

Update from Hampshire County Councillor Jan Warwick

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County Councillor Grants 2025-26

County councillor community grants are now open for applications (until 27th February 2026). There are some new guidelines outlined below. Grants will continue to be available for Parish Councils, however grants should not support normal business operation or projects that can be revenue funded (including through precepts) or funded through alternative sources like the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL),

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Booking at the HWRC

You can now book your appointment at one of our 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres either online or via the Our Hants App. Same day appointments are also available. Our library staff are happy to help anyone who needs additional support to make a booking. Booking slots for pedestrians and cyclists are also available at some sites.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres>

Local Government Devolution and Reorganisation

Hampshire County Council has submitted its preferred option for local government reorganisation (LGR) to central government. The option would create four unitary authorities: three on the mainland and one for the Isle of Wight. Although this is a different plan to that submitted by 11 other councils, central government will consult and decide on the preferred option in early 2026.

At the Hampshire County Council cabinet meeting on 26th September, the leader of the county council, Nick Adams-King, said that the proposal is “the best option”, ensuring financial resilience, retaining and improving services, and offering confidence to Hampshire residents that they will be able to engage with their councils.

Mayoral elections across Hampshire will take place on **7th May 2026**.

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