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2020

A CELEBRATION OF

CREATIVITY, EMOTION, INNOVATION,
MUSIC, ART, CULTURE, HERITAGE,
DRAMA, POETRY, PEOPLE
AND COMMUNITY

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Test Valley Borough of Culture is a year long festival, celebrating the region's creativity through music, drama, art, craft, spoken word, creative writing, dance, festivals and community events.

HERE IS A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S IN THE EVENTS CALENDAR SO FAR, THE LIST IS STILL GROWING!

MARCH

3	The Arts Society Lecture - Corridors of Time, Travellers through Provence and Burgundy
7 - 8	Romsey Makers Market
7	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
9	Romsey Local History Society - Who we are and where do we come from?
10	Romsey Local History Society - Flax mills in Romsey and elsewhere
10	Plastic Trees Family Workshop
9	Romsey Community Cinema - Downton Abbey
19	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
20	Brompton String Quartet - Stockbridge Town Hall
21	Have a Go ... Drawing - Stockbridge Town Hall
21	Andover Museum Loft Singers Workshop - Raise Your Voice Again
23	Romsey Community Cinema - The Goldfinch
24	The Arts Society Study Day on Joseph Banks and James Cook
24	Plastic Trees Family Workshop
26	Romsey Local History Society - Why does Romsey have an Abbey?
29	Andover Music Club Concert - Martin Roscoe

APRIL

2 - 4	Stockbridge Amateur Dramatics Society - Humble Boy
3 - 5	Andover Rocks Festival
4 - 5	Romsey Makers Market
4 - 30	Andover Embroidery Group Exhibition
6	Romsey Community Cinema - Knives Out
7	The Arts Society Lecture - Bhutan, The Kingdom of The Thunder Dragon
7	Plastic Trees Family Workshop
11 - 30	CAS exhibition - Themes of Life
14 - 18	Romsey and Andover Libraries - LARA festival
15	CAS families drop-in activity day
16	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
20	Romsey Local History Society - Gun culture in Tudor Southampton
20	Romsey Community Cinema - Le Mans
23	Andover Music Club Concert - Zack Stephens
23 - 26	Romsey Chamber Music Festival
25	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
30	Romsey Local History Society - The Medieval Cloth trade in Hampshire



MAY

1 - 5	CAS exhibition - Themes of Life
1 - 16	Andover Embroidery Group Exhibition
18	Creating a Ballet - A Conductor's Perspective - Stockbridge
2 - 3	Romsey Makers Market
2	Andover Choral Society Performance
3	A - Fest Youth Festival
4	Romsey Community Cinema - Midway
5	The Arts Society Lecture - American West in 19th Century Art
11	Romsey Local History Society - Pictures of Romsey Streets, part V
16	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
21	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
22	Stockbridge Community Cinema - 'Chalk'
28	Romsey Local History Society - A Walk around the Village of Mottisfont

JUNE

2	The Arts Society Lecture - Toulouse Lautrec and the Golden Age of Cabaret
6 - 7	Romsey Makers Market
8	Romsey Local History Society - A Visit to Timsbury Church
12	Test Valley Creative Garden Party
18	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
20	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
20 - 30	Romsey Festival of Youth Music
25	Romsey Nomads - What I Did At School Today
25	Romsey Local History Society - A Tour of Nursling Church and its environs
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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF ROMSEY



A new green shopping space on Broadwater Road, opening up access to the Fishlake stream and a new location for the Aldi supermarket are just some of the proposals being considered as part of the plans to redevelop the area south of Romsey's town centre.

The first stage of the draft masterplan has now been published, and the Romsey Future partnership, together with Test Valley Borough Council, launched the second stage of the public consultation last month. The masterplan has been pulled together following feedback from the first consultation held in late 2018.

Residents, businesses and other interested parties can have their say on the proposals through an online survey or pop along to a number of events that are being held until March 20.

The draft proposals cover the next ten years of the area and include a number of short, medium and long-term plans. The short-term goals include enhancing the passageways and access to green spaces, while the medium-term plans consist of a new green area along Broadwater Road that would make more of the River Test and potentially house new shops.

It would also improve the road layout and allow for more flexible transport options by forming a new bus station.

In the longer-term, the plans consider the possibility of a new site for the Aldi supermarket and the relocation of a new large community facility, similar to the

current Crosfield Hall, closer to Romsey Rapids, together with a smaller venue within the town centre.

New access points to Broadwater Road from the bypass have been proposed, alongside better pedestrian access from the area towards Romsey Rapids.

The first draft of the masterplan for the area has also taken into account the recommendations of the citizens' assembly which was held late last year. Around 50 residents, selected to represent the demographic makeup of the town, spent two weekends listening to experts and casting their votes on how best to maximise the area including the bus station and Crosfield Hall.

The main themes of the assembly included improving the night-time economy, creating more green spaces and better transport connections, both for vehicles and pedestrians.

The consultation runs from February 7 until March 20 and residents can have their say at www.romseyfuture.org.uk/consultation.

SHAPING ANDOVER FOR YEARS TO COME

More than 1,100 people have helped in the latest stage of shaping the future of Andover by sharing their feedback on the town's redevelopment proposals.

Last year, Test Valley Borough Council appointed nationally renowned urban design experts, NEW Masterplanning and HemingwayDesign to draw together a masterplan for the redevelopment of the town centre.

Now, even more people have had their say as the consultants presented the

emerging vision for Andover at a public drop-in shop in Bridge Street.

NEW Masterplanning and HemingwayDesign are now reviewing the feedback from the latest survey and the stage one report and results will be released next month.

The feedback will then inform a masterplan for the town, which will be shared with the public this spring.

Once the masterplan for the town centre has been finalised, Test Valley Borough Council intends to appoint a development partner to deliver the scheme.



For more information about the project, visit www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk

NEW PARKING CHARGES FOR BOROUGH



Parking charges across the borough have been slashed to help town centre rejuvenation plans

Test Valley Borough Council is set to slash its two-hour parking charge by more than 40 per cent and introduce free parking at Shepherds Spring Lane in Andover to help increase visitors to its town centre. This comes as new contactless payment machines were installed at all of the council's car parks at the end of November 2019. Machines now enable contactless payment as well as card and cash options for users.

