

The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham

**NEWNHAM 900 FESTIVAL
(DAYTIME) FREE GENERAL
ADMISSION**

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catering and communication it would
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<https://buytickets.at/newnham900/1803947>



NEWNHAM 900 CELEBRATIONS

**SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025
NEWNHAM GREEN, RG27 9AH**

Join us for a day of spectacle and community as Newnham marks its 900th anniversary with a vibrant programme of events on the village green. Step into the past, revel in local traditions, and celebrate our shared heritage.



**LIVING
HISTORY**

(Normans and Tudors)



**FALCONRY
DISPLAYS**



**CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES**

(Games, Helter Skelter
Bouncy Castle)



MUSIC



**OLD HOUSE AT HOME
HOG ROAST
& FESTIVAL BAR**



**MEDIEVAL
BANQUET &
SILENT DISCO**
(TICKETED EVENT)

We look forward to welcoming guests from all corners Newnham and Nately Scures, along with the wider local communities of Rotherwick, Hook, Old Basing, Greywell, Mapledurwell and Up Nately, as we celebrate our rich past, and look to build an even stronger community



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

The core purpose of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill is to make house building easier by allowing developers to pay money to Natural England – instead of dealing with protected species and habitats on development sites themselves.



On 17 July the Government announced a package of amendments... While these are a small step forward, they don't go nearly far enough and fail to address the deep flaws at the heart of this Bill. *continued page 3*

**RIDE AND STRIDE FOR HAMPSHIRE & THE
ISLAND'S HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**



Saturday 13 September

<https://hihct.org.uk/taking-part>



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

**THIS MATTERS! – PLEASE
COMPLETE THE SURVEY 'FUTURE
CHANGES TO LOCAL COUNCILS'**

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/future-councils

In partnership with Hart and
Rushmoor; survey closes 17 August
See back page

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately



Residents in Up Nately enjoyed a delightful 90th birthday party. Happy Birthday Gordon! (pictured blowing out candles)

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/01148/FUL (Pending 09 June) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. New vehicular access onto Tunworth Road, including driveway construction and associated landscaping works for approved new-build.

24/02682/FUL (Pending 28 March) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to residential use and erection of greenhouse (part retrospective).

25/00304/HSE (Pending 26 February) 6 St Stephens Close. Erection of part first floor, two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extensions.

24/00756/FUL (Reconsultation on revised flood risk assessment and visibility splays of 25 May 2025) Land North of Parrotts. Four detached new dwellings, garages, access, parking, amenity space etc.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Con 2 of 15/04301/FUL for continued use Class E children's nursery to 2032.

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/25/3362558 (In progress.) Land adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling with garage. (Refused BDBC 25 Feb 2025.)

APP/H1705/W/24/3347575 (Dismissed 15 July) Brockwell Paddock and Stable, Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings & landscaping. (Refused BDBC 18 Jan 2024.)

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00366/25/TCA (Validated 21 July) Wharram View Tunworth Road. T1 Willow. Ganoderma brackets at the base with some dead stems. Reduce height by 3-4m and long lateral limb over field by 3-4m. Reduce dead stems to live growth or main fork where needed.

T/00323/25/TCA (Approve 21 July) Hill Cottage, Greywell Road, Up Nately. T1 - Oak prune back lateral branches on the south side only, by up to 4m to suitable growth points.

UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING

Advance notice, coffee and chat on 5 September at 'The Laurels'.

LINE DANCING EVENING

Mapledurwell Village Hall
Saturday 6th September
6.30pm-9pm



Dancing starts at 7pm

Tickets £10 (including snacks
sausage rolls, crisps) Cash bar;
No previous experience required!
Dress code: Cowboy hats!

Contact Heather 07552 506989 or
Sue 07495 367169 for tickets



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NOTES FROM THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Local Government Reorganisation consultations: for everyone to respond to the consultations. Options for Unitaries now on the table are:

1. Proposals from 12 Councils for four mainland unitaries which includes a 'Northern Hants' Unitary comprising BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor. See:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/future-councils

2. Proposal from County and East Hants for three mainland unitaries.

See: www.hants.gov.uk/lgr

New rules for Parish Council meetings

Government is to amend legislation to enable remote and hybrid meetings. Agreed that face-to-face meetings would continue as the norm for Mapledurwell & Up Nately, .

