.

Crosfield Hall, in Romsey, is another fantastic venue for many different events and occasions. Its three main rooms are suitable for community activities, commercial events and social functions.

Other venues including the Rendezvous, Andover, are also available to hire, so if you're hosting a business meeting, social event or wish to get married in a Test Valley venue, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/business for further details.

Residents' dreams come true at Weyhill Gardens



Residents of Weyhill Gardens, Andover, hosted a coffee morning to celebrate moving into their new homes. Members of the project team and local councillors joined the new occupants for coffee, cake and a tour around some of the brand new homes.

The new development includes five affordable family homes built by Radian, in partnership with Foreman Homes and Test Valley Borough Council.

Carl Millward, a resident of Weyhill Gardens, moved into a three bedroom house with his family and was happy to show everyone around his new home. He said: *"I signed up to Help to Buy South for shared ownership housing and fortunately we were offered and accepted the property at Weyhill Gardens. Getting this affordable home through Test Valley Borough Council and Radian has meant everything to us. We now have a family home that we never thought we would have."*

Housing and Environmental Health Portfolio Holder, Councillor Sandra Hawke, said: *"It was a great pleasure visiting the families in their new homes. Developments such as Weyhill Gardens really do help to change people's lives. We will continue to work hard to ensure that Test Valley is a great place to live, where the supply of homes reflects local needs. I would like to say thank you and well done to all those involved in the project."*

Come and join us!

Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like to work for a local authority which has a combination of picturesque countryside and vibrant town centres?

We'll be launching a new recruitment page on our website soon, so visit www.testvalley.gov.uk to keep up to date with all the latest job opportunities at Test Valley Borough Council.



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Visitors to the school are always welcome. Please contact us to arrange a tour.

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Don't miss Community Woodfair 2016!



The Zionshill Copse Community Woodfair will return again this year on Saturday, 3 September 2016.

This popular event showcases a range of woodland crafts from chainsaw carving to hurdle making, all in a beautiful woodland setting. You'll be able to get hands-on with interactive crafts, meet local volunteer and wildlife groups and learn about events and activities taking place throughout the year at Zionshill Copse Local Nature Reserve, Valley Park.

If you take part in a woodland craft and would like to exhibit at this event, please contact the Council on 01264 368000 or email community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk

The Woodfair is the perfect opportunity to get a taste for the great outdoors!

