

Hampshire County Councillor Report

Cllr Jan Warwick Winchester Downlands March 2020

Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19) Hampshire County Council continues to keep a close watch on the Coronavirus outbreak with processes in place to respond if and when required. A small number of cases have now been confirmed in Hampshire. Residents can stay up to date with the latest information and guidance on www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Storms and Flooding Throughout the year, Hampshire Highways routinely maintains Hampshire's 60,000 gullies and 4,600 catch pits, as well as carrying out a continued programme of improvements to highway surface water drainage systems to make Hampshire more resilient to the effects of extreme weather. It is important landowners also maintain their ditches and watercourses to help prevent roads become flooded.

Urgent issues on the highway can be reported to the County Council by phoning 0300 555 1388 during office hours and 101 outside of office hours. Surface water flooding on the highway can also be reported direct to Hampshire County Council at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

Climate Change Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050. The **2050**

Hampshire Commission of Enquiry placed climate change and the environment as its top priority. In the budget HCC pledged £2m towards climate change measures in addition to the capital schemes outlined above. HCC is aware its greatest leadership and influence will be achieved by working in partnership with the District, City and Parish Councils, businesses and communities. At a household level HCC is supporting the county-wide Greening Campaign -this aims to find simple solutions around reducing and measuring power consumption, insulating housing stock, reducing water usage, sourcing local food, community travel and renewable energy schemes. Parish representatives will be invited to attend our regular climate change briefing events.

PS If you would like to adopt a tree at **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**, then please call the team on 01794 369318