

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT MARCH 2026

Secondary School Admissions 2026

Over 97% of Hampshire Year 6 children (13,548 pupils) have been offered a place at one of their top three preferred secondary schools for September 2026.

This reflects the continued commitment of Hampshire County Council to ensuring sufficient school places and supporting families through the admissions process.

Helping Nature – Biodiversity Duty Report

Hampshire County Council has published its first statutory Biodiversity Duty Report, outlining how the authority has conserved and enhanced biodiversity across Hampshire between January 2023 and December 2025.

The report demonstrates the Council's commitment to protecting and improving Hampshire's natural environment.

Bus Service Improvements – £50m Investment

Hampshire has secured £50m of Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding, which will deliver significant improvements to bus services and infrastructure across the county.

This investment will support:

- Upgraded bus stops
- Real-time passenger information
- Fare initiatives
- Bus priority schemes
- Community-led transport grants

These improvements aim to increase passenger journeys and enhance connectivity for residents.

County Budget 2026/27

Hampshire County Council has approved its annual budget of £3.3 billion for 2026/27.

The budget will ensure the continued delivery of essential services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents from April 2026, while addressing significant financial pressures and planning responsibly for the future.

For more details visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News>

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