Council Tax 2016/17

The Test Valley Borough Council, as Billing Authority for the Test Valley Borough Council area, on the 25th day of February 2016, calculated and set in accordance with Section 30, Local Government Finance Act 1992 the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/2017 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Parish/area of	Category of Dwelling (Banding)							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Abbots Ann	977.41	1,140.31	1,303.21	1,466.11	1,791.91	2,117.71	2,443.52	2,932.22
Ampfield	985.53	1,149.79	1,314.04	1,478.30	1,806.81	2,135.32	2,463.83	2,956.60
Amport	970.14	1,131.83	1,293.52	1,455.21	1,778.59	2,101.97	2,425.35	2,910.42
Andover Town	984.55	1,148.65	1,312.74	1,476.83	1,805.01	2,133.20	2,461.38	2,953.66
Appleshaw	979.12	1,142.31	1,305.49	1,468.68	1,795.05	2,121.43	2,447.80	2,937.36
Awbridge	972.81	1,134.95	1,297.08	1,459.22	1,783.49	2,107.76	2,432.03	2,918.44
Barton Stacey	987.64	1,152.25	1,316.85	1,481.46	1,810.67	2,139.89	2,469.10	2,962.92
Braishfield	980.56	1,143.99	1,307.41	1,470.84	1,797.69	2,124.55	2,451.40	2,941.68
Broughton	984.86	1,149.00	1,313.15	1,477.29	1,805.58	2,133.86	2,462.15	2,954.58
Bullington	977.05	1,139.89	1,302.73	1,465.57	1,791.25	2,116.93	2,442.62	2,931.14
Charlton	968.04	1,129.38	1,290.72	1,452.06	1,774.74	2,097.42	2,420.10	2,904.12
Chilbolton	972.69	1,134.80	1,296.92	1,459.03	1,783.26	2,107.49	2,431.72	2,918.06
Chilworth	986.99	1,151.48	1,315.98	1,480.48	1,809.48	2,138.47	2,467.47	2,960.96
East Dean	979.34	1,142.56	1,305.79	1,469.01	1,795.46	2,121.90	2,448.35	2,938.02
East Tytherley	981.53	1,145.11	1,308.70	1,472.29	1,799.47	2,126.64	2,453.82	2,944.58
Enham Alamein	973.75	1,136.04	1,298.33	1,460.62	1,785.20	2,109.78	2,434.37	2,921.24
Fyfield	980.01	1,143.34	1,306.68	1,470.01	1,796.68	2,123.35	2,450.02	2,940.02
Goodworth Clatford	984.13	1,148.15	1,312.17	1,476.19	1,804.23	2,132.27	2,460.32	2,952.38
Grateley	976.79	1,139.58	1,302.38	1,465.18	1,790.78	2,116.37	2,441.97	2,930.36
Houghton	986.45	1,150.85	1,315.26	1,479.67	1,808.49	2,137.30	2,466.12	2,959.34
Hurstbourne Tarrant	982.73	1,146.52	1,310.31	1,474.10	1,801.68	2,129.26	2,456.83	2,948.20
Kimpton	988.55	1,153.31	1,318.07	1,482.83	1,812.35	2,141.87	2,471.38	2,965.66
King's Somborne	987.48	1,152.06	1,316.64	1,481.22	1,810.38	2,139.54	2,468.70	2,962.44
Lockerley	978.89	1,142.03	1,305.18	1,468.33	1,794.63	2,120.92	2,447.22	2,936.66
Longparish	990.87	1,156.01	1,321.16	1,486.30	1,816.59	2,146.88	2,477.17	2,972.60
Longstock	974.70	1,137.15	1,299.60	1,462.05	1,786.95	2,111.85	2,436.75	2,924.10
Melchet Park & Plaitford	971.71	1,133.66	1,295.61	1,457.56	1,781.46	2,105.36	2,429.27	2,915.12
Michelmersh & Timsbury	979.81	1,143.11	1,306.41	1,469.71	1,796.31	2,122.91	2,449.52	2,939.42
Monxton	983.98	1,147.98	1,311.97	1,475.97	1,803.96	2,131.96	2,459.95	2,951.94
Mottisfont	985.65	1,149.92	1,314.20	1,478.47	1,807.02	2,135.57	2,464.12	2,956.94
Nether Wallop	977.09	1,139.94	1,302.79	1,465.64	1,791.34	2,117.04	2,442.73	2,931.28
North Baddesley	982.45	1,146.20	1,309.94	1,473.68	1,801.16	2,128.65	2,456.13	2,947.36
Nursling & Rownhams	973.53	1,135.78	1,298.04	1,460.29	1,784.80	2,109.31	2,433.82	2,920.58
Over Wallop	983.94	1,147.93	1,311.92	1,475.91	1,803.89	2,131.87	2,459.85	2,951.82
Penton Grafton	974.93	1,137.42	1,299.91	1,462.40	1,787.38	2,112.36	2,437.33	2,924.80
Penton Mewsey	978.69	1,141.81	1,304.92	1,468.04	1,794.27	2,120.50	2,446.73	2,936.08
Quarley	978.05	1,141.06	1,304.07	1,467.08	1,793.10	2,119.12	2,445.13	2,934.16
Romsey Extra	970.39	1,132.12	1,293.85	1,455.58	1,779.04	2,102.50	2,425.97	2,911.16
Romsey Town	980.55	1,143.98	1,307.40	1,470.83	1,797.68	2,124.53	2,451.38	2,941.66
Sherfield English	976.54	1,139.30	1,302.05	1,464.81	1,790.32	2,115.84	2,441.35	2,929.62
Shipton Bellinger	990.92	1,156.07	1,321.23	1,486.38	1,816.69	2,146.99	2,477.30	2,972.76
Smannell	968.05	1,129.39	1,290.73	1,452.07	1,774.75	2,097.43	2,420.12	2,904.14
Stockbridge	989.48	1,154.39	1,319.31	1,484.22	1,814.05	2,143.87	2,473.70	2,968.44
Tangley	974.35	1,136.75	1,299.14	1,461.53	1,786.31	2,111.10	2,435.88	2,923.06
Thrupton	980.14	1,143.50	1,306.85	1,470.21	1,796.92	2,123.64	2,450.35	2,940.42
Upper Clatford	970.21	1,131.92	1,293.62	1,455.32	1,778.72	2,102.13	2,425.53	2,910.64
Valley Park	963.63	1,124.23	1,284.84	1,445.44	1,766.65	2,087.86	2,409.07	2,890.88
Vernham Dean	979.31	1,142.52	1,305.74	1,468.96	1,795.40	2,121.83	2,448.27	2,937.92
Wellow	984.78	1,148.91	1,313.04	1,477.17	1,805.43	2,133.69	2,461.95	2,954.34
WestTytherley & Frenchmoor	978.05	1,141.06	1,304.07	1,467.08	1,793.10	2,119.12	2,445.13	2,934.16
Wherwell	979.74	1,143.03	1,306.32	1,469.61	1,796.19	2,122.77	2,449.35	2,939.22
All other parts of the Council's area	955.83	1,115.14	1,274.44	1,433.75	1,752.36	2,070.97	2,389.58	2,867.50