Playground

Annual inspection completed – no issues for action. S106 funding for new play equipment – £3,447 available for 'children's play enhancement, improving accessibility and quality of the provision'.

Proposal for a 'games den' from play equipment provider meets BDBC criteria and the funds available; not supported by the Parish Council.

Agreed that provision for a mix of ages and for families is needed. Outdoor table tennis table is the preferred option – sited beyond the old car park beside the playground; to also consider a new site the basket ball hoop outside the tennis courts.

Tennis courts – Parish Council inspection... Surface is playable although the bounce generally not good. There is one area in particular where weed are growing into the surface. Week killing arranged for this area and perimeters of the court. To purchase a couple of yard brushes to leave in the courts.

Future use – suggestions:

- For a pickleball court
- For the courts to have open access, including to the basket ball net
- For residents from outside the parish to play for a fee – potentially certain days/evenings.

Old car park To finish clearing mud from the surface. Waiting to hear from the Community Payback team.

Allotments – All plots taken and being worked on. Footpath gatepost (Frog Lane) on jobs list to be fixed.

Chalk stream Water flow down to a trickle given the weather.

Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 17 Sept 7pm all welcome.

MAPLEDURWELL FIELDS AND FOOTPATHS – DOG MESS

With hay making and harvest underway we have noticed an increase in the amount of dog faeces left in the fields and on footpaths.

Please be aware that worms from dog faeces can cause:

- Illness in children and vulnerable adults.
- Illness in livestock, including abortions in cattle and death in sheep.

It can affect pasture, animal feed (hay), water and bedding (straw) and the eggs can stay active for months.

Please could villages help by:

- Worming your dog regularly; take advice from your vet.
- Pick up after your dog: BAG IT, TAKE IT, BIN IT.

These fields are growing YOUR FOOD so please pick up after your dogs.

VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

IT IS NOT THE JOB OF OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS TO DO THIS FOR YOU

Nor should Parish precept funds have to be used for CCTV or a dog warden which seems to be the alternatives.

The recreation ground is covered by BDBC bylaws; failing to clean up after your dog is subject to £100 fixed penalty as per the BDBC Public Spaces Protection Order (Dec 2023).

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PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE BILL



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/debbie-tann/slight-tweaks-same-threat-why-planning-and-infrastructure-bill-still-harms-nature

'The UK Government promised to protect and restore nature. But a year in, new planning laws are set to weaken environmental protections and create a "cash to trash" system. [Developers can pay the environment agency to allow them to destroy habitat as the norm rather than a last resort.]

'Thank you to everyone who emailed their MP and co-signed The Wildlife Trusts' open letter urging the Government to rethink Part 3 of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. Over 32,000 messages were sent — a powerful show of public support that helped spark cross-party pressure for change.

'The Government has now proposed a series of changes to the Bill. This is a testament to the campaigning we and others have been doing for the last few months. But we are not done yet.

'These amendments are a good first step. They introduce stronger tests, back-up measures where conservation efforts fall short, requirements for transparency, and a welcome expectation that compensation be delivered locally.

However, while these changes make the Bill a little less harmful, they do not deal with the fundamental problem at the heart of it and which makes it easy for nature and wildlife to be destroyed.



'At its core, Part 3 of the Bill unravels decades of environmental safeguards. It bypasses the long-established mitigation hierarchy, which rightly requires developers to first avoid harm to wildlife and habitats, then minimise that harm; and only as a last resort, and if there are overriding reasons, compensate for any loss.

'This hierarchy is not red tape – it's a fundamental principle of responsible development. It's how we ensure that nature isn't simply brushed aside in the name of progress. Blame for slow development is placed on wildlife when evidence shows this isn't true.

'All the amendments do is improve the certainty that EDPs will deliver what they are supposed to – ignoring the fact that compensation is only required because the Bill makes it easier to destroy nature. Without the mitigation hierarchy on the face of the Bill, developers are forced to leapfrog straight to compensation.