From April 2020, shoppers will be able to park for two hours for just £1, the

same price currently charged for one hour, doubling the amount of time they can stay. And Shepherds Spring Lane car park in Andover, which holds 155 spaces, will soon offer two hours' free parking, complementing the hundreds of spaces currently free at Romsey Rapids.

The changes will also see the removal of the 30-minute, 45-minute and hour tariffs, with prices starting at £1 for two hours.

As well as the four-hour free parking at Romsey Rapids continuing past April 2020, the price to stay all day will also remain at £2.10.

COUNCIL SETS OUT TO TACKLE "PROBLEM" EMPTY HOMES

Test Valley Borough Council has outlined plans to take action against owners of the worst long-term vacant properties in the borough as they "make people's lives a misery".

The authority is set to consider adopting a new empty homes policy at a cabinet meeting in a bid to force owners to bring properties that have sat uninhabited for years back into use.

For a property to be considered long-term vacant, it must have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than two years. Although there have consistently been very few long-term vacant homes in

Test Valley, particularly when compared with the rest of Hampshire, the council has said that it remains committed to dealing with the issue due to its impact.

Test Valley has approximately 470 empty homes in the area. While the vast majority are brought back into use within two years, the council intends to target those left vacant beyond that, and in particular the small number that are left for far longer.

The new policy will help the council to deal with properties which have previously attracted criticism due to their condition.

Portfolio holder for housing and environmental health, councillor Phil Bundy, said: "First and foremost we will not be heavy handed, as we want to support owners to bring empty properties back into use. That said, we also want to make best use of available homes in the borough

and we want our neighbourhoods to be pleasant places to live.

"If it becomes clear an owner has no intention of bringing their long term vacant property back into use then we will consider taking the decision out of their hands."

The council can provide support to owners of empty properties to help bring them back into use. TVBC's private sector housing team can be contacted on 01264 368000 or 01794 527700.



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Millway House has established a reputation for high quality residential and nursing care, with a specialised focus on complex nursing and end of life care.

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Sarah Brown, Home Manager

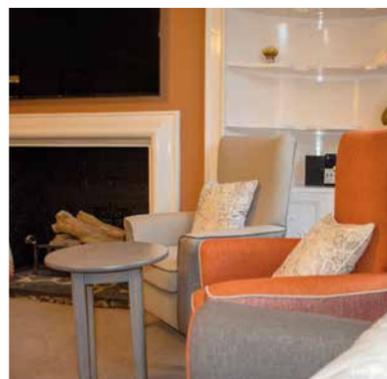
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MORE THAN £600K GRANTED TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

More than half a million pounds has been allocated to community projects across the borough in a series of investments decided upon by Test Valley Borough Council's cabinet.

A total of £200,000 has been awarded to the Plaza Theatre in Romsey to go towards an extension which will allow for a major upgrade of the facility. Meanwhile £100,000 will go towards improving access at Charlton Lakes, with £95,000 allocated to Braishfield village hall to create a new store room and upgraded kitchen.

Other projects set to benefit include Longparish playground, Ampfield recreation ground, Valley Park community centre, Over Wallop War Memorial and Hurstbourne Tarrant flood alleviation scheme. They will each receive a share of just over £200k between them.

The money comes from the Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL, which the council charges on new development across the borough that meets certain criteria. Those looking to provide new infrastructure, facilities or services can then bid for a share of the levy money.

The council's cabinet decided to make the funding allocations at a meeting in November last year.

Local projects can bid for CIL funding between April 1 and June 30 each year. There is currently just under £1.2M in the pot.

Planning portfolio holder and deputy leader of Test Valley Borough Council, councillor Nick Adams-King, said:

"New development is crucial to our borough but we must ensure that the local infrastructure can support this growth. The CIL enables us to do just that and I am pleased to see so many deserving projects expected to receive a share of the funds."

"I would like to thank all those who submitted bids and look forward to seeing the delivery of these enhanced facilities over the coming months."

Bidding is open to ward councillors, parish councils, Hampshire County Council, the Environment Agency and other community groups and organisations that wish to deliver infrastructure that will benefit residents and businesses in Test Valley.



To check the local CIL criteria, including which developments are liable to pay the levy and which projects are eligible to bid for funding, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/cil

NEW COMMUNITY HALL LANDS IN VILLAGE



A new community hall has landed in King's Somborne after a two-year project which raised almost £230,000.

The building, which will be a hub for the community, will also be utilised by Sombornes Preschool, who currently use the village hall for a number of their activities. The idea for the new building came as a result of the Neighbourhood Development Plan survey in the community which was undertaken a few years ago, which suggested the need for a new facility.

Test Valley Borough Council contributed £120,000 towards the project, which was delivered and built in the village in the space of 24 hours.

A total of £95,000 came through the Community Infrastructure Levy, which the council charges on new development across the borough that meets certain criteria. Another £25,000 was then awarded through a Community Asset Fund from the council.

The end product was a result of a cross-party community project team working on behalf of the parish council and the borough authority.

Other organisations to put forward funds included Hampshire County Council, Awards for All, the Loddon Test Leader Programme, King's Somborne Parish Council and the Village Hall, who ran community fundraising events to contribute £30,000.

Led by Mid Test ward councillor and community and leisure portfolio holder, Tony Ward, the project took around two years to finish.

With the groundwork and services all completed by contractors, the building was delivered in five sections on November 5 and then craned into position.

CHANTRY CENTRE BUSINESSES SET TO BENEFIT

Businesses in the Chantry Centre in Andover are set to see their total service charge fall by more than £150k for 2020. The management, promotion and maintenance of the centre are all covered by the service charge.

This comes as the council has announced that it has committed to

investing almost £900k to deliver major improvements in the centre, including fixing the leaking roof which has plagued the centre for years.

The toilets have also undergone a refurbishment, while work is underway to resolve ongoing issues with the multi-storey car park lifts. The council has also

extended the Chantry Centre car park opening hours following feedback from customers.

Since purchasing the Chantry Centre earlier this year, Test Valley Borough Council has reduced the costs which make up the service charge, resulting in hefty savings.

The vast majority of tenants will see their service charge fall when they receive their annual bill. Those tenants that were

set to have seen their allocated share of the costs go up will not have this increase passed on after a decision from the council.