Head of Finance

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25 February 2016

A sparkling summer season at The Lights



Simon Yates

Whether the sun shines this summer or not, The Lights theatre has a sparkling summer season in store.

With plenty of music, comedy, theatre, dance and children's shows to delight all audiences, The Lights is once again offering a programme to tempt residents of Test Valley and beyond to try out the theatre.

Headline acts include The Circus of Horrors, Hazel O'Connor, an 80's Party Night, folk music from Gilmore & Roberts and Ninebarrow, and comedy from Simon Evans and Gary Delaney. For something different, why not try an audience with Simon Yates, author of Touching the Void, or Amazonian adventurer Will Millard?

The summer will continue to fizz with the first ever Lights Alive weekend; a boutique family friendly festival with live music, markets, creative workshops and art fairs staged both inside and outside the theatre. The fun starts on the evening of Friday, 1 July and runs right through until close of play on Sunday, 3 July, and is the perfect way to enjoy all the fun of a festival right on your doorstep.

To find out more, call into The Lights and pick up a brochure. You can also buy tickets or join the mailing list by visiting www.thelights.org.uk or calling the Box Office on **01264 368368**.



Hazel O'Connor

Don't forget to follow The Lights on Twitter and Facebook, or with our new free app - just search for my-theatre on Google Play or iTunes.

Voices of Andover



Work by New Dimensions

Voices of Andover is an exciting, creative project which has been giving local creative people the opportunity to work with John K Miles, a highly successful composer, to produce a brand new piece of choral music.

John K Miles has written for theatre, jazz groups, world music ensembles and the classical concert hall. He is also a professor at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Voices of Andover began in November and has seen schools, community groups and residents of all singing abilities attend a series of workshops at The Lights theatre, Andover, and

use their stories, experiences and memories of the town to inspire a new piece of music.

Participants have been eagerly working towards a grand debut performance to be held at The Lights theatre on Wednesday, 23 March 2016 at 7pm. Tickets are priced at just £5, so book your place now!

The project is commissioned by New Dimensions, a major music initiative being delivered in key areas of Hampshire, led jointly by Anvil Arts, Basingstoke, and Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton, and funded by Hampshire County Council.

For more information, please contact Heather Whittam by emailing hwhittam@testvalley.gov.uk or by phoning **01264 368814**.

What's on in Test Valley

Here's a summary of forthcoming events around Test Valley. More information about many of these events can be found in the Events section of the website, www.testvalley.gov.uk/events

The Lights, Andover

Adventures with Sam on the Farm	19 March, 11am
The Take That Experience	19 March, 7.45pm
Maggie Bell and Dave Kelly	30 March, 7.45pm
Snake Davis	01 April, 7.45pm
Pinocchio – Ballet Theatre UK	02 April, 2.30pm, 7pm
Omid Djalili	05 April, 8pm
Pasadena Roof Orchestra	07 April, 7.30pm
Rusty Shackles	08 April, 8pm
Desperado	09 April, 7.45pm
Gyles Brandreth	10 April, 2.30pm
Hat Fitz and Cara	14 April, 8pm
Vienna Festival Ballet, Swan Lake	15 April, 7.30pm
Dirty DC	16 April, 8pm
90 Glorious Years	21 April, 2pm
Mayor's Variety Show	22 April, 7pm
Halfway to Paradise	23 April, 7.45pm
Stones in his Pockets	26 April, 7.30pm
Mark Steel	29 April, 8pm
Circus of Horrors – Welcome to the Carnevil	02 May, 7.30pm
Hazel O'Connor	06 May, 7.45pm
80's Party Nights Disco	07 May, 7.30pm
Simon Yates – My Mountain Life	19 May, 7.45pm
Simon Evans – In the Money	26 May, 8pm
Gilmore & Roberts	27 May, 8pm
Buddy Holly and the Cricketers	28 May, 7.30pm
Ninebarrow	01 June, 8pm
Jon Walsh Blues Band	03 June, 8pm
The Elves and the Shoemaker	04 June, 11am
Gary Delaney – There's Something about Gary	04 June, 8pm
T42...and two for tea	08 June, 2pm
Will Millard – The Last Hunters	16 June, 7.45pm
All Folk'd Up	17 June, 7.45pm
Bringing on back the 60's	24 June, 7.45pm