'It sends a clear signal: it's acceptable to destroy habitats and species, so long as you pay for it.

'The Office for Environmental Protection has sounded the alarm, warning that without the mitigation hierarchy embedded in law, even highly protected sites could be permanently damaged or lost. In its latest response to the Government's changes yesterday, the OEP was unequivocal: even after the amendments, the Bill would still reduce environmental protection.

'The Planning and Infrastructure Bill, as it stands, is still regressive. It seeks to make it easier to damage the natural world at a time when we should be doing everything in our power to restore it. That is why Part 3 must be removed. We need your help to speak out for nature, before it's too late.

'Please join with us in saying no to #CashToTrash and calling on the Government to scrap Part 3 of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

'See more on the Hants & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website and facebook #CashToTrash. **Contact your MP alex.brewer.mp@parliament.uk; share on social media; attend an MP surgery; the time to act is now!**

Newnham & Nately Scures

NOTES FROM THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Local Government Reorganisation consultation – for all to respond.

Each one of the 15 Councils involved is to submit its proposal – to Government by 26 September – for Unitary Councils for all Hampshire (ie the area within the new Hants and Solent Combined County Authority).

Twelve Councils are working together on a proposal for four mainland unitaries which includes a 'Northern Unitary' of BDBC, Hart, & Rushmoor.

BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor have a joint consultation: Future Changes to North Hampshire Councils which runs up to 17 August: See

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/future-councils

The County Council with East Hants has a separate proposal for three mainland unitaries; their survey also open to 17 August: see

www.hants.gov.uk/lgr

New rules for Parish Council meetings

Following consultation (and supported by NALC, the National Association of Local Councils) Government is to amend legislation to enable remote and hybrid meetings.

Internal audit 2024/25 completed; forms submitted to external auditor BDO LLP and posted to website.

Tree cover on Scures Hill was considered in terms of its importance to the street scene and the nature of the area. Not being in a Conservation Area, unless the trees have TPOs they

have no protection (except where proposed felling is of a scale to require a licence under the Forestry Act).

BDBC will consider TPO requests if the trees are valuable in their own right or as part of the street scene and make a positive contribution to the area – and if evidently under threat.

The tree cover on Scures Hill has in recent years been eroded, in part due to development, and there is potential for more housing. Agreed to investigate the feasibility of a group TPO covering all Scures Hill.

Water End (Andwell Lane) bus shelter Highways have installed a tarmac apron with drop kerb to the front of the shelter for easier access.

Newnham Green ponds To record thanks to the group of c16 HIWARG volunteers who were working to clear the *Crassula* from the main pond on Saturday 05 July. Photos below taken a couple of weeks later.

See [HIWARG facebook page](#):



'All good news... there have been a few terrestrial plants returning, but not many *Crassula* growths. Hopefully the continued dry weather will keep it from returning just yet. Unfortunately it will be back without our continued clearing work and pressure on it.

'I will be holding another Working Party soon to push it back further and remove any new shoots. Watch this space I will be asking for volunteers again soon.' Pete West, HIWARG

Next Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 16 Sept, 7pm, Clubroom.

NEWNHAM 900

MEDIEVAL BANQUET

SILENT DISCO

TICKETS ON SALE

To secure your place please book asap

<https://buytickets.at/newnham900/1787888>



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/01458/FUL (Pending 12 June) Wild Green Acres Farm, Ridge Lane. Change of use of existing agricultural barn to farm shop and cafe (Class E)

25/01269/FUL (Pending 02 June) 1 Crown Lane. Change of use from Bed & Breakfast (C1) to residential dwelling (C3).

25/00554/ADV (Pending 19 March) B/stoke Country Hotel. Regularisation of display of 12 no. signs. Comprising two internally illuminated totem signs; eight internally illuminated post signs and two non-illuminated post signs.

24/00882/LBC (Pending 16 April 2024) Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row. Demolish south entrance porch, changes to fenestration; new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to conservatory, replace glass roof with tiled.

23/02722/FUL (Granted 15 July) Land East of Keepers, London