Some businesses will see a significant reduction in their 2020 service charge, while others will see a freeze in the normally increasing annual fee.

The council purchased the centre in March 2019 in a bid to facilitate the wider redevelopment of the town centre.

COUNCIL TO LAUNCH FREE NEW LETTINGS SERVICE

The council has launched Test Valley Lettings, a free new service which will see the authority manage tenancies on behalf of private landlords in return for renting their properties to those in need of housing.

The service provides a unique model of separate landlord and tenant liaison officers who work in partnership to create sustainable and long-lasting tenancies by offering support and guidance to both landlord and tenant.

As well as matching suitable tenants to properties, Test Valley Lettings will organise and arrange viewings for applicants, undertake inventories and provide tenancy advice for landlords.

They will also carry out regular inspections, act as the first point of contact for any maintenance

requests and undertake an end of tenancy deep clean in properties that have been let to one of their tenants for more than one year.

Landlords will also receive free, full National Landlord Association membership.



Landlords interested in accessing the free new service can contact the Test Valley Lettings team on **01264 368128** or by emailing tvl@testvalley.gov.uk

BUDGET PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED BY COUNCIL'S CABINET



The budget for how the council will spend its money across the borough for next year has been announced by cabinet.

The plans see significant funds allocated to green spaces, playground improvements and brand new waste vehicles as well as funding to continue plans for Andover and Romsey's town centres.

Funding for sports facilities, other new vehicles and planting have also been accounted for over the next 12 months as the council continues to invest in vital services across the borough.

Over the past 12 months, the authority has also recruited new staff to help battle homelessness and invested in new electric vehicles for its environmental service as part of its efforts to reduce carbon footprint. New electric vehicle charging points, contactless payment machines and £600,000 for community projects have all been provided, too.

Now, the financial plan for 2020/21 has been announced before going to full council at the end of next month. It includes £500,000 for green spaces, more than £400,000 on playgrounds and sports facilities and three brand new low emission refuse vehicles.

The council tax resolution will see Test Valley's portion of the council tax rise in line with inflation to help fund the millions of pounds that the authority spends on services across the borough every year - meaning residents would

pay £146.41 a year for the average band D property, an increase of less than 10p a week.

Test Valley is the collection authority for Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire and Rescue, but less than nine per cent of the overall amount that residents pay in their monthly bill goes to TVBC for its services.

Finance portfolio holder, councillor Maureen Flood, said:

"Despite reductions in the money we have received from central government over the last decade, we have taken the conscious decision to protect frontline services. Since 2008/9, we have managed to make savings of more than £13 million from budget through greater efficiencies – but in order to balance the books and continue to provide those first-class services, as well as invest in our town centres, leisure facilities and community schemes, we need council tax contributions to keep pace with inflation this year."

"The success of Project Enterprise has meant over the last few years that tax has remained one of the lowest in the country and this will remain the case. The council is consistently in the lowest 15 per cent when compared to other district councils in the country and we are currently £41 below the average."

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Lettings

Let your property for
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- Free** tenant finder service
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- Free** full property inspections and management
- Free** inventories
- Free** pre-tenancy advice and guidance
- Free** tenant check-in service
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To find out more contact Test Valley Lettings on **01264 368128** or email tvl@testvalley.gov.uk

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JOIN ANDOVER'S CLIMATE DAY OF ACTION

Community groups, schools, businesses and local authorities are already joining forces to pledge their commitment to help tackle climate change as part of Andover's first ever Climate Day of Action on Friday 24 April. And we'd love you to take part too!

Put forward by Andover Vision partners, including Andover Trees United, Andover Plastic Free and Transition Towns, the Climate Day of Action is a fantastic opportunity for you to pledge to make a change that could have a real impact on the local environment and your family's future.

People across Andover will be marking the day by taking part in activities, sharing their climate change hints and tips online and making a commitment to do things differently. Whether that's walking to work, grabbing a reusable cup for your morning coffee or perhaps

trying out a meat-free meal for dinner - the options are endless! And we hope that by trying something new for the day, people will be motivated to make more permanent changes.

With activities taking place across Andover, the Climate Day of Action is set to be an exciting event. We want to share the activities taking place on the day and celebrate all of the brilliant things you are already doing to help the environment. Climate change is something that affects everyone, so it's great to share what you're doing to inspire and encourage each other.

Whatever activity you take part in or change you choose on April 24, make sure to take pictures and share your ideas using [#andoverclimateday](https://twitter.com/andoverclimateday) or tag Andover Vision in your Facebook posts. And if you'd like to send them to us direct then simply pop them in an email to andovervision@testvalley.gov.uk

If you'd like some further inspiration or information, visit the Andover Vision website at www.andovervision.org.uk Here you'll find a list of FAQs, a range of downloadable resources for you to help publicise Andover's Climate Day of Action and what you're planning to do to support it, plus a digital version of an information pack for you to share.

Want to find out more?

Email us at andovervision@testvalley.gov.uk or call 01264 368000. If everyone makes a small change then together we can have a really big impact!

HELPING TO TRANSFORM LIVES

Did you know that Test Valley Borough Council gives hundreds of thousands of pounds to help those with disabilities transform their homes to help them become more independent?

In 2019, the council awarded almost £700,000 on adaptations to houses across the borough. Some of the transformations included providing level access showers and stair lift installations. Every year, the authority funds around 120 projects which can also include kitchen adaptations, floor lifts and ramps.

Grants are means tested and available to tenants and owner occupiers who are on low incomes. To find out more about them, contact the council's private sector housing team on 01264 368000 or 01794 527700 or online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/dfg

CRACKDOWN CONTINUES ON FLY-TIPPING



Test Valley Borough Council has successfully prosecuted a total of 11 people for fly-tipping and duty of care prosecutions since spring 2019.

As the council continues to impose its zero-tolerance approach to the crime across the borough, a number of large fines and court costs have been ordered over the past year. A number of other cases are also set to go to court in the next few months.

In January, a Southampton man was made to pay more than £2,000 after throwing his waste out of his car in multiple locations along Chilworth Old Village.

Ryan Ship, of Southampton, admitted fly-tipping waste that was left over from vinyl flooring work that had been done. Mr Ship had disposed of his waste along the road, slowing down to throw it out of his car each time.

At Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on January 23, Mr Ship, 25, was given a £963 fine and ordered to pay a £96 victim surcharge, as well as the council's costs of £1,076, bringing his total to £2,135. Mr Ship said that he did not have the time to correctly dispose of the waste.

In December, a man was left needing to pay almost £3,000 after his rubbish was dumped in Roman Road, Chilworth. Buckets, boxes and construction material were all left in woodland along the road after Neil Jones failed to ensure his waste would be disposed of legally and correctly.

Instead, it was discovered in the woods and Mr Jones was ordered to pay £1,354 in court costs, on top of a £1,100 fine and other costs at Southampton Magistrates Court.

Environmental portfolio holder, councillor Alison Johnston, said:

"It is simply unacceptable to treat our borough in this way with what is a selfish and lazy crime. Quite often we find that the waste that is dumped could have been disposed of for free at a Household Waste Recycling Centre, or even recycled in its entirety."

"The choice is incredibly simple. However, I'm very grateful for the work of our environmental service over the past few months in our success rate in finding, proving and prosecuting those who make the wrong choice."

To report a fly-tip, you can do so via the My Test Valley app, online or by calling 01794 527700 or 01264 368000. To check your waste carrier is licensed, visit the Environment Agency website to use their register.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY TO SHINE WITH A NEW SPARKLE EVENT!

Sparkle Events can focus on anything with an environmental theme and give communities the opportunity to work with their councillors to improve their local area.

Whether you're looking to organise a community clean up or promote recycling in your neighbourhood, you can speak to your local councillor to set up an event. The council can also help with a range of support, from loaning free equipment and assisting with waste removal, to running information sessions with residents and groups.



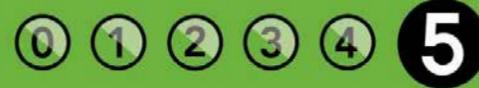
For more information visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/sparkle

CHECK OUT HYGIENE RATINGS ONLINE



This scheme is operated in partnership with your local authority

FOOD HYGIENE RATING



VERY GOOD

Every year, staff from Test Valley Borough Council undertake hundreds of visits to restaurants, cafes and other venues to make sure they're maintaining a high standard of health and safety and hygiene.

Over the course of 12 months, typically the council conducts between 450 and 500 food hygiene inspections as well as another 50 re-visits to ensure any advice to those who have scored lower, is being followed.

Did you know that you can also check the current food hygiene rating of

businesses, including those in the borough, online? The Food Standards Agency website has the most up to date information recorded on the date of inspection. Ratings range between zero and five. A score of zero means urgent improvement is necessary, and five is the best rating available.

The score covers food hygiene and safety matters, such as how hygienically the food is handled, the condition of areas where food is stored and how safety risks are handled, but it does not cover the quality of the food or service.

To check the rating of a venue, visit www.food.gov.uk/ratings.

What to put in your brown bin

We only collect **paper, cardboard, tins and cans, aerosols and plastic bottles** for **recycling**. They must be clean, dry and loose. Please do not put any other materials in your brown bin. **If in doubt, leave it out!**

Paper



Cardboard



Tins and Cans



Aerosols



Plastic Bottles



No plastic bags or black sacks

Keep me as a reminder!



COUNCIL BID SUCCESS TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIMINAL LANDLORDS

Tenants are to get more support in Test Valley as the council prepares to ramp up its work to improve conditions and tackle criminal landlords and letting agents thanks to a major financial boost from central government.

The authority successfully bid for a £37k cash injection from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), to provide a database consolidating a variety of information to enable the authority to

provide additional support and advice to some of the borough's most vulnerable tenants. It will also help the council to identify and crack down on those renting out properties illegally or in poor condition.

TVBC's portfolio holder for housing and environmental health, councillor Phil Bundy, said:

"It is great news that we are set to receive additional funding to support our work to improve standards in the

private rented sector. We have lots of fantastic landlords in the borough who are providing good accommodation but this grant will enable us to identify and take enforcement action against those who provide sub-standard housing. It will also enable us to ensure that our most vulnerable residents are living in suitable accommodation, allowing us to target our resources at helping those most in need."

One of the areas TVBC will focus on is weeding out unscrupulous landlords

who rent out a property to people from multiple households without the correct licence in place. This can lead to overcrowding and poor conditions for tenants. There are currently 40 properties licensed for multiple occupancy in Test Valley, though the authority believes there may be many more rented out illegally.

MHCLG has awarded a share of more than £4 million to over 100 councils across England to clamp down on criminal landlords.

NEXT STEP BEGINS ON TOWN MILLS RIVERSIDE PARK



In February, staff from Test Valley Borough Council began preparatory work to clear invasive and non-native vegetation around the River Anton that runs through the area. The work is the latest step in the Town Mills Riverside Park scheme that will see a pocket park created along the river.

The project will involve closing off vehicle access from Bridge Street into Town Mill Road, with a new access route created from Western Avenue to the existing car park and businesses.

Part of the Town Mill car park has already been closed off in preparation for work to start on the new junction. As the project progresses, the council is also going to plant a new park hedge

and install railings, as well as the landscaping work that will take place.

The scheme was proposed after a consultation for the renewal of the Andover Vision initiative in 2016 saw many of the 4,000 respondents say they were keen to see more made of the River Anton in the town centre.

Residents said they wanted it to become somewhere people could stay, play, picnic and enjoy the river.

Hampshire County Council is helping to deliver the project alongside the borough council and Andover Vision. Contributions have also been received from the EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership and developer contributions.

Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Phil North, said: *"Seeing work begin on the first phase of the redevelopment of Andover's town centre is brilliant. This marks the first step towards a new era for Andover and I'm very grateful for all those who have made this happen.*

"I'm confident that this will be an area that everyone will enjoy for many years to come."

Councillor Rob Humby, Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council and Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, said: *"These improvements support Test Valley Borough Council's exciting regeneration plans for Andover Town Centre. Hampshire County Council actively supports its market towns and we are investing capital funds to help them prosper."*

THE CROWN INN BREWING SUCCESS WITH HELP OF RATE RELIEF

A village pub is brewing success after it was awarded rural rate relief of more than £5,000 by Test Valley Borough Council.

The Crown Inn, Upton, has been awarded a 100 per cent discretionary rural rate relief for the 2019/20 financial year of £5,282.

The council can choose to award the relief to businesses that meet a number of criteria and where it can be shown that it is a valuable asset within the local community.

The Crown's owner, David Watts, took over the pub in July and is already seeing the benefits of his new venture.

Owner David Watts said:

"The community here in Upton is amazing and I've really enjoyed my time here since the summer. Everyone has been so welcoming and I have a nice mix of regulars and new visitors who are coming to check the pub out.

"To have such support from the borough council for the next year is incredible, and I couldn't be more grateful. I really value our customers and hopefully I can carry on pulling pints for many more years yet!"

Leader, councillor Phil North, said:

"We're really keen to support any business we can and David has done a really good job in the short time he has been at the helm of The Crown. It's a well-loved pub with plenty of character so it's great to know that we can help it continue to succeed.

"Businesses in rural areas face many challenges but here is a real example of one at the hub of its community. We have to work hard to protect them and enjoy them when we can."



Any business wishing to apply for discretionary rate relief can visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/ratesrelief for more information, or call Test Valley Borough Council on 01264 368000.

ROMSEY'S KING'S CHASE SPORTS FACILITIES A STEP CLOSER TO COMPLETION



Councillors and staff attend the topping out ceremony at the King's Chase site.

A building milestone has been marked in style as the new sports complex in Romsey approaches its completion this year.

The facility, which is part of the King's Chase development, will see a sports pavilion with two astro pitches, changing rooms, activity studio, a function room and community room alongside a number of new grass pitches too. The provision will cater for local sports clubs, schools and community groups.

Last year, staff and councillors celebrated a building milestone as the roof to the pavilion was put in place, marking the highest point of the project being completed.

The grass pitches have already been put down and work on the artificial pitches has begun.

Councillors Nick Adams-King, Tony Ward, Neil Gwynne and John Parker all attended the event in October 2019 to mark the latest construction milestone. The new facilities and clubhouse will form the base of Romsey Rugby Club and other sports clubs in the town.

The pavilion is expected to be finished in early summer next year. The facilities will include adult and youth football

pitches, two rugby pitches and two artificial pitches which will cater for hockey, rugby and football.

Nick Smith, of Romsey Rugby Club, added: "Romsey Rugby Club are delighted to be taking a leading role in this sports facility which we see as a development of which the whole of Romsey can be very proud.

"It greatly enhances the opportunity for our children to be able to play sport the year round with the floodlit all weather surfaces, but also as a community meeting point for those

living close by in the Abbotswood, Kings Chase and Woodley areas of the town".

Chair of Romsey Hockey Club, Amy Edwards, said: "As a hockey club that continues to grow, it's brilliant to see investment in new sports facilities in the town. We're looking forward to seeing it in action and we're equally very grateful for the council's support."

LOOKING BRIGHT AT THE LIGHTS



Get the whole family involved in the local theatre this spring!

There is so much coming up over the next few months, that we are sure that there is something for everyone. So if you haven't visited the venue lately, or if you are a regular who feels like trying theatre instead of music or comedy instead of dance, then check out the season programme from April onwards.

Alongside the venue's professional shows are a range of children's

Easter Holiday workshops including interactive storytelling and movement to music, crafting and a play in a day. The workshops cover an age range from 2-12 years. Encourage creativity, activity and the power of children's imaginations with a visit to The Lights.

For all your music, comedy, theatre, dance and special interest speakers, look no further than The Lights – the best of the arts live and local in Test Valley.

To see the whole programme or to find out more about The Lights please visit www.thelights.org.uk or pop in and chat to the Box Office team.

DEM FEST 2020! SUNDAY 26 JULY, 11AM TO 4PM

DEM FEST returns to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens for a sixth year on Sunday 26 July. Organised by the Romsey Dementia Action Group, this unique festival embraces dementia awareness. It will feature inspirational and innovative ideas for living with a dementia, a myriad of information from organisations across Hampshire, and a range of interactive workshops.

Join in with the activities while being entertained by talented musicians. The festival is for those with dementia, their carers and family, health professionals and those who are simply keen to find out more about dementia. Supported by Test Valley Borough Council, DEM FEST is a great day out for all the family. And this year, this inspiring event promises to be the biggest yet!

Free entry to both the festival and the renowned gardens.



For more information visit www.romdag.co.uk or email admin@romdag.co.uk

TOWN CENTRE ART GALLERY GIVEN COUNCIL BOOST

A new gallery in Andover has been awarded a £1,000 boost after opening its doors in Waterloo Court.

Alex McGarry, is a sole trader who has been running her business, Alex McGarry Art, for five years, selling her oil paintings and prints of wildlife through a series of exhibitions.

Her work has been on display nationally, including places such as York, Bristol and Worthing, with Alex now using her town centre premises as both a gallery and a studio. Visitors will be able to see her at work in the window of the shop painting her latest piece, as well as being able to purchase the artworks.

Now, Test Valley Borough Council has awarded Alex a £1,000 Independent Retailer Grant.



GRILLING EXPERIENCE AS CAFÉ COLLECTS SECOND BOOST

An all-American themed café in Andover has been presented with their second instalment of a grant courtesy of Test Valley Borough Council.

Grilled Cheese Café Ltd was previously set up in The Mall, on Bridge Street, in 2018 by founders Agnieszka Krol and Anna Knyzanowska. The pair have been friends since childhood and decided to set up the café after being convinced that an American theme would suit the town by Agnieszka's US partner.

Now, the café has found a new home at 4, Bridge Street, and has collected their second £500 of an Independent Retailer Grant.

Agnieszka said: *"We've loved every minute so far, serving the people of Andover. Everyone is incredibly friendly and are so welcoming. The advice that we received from the council has been fantastic and in our new home on Bridge Street, we're really going from strength to strength."*

Ward member Iris Andersen, added: *"Both Anna and Agnieszka have shown tremendous entrepreneurship in getting their café off the ground over the past year. The café is extremely welcoming and I know I'm not the only fan in the town! It's something really different and I'm pleased that the council has been able to support a business like this."*

Recipients of the £1,000 grant first 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 cafes. These funds have become available to the community as a consequence of the council's prudent investments, financial management and use of the New Homes Bonus.



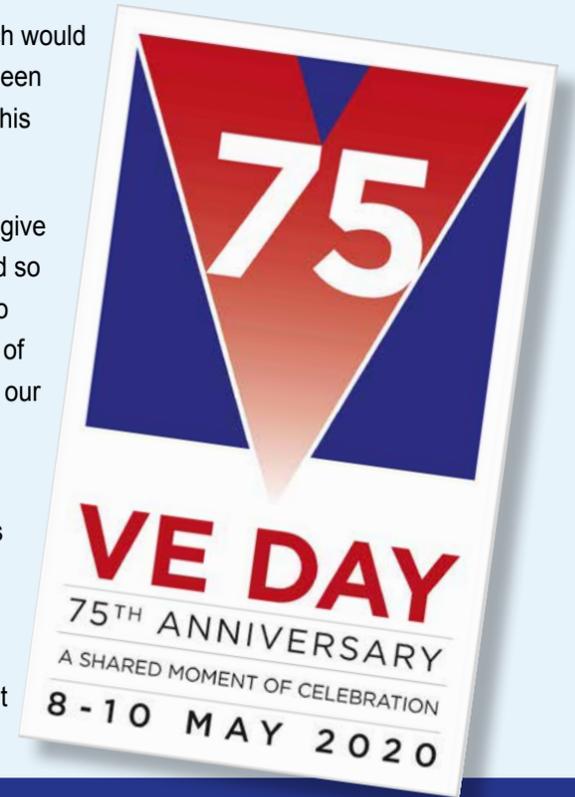
VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY MARKING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday 8 May is the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, when the guns fell silent at dawn marking the end of the Second World War in Europe.

The May Day bank holiday, which would normally fall on a Monday, has been moved to Friday 8 May to mark this important anniversary.

While this is a day to reflect and give thanks to all those who sacrificed so much during the conflict, it is also a chance to celebrate the arrival of peace in Europe just as many of our parents, grandparents and great grandparents did 75 years ago.

Test Valley Borough Council has produced some guidance on organising street parties and community event, such as how to apply to close a road and what funding is available.



Head to www.testvalley.gov.uk to find out more.



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JUST PLUG IN AND GO!

New electric vehicle charging points across Test Valley are to be completely free to use as an introductory offer for those with electric vehicles.

The new charge points are being part funded by a Government grant from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles. They are being put in place at different Test Valley Borough Council car parks in Andover and Romsey, with 18 in total to be installed by Joju Solar, working in partnership with Vattenfall UK. The provision of the charge points is being part funded by a grant from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles.

The charge points are currently free to use, with signs being put in place to notify users.

Drivers simply need to plug in and their

vehicle will begin charging, with no need to use the app or provide payment.

All 18 machines have been installed across the borough. Four machines are currently available in the Chantry Centre car park, with two machines also at the Alma Road car park in Romsey. Two additional charging points can also be accessed in the town, at Lortemore Place.

Among other locations, charging points can also be found at Shepherds Spring Lane and George Yard in Andover as well as Princes Road, Romsey.



CHANGES TO PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT THIS SPRING

From April 1, on-street parking, residential parking permits and enforcement around Test Valley will no longer be carried out by the borough council. Instead, those responsibilities are being taken over by Hampshire County Council.

Residential parking permits issued by TVBC will still be valid until their usual expiry date, but to renew a

permit after April 1, please contact the county council.

The enforcement of vehicles parked illegally will also now fall under Hampshire County Council, after the authority decided to take on the responsibility. Test Valley Borough Council, will, however, continue to look after its car parks.

PLANS TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL PUSH ON

An action plan on how the council plans to tackle climate change is to be presented next month. In September, the authority declared a climate emergency and committed to investigate clear and effective options to ensure it is carbon neutral in the future.

This work has been broken down into seven different areas, covering topics such as how the council can use technology to work smarter and how to enhance the natural environment. Businesses and communities have also been sharing ideas and resources to help make a difference across the borough. The climate action plan will be presented to full council in April.

TAX REDUCTION FOR CARE LEAVERS

100 per cent council tax discount for care leavers

Care leavers living alone are to benefit from 100 per cent council tax discount until their 25th birthday, after Test Valley Borough's full council approved the decision earlier this year.

Those living with other adults are also to be disregarded for council tax purposes until their 25th birthday.

In further good news, the policy will ensure that foster carers are not financially worse off in relation to their council tax commitments if a person leaving care comes to stay with them.

The move follows a recommendation from the Children's Commissioner for England, Anne Longfield, for local authorities to introduce council tax exemptions for care leavers, in line

with proposals set out in The Children's Society's Wolf at the Door publication.

The final decision to implement the scheme was made at a full council meeting on January 29 and will come into effect from April 1.

In the local policy, care leavers are described as young people aged between 16 and 25 who have been cared for by a local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 sets out seven corporate parenting principles that all local authorities should take into account. These principles are to ensure that local authorities and their partners support looked after children and care leavers. One of the principles is 'to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living'.

Finance portfolio holder, councillor Maureen Flood, said: "I'm really pleased that my fellow colleagues have supported the recommendation from cabinet to support some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Care leavers can find themselves at increased risk of

experiencing homelessness or being involved in crime, and therefore we need to continue helping them any way we can.

"We are constantly reviewing the support that we offer, as a council, to make sure we help them to achieve financially independent living."