The Plaza, Romsey

All my Sons	15 - 20 March, 7.30pm
Breaking the Code	21 March, 7.30pm
As Good as New	25 March, 7.30pm
The Cripple of Inishmaan	12 - 16 April, 7.30pm
Simon and Garfunkel: Through the Years	30 April, 7.30pm
Martin Daniels Comedy Show	07 May, 7.30pm
God of Carnage	17 - 21 May, 7.30pm
Viva Neil Diamond	04 June, 7.30pm
The Secret Garden	22 - 25 June, 8pm
The New Foxtrot Serenaders present, Sammy, Frank and Dean	02 July, 7.30pm
Hay Fever	09-July, 7.30pm

Weyhill Electronic Organ Society

Kevin Grunill	17 March
Chiho Sunamoto	21 April
James Goff	19 May

Parks and Countryside

Butterfly garden maintenance	Watermills Park	Saturday 19 March, 10am - 2pm
Birch clearance	Zionshill East Heathland	Sunday 20 March, 10am - 12 noon
River clean (Redbridge drive area)	River Anton	Sunday 3 April, 10am - 12 noon
Big litter pick	Ladies Walk	Saturday 16 April, 10am - 2pm
Sycamore removal	Skys Wood LNR	Sunday 24 April, 10am - 12 noon
Big litter pick	Anton Lakes LNR	Sunday 8 May, 10am - 2pm
Spring walk and talk	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Saturday 7 May, 10am onwards
Dawn chorus walk	Ladies Walk	Sunday 15 May, Dawn
Himalayan Balsam removal	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Wednesday 8th June, 5.30pm onwards
Pond edge reinforcement	Knightwood Balancing Pond	Sunday 12 June, 10am - 12 noon
Himalayan Balsam removal	Woody Grange Meadow	Wednesday 15 June, 5.30pm onwards
BioBlitz	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Sunday 26 June, 10am - 2pm
Discovery day	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Saturday 2 July, 10am - 2pm
Conservation tasks	Rooksbury Mill LNR	Saturday 9 July, 10am - 2pm
Mimulus pull	Anton Lakes LNR	Sunday 24 July, 10am - 2 pm

Events information

For events at The Lights book online at www.thelights.org.uk or contact the box office on **01264 368368**.
 For events at The Plaza, please call the booking office on **01794 512987**.
 For countryside events please check www.testvalley.gov.uk as these may be subject to change or for more information contact the Countryside Officers on **01264 368000**.
 Weyhill Electronic Organ Society events are held at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill, unless otherwise stated. Tickets are £5 and available from Just Teasin, Bridge Street, Andover or £6 on the door, subject to availability.
 For more information contact **01264 323213** or visit www.veyhill-eos.co.uk.

Council meetings

16 March - 24 May 2016

Andover meetings are held in Conference Room One at the Council's Beech Hurst offices on Weyhill Road unless otherwise stated. Romsey meetings are held in Crosfield Hall.

March 2016

16.3.16	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
31.3.16	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm

April 2016

5.4.16	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
6.4.16	General Purposes Committee	Romsey	4pm
6.4.16	Cabinet	Romsey	5.30pm
7.4.16	Licensing Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
12.4.16	Planning Control Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
13.4.16	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
14.4.16	Council	Romsey	4pm
21.4.16	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
26.4.16	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm

May 2016

3.5.16	Planning Control Committee	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
4.5.16	Cabinet	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
10.5.16	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Andover	5.30pm
11.5.16	Annual Council	Andover Guildhall	11am
12.5.16	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm
17.5.16	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
19.5.16	Licensing Committee	Andover	5.30pm
24.5.16	Planning Control Committee	Andover	5.30pm

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