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COUNCIL TAX 2020/21

The Test Valley Borough Council, as Billing Authority for the Test Valley Borough Council area, in February 2019, calculated and set in accordance with Section 30, Local Government Finance Act 1992 the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/2021 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Parish/area of	Category of Dwelling (Banding)							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Abbotts Ann	1174.13	1369.82	1565.51	1761.20	2152.58	2543.95	2935.33	3522.40
Ampfield	1171.09	1366.27	1561.45	1756.64	2147.01	2537.36	2927.73	3513.28
Amport	1156.01	1348.67	1541.34	1734.01	2119.35	2504.67	2890.02	3468.02
Andover Town	1170.29	1365.33	1560.38	1755.43	2145.53	2535.62	2925.72	3510.86
Appleshaw	1174.12	1369.80	1565.49	1761.18	2152.56	2543.92	2935.30	3522.36
Awbridge	1158.71	1351.82	1544.94	1738.06	2124.30	2510.52	2896.77	3476.12
Barton Stacey	1175.81	1371.77	1567.74	1763.71	2155.65	2547.57	2939.52	3527.42
Braishfield	1179.89	1376.53	1573.18	1769.83	2163.13	2556.41	2949.72	3539.66
Broughton	1174.99	1370.82	1566.65	1762.49	2154.16	2545.81	2937.48	3524.98
Bullington	1173.83	1369.47	1565.11	1760.75	2152.03	2543.30	2934.58	3521.50
Charlton	1157.63	1350.56	1543.50	1736.44	2122.32	2508.18	2894.07	3472.88
Chilbolton	1160.21	1353.57	1546.94	1740.31	2127.05	2513.77	2900.52	3480.62
Chilworth	1172.31	1367.68	1563.07	1758.46	2149.24	2539.99	2930.77	3516.92
East Dean	1166.70	1361.14	1555.60	1750.05	2138.96	2527.84	2916.75	3500.10
East Tytherley	1169.00	1363.83	1558.66	1753.50	2143.17	2532.83	2922.50	3507.00
Enham Alamein	1161.25	1354.79	1548.33	1741.88	2128.97	2516.04	2903.13	3483.76
Fyfield	1185.31	1382.85	1580.41	1777.96	2173.07	2568.16	2963.27	3555.92
Goodworth Clatford	1183.87	1381.17	1578.49	1775.80	2170.43	2565.04	2959.67	3551.60
Grateley	1164.27	1358.31	1552.36	1746.41	2134.51	2522.59	2910.68	3492.82
Houghton	1177.31	1373.52	1569.74	1765.96	2158.40	2550.82	2943.27	3531.92
Hurstbourne Tarrant	1168.49	1363.24	1557.99	1752.74	2142.24	2531.73	2921.23	3505.48
Kimpton	1179.39	1375.95	1572.52	1769.09	2162.23	2555.35	2948.48	3538.18
King's Somborne	1198.91	1398.72	1598.54	1798.36	2198.00	2597.62	2997.27	3596.72
Lockerley	1175.54	1371.46	1567.38	1763.31	2155.16	2547.00	2938.85	3526.62
Longparish	1180.37	1377.10	1573.83	1770.56	2164.02	2557.47	2950.93	3541.12
Longstock	1166.72	1361.17	1555.62	1750.08	2138.99	2527.89	2916.80	3500.16
Melchet Park & Plaitford	1158.30	1351.34	1544.40	1737.45	2123.56	2509.64	2895.75	3474.90
Michelmersh & Timsbury	1165.31	1359.52	1553.74	1747.96	2136.40	2524.82	2913.27	3495.92
Monxton	1176.89	1373.03	1569.18	1765.33	2157.63	2549.91	2942.22	3530.66
Mottisfont	1171.66	1366.93	1562.21	1757.49	2148.05	2538.59	2929.15	3514.98
Nether Wallop	1197.88	1397.52	1597.17	1796.82	2196.12	2595.40	2994.70	3593.64
North Baddesley	1179.40	1375.96	1572.53	1769.10	2162.24	2555.36	2948.50	3538.20
Nursling & Rownhams	1159.97	1353.30	1546.63	1739.96	2126.62	2513.27	2899.93	3479.92
Over Wallop	1169.70	1364.64	1559.60	1754.55	2144.46	2534.34	2924.25	3509.10
Penton Grafton	1160.92	1354.40	1547.89	1741.38	2128.36	2515.32	2902.30	3482.76
Penton Mewsey	1188.12	1386.13	1584.16	1782.18	2178.23	2574.25	2970.30	3564.36
Quarley	1168.98	1363.80	1558.64	1753.47	2143.14	2532.78	2922.45	3506.94
Romsey Extra	1157.63	1350.57	1543.51	1736.45	2122.33	2508.20	2894.08	3472.90
Romsey Town	1177.83	1374.12	1570.43	1766.74	2159.36	2551.95	2944.57	3533.48
Sherfield English	1162.04	1355.71	1549.38	1743.06	2130.41	2517.75	2905.10	3486.12
Shipton Bellinger	1183.31	1380.52	1577.74	1774.96	2169.40	2563.82	2958.27	3549.92
Smannell	1155.04	1347.54	1540.05	1732.56	2117.58	2502.58	2887.60	3465.12
Stockbridge	1181.71	1378.65	1575.61	1772.56	2166.47	2560.36	2954.27	3545.12
Tanglely	1163.39	1357.29	1551.19	1745.09	2132.89	2520.68	2908.48	3490.18
Thrupton	1177.20	1373.39	1569.60	1765.80	2158.21	2550.59	2943.00	3531.60
Upper Clatford	1158.25	1351.28	1544.33	1737.37	2123.46	2509.53	2895.62	3474.74
Valley Park	1150.61	1342.37	1534.14	1725.91	2109.45	2492.97	2876.52	3451.82
Vernham Dean	1164.97	1359.13	1553.29	1747.46	2135.79	2524.10	2912.43	3494.92
Wellow	1172.61	1368.04	1563.48	1758.92	2149.80	2540.66	2931.53	3517.84
WestTytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	1173.43	1368.99	1564.57	1760.14	2151.29	2542.42	2933.57	3520.28
Wherwell	1166.14	1360.49	1554.85	1749.21	2137.93	2526.63	2915.35	3498.42
All other parts of the Council's area	1142.14	1332.49	1522.85	1713.21	2093.93	2474.63	2855.35	3426.42

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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 at www.testvalley.gov.uk/events.

Shows at a Glance

The Lights, Andover

Bye Bye Baby	Sat 4 April, 7.30pm
The Curious Garden	Mon 6 April, 11.00am
Simon Evans: Work of the Devil	Thurs 16 April, 8.00pm
The Swing Commanders	Fri 17 April, 8.00pm
The Westenders	Sat 18 April, 7.30pm
Land of Hope and Glory	Wed 22, 2.00pm
Nick Butter-A Marathon in Every Country in the World	Fri 24 April, 7.30pm
The Story of Guitar Heroes	Sat 25 April, 7.30pm
Rock and Roll Revolution	Thurs 30 April, 7.30pm
Ivo Graham: Game of Life	Fri 1 May, 8.00pm
Tony Stockwell	Thurs 7 May, 7.30pm
Ben Hart: Wonder	Tues 12 May, 7.30pm
A Vision of Elvis	Fri 15 May, 7.30pm
Torn Off Strips	Sat 16 May, 8.00pm
Crimes, Camera, Action	Wed 27 May, 7.30pm
Any Suggestions, Doctor?	Fri 29 May, 7.00pm
Purple Zeppelin	Sat 30 May, 7.45pm
One Night in Dublin	Sat 6 June, 7.30pm
Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Thurs 11 June, 7.30pm
Twistin' the Night Away	Fri 12 June, 7.30pm
The Quo Experience	Sat 20 June, 7.30pm
The Fleetwood Mac Songbook	Sat 27 June 7.30pm

The Plaza, Romsey

Oscar Wilde: Power, Passion and Totally Propless	Mon 6 April, 7.30pm
Sounds of the 70s	Thurs 9 April, 7.30pm
Brothers in '85 Tour	Fri 17 April, 7.30pm
An Evening with Dolly Parton: The Rags to Rhinestones Story	Sun 19 April, 7.30pm
The Railway Children	5-9 May, 7.30pm
Elvis The Legend	Fri 15 May, 7.30pm
Oasis Tribute Band: OASISN'T	Sat 16 May, 7.30pm
Rabbit	9-13 June, 7.30pm
E Minor Pop Academy Summer Show	Sun 14 June, 6.00pm
Kate Bush-Ka: Tribute Act	Fri 19 June, 7.30pm

Parks and countryside

Big Litter Pick, Wickes meadow (behind store) Meet at car park	Sun 5 Apr, 10 am – 2 pm
Big Litter Pick, Anton Lakes LNR Meeting place TBA	Sat 18 Apr, 10 am – 2 pm
Big Litter Pick (River Anton), ASDA area Meet at car park	Sun 3 May, 10 am – 2 pm
General Maintenance, Rooksbury Mill LNR Meet at car park	Sat 16 May, 10 am – 2 pm
Bioblitz, Anton Lakes LNR Meet at car park	Sat 20 Jun, 10 am onwards

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**.

Council meetings

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. Meeting details are correct at the time of printing.

Please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk for up to date information.

March 2020			
10.03.20	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
11.03.20	Cabinet	Romsey	5.30pm
12.03.20	Licensing	Romsey	5.30pm
18.03.20	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
26.03.20	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm
31.03.20	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
April 2020			
08.04.20	Council	Romsey	5.30pm
09.04.20	Licensing	Andover	5.30pm
15.04.20	General Purposes Committee	Andover	4.00pm
15.04.20	Cabinet	Andover	5.30pm
16.04.20	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm
21.04.20	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
22.04.20	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Andover	5.30pm
May 2020			
05.05.20	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm
06.05.20	Council	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
12.05.20	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
13.05.20	Cabinet	Andover	5.30pm
14.05.20	Licensing	Andover	5.30pm
20.05.20	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Andover	5.30pm
28.05.20	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm

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JULY

1 - 5	New Forest Folk Festival
1 - 3	Romsey Festival of Youth Music
4 - 19	Romsey Festival
6	Romsey Community Cinema - Sons of The Desert
9	The Arts Society Lecture - Amadeus Myth - Mozart and His World
11	Beggars Fair Romsey
12	Romsey Allotment Holders Open Day
12	Stockbridge Community Cinema - Secret Spitfires
16	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
17 - 18	Romsey Local History Society Exhibition: Exploring the History of Romsey
17 - 19	Romsey's Twinfest
17 - 31	Wykham Gallery Young Artists Project
19	Andover Carnival
25 - 26	Romsey Makers Market
25	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop

AUGUST

2	Trout 'n About Stockbridge
7	Andover Fun Fridays
14	Andover Fun Fridays
14	Romsey Local History Society - The War Memorial Park: a slide show
15 - 16	Romsey Makers Market
20	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
21	Andover Fun Fridays
22 - 31	Hampshire Open Studios inc Test Valley Arts Trail
22	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
28	Andover Fun Fridays

SEPTEMBER

1	The Arts Society Lecture - The Mottisfont Angel
12 - 13	Romsey Makers Market
12	Romsey Show
14	Romsey Local History Society - The Mysterious Death of William Rufus
15	Romsey Local History Society Walk - Botley Road Cemetery
17	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
24	Romsey Local History Society - Broken by Age or War: Life at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea
26	Test Valley Choirs Eisteddford



For more information about any of these events, to discover more events taking place on your doorstep, or to find out how you can add an event for free, visit www.testvalley2020.org

OCTOBER

3 - 4	Romsey Makers Market
3	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
6	The Arts Society Lecture - The English Country Church
7	The Edward Barnsley Workshop - Stockbridge
12	Romsey Local History Society - Amateur Dramatics before RAODS
13	Romsey Local History Society - People of Romsey on the Eve of the First World War
15	Weyhill Electronic Organ Society - Music For You
19 - 31	Sprat and Winkle - Photography Exhibition
22	Romsey Local History Society - Waterways of Romsey
23	Romsey Local History Society - Greatbridge: a slide show
23	Romsey Nomads Annual Variety Performance

NOVEMBER

1 - 30	Sprat and Winkle - Photography Exhibition
3	The Arts Society Lecture - Handel in Georgian England
7	La Di Da Interiors - Painted Furniture Workshop
9	Romsey Local History Society - Buses serving Romsey from the 1960s
10	Romsey Local History Society - Two Victorians who remade Romsey Abbey
10	Test Valley Borough of Culture Gala Celebration
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24	The Arts Society Study Day - 20th Century British Art
26	Romsey Local History Society - The Lower Test Valley in Roman Times
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28	Andover Choral Society Performance
28 - 29	Artful Christmas Weekend at Hillier Gardens

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1	The Arts Society Lecture - Is Christmas In Good Taste?
1 - 24	Sprat and Winkle - Photography Exhibition
5 - 6	Romsey Makers Market
14	Romsey Local History Society - Christmas Film Show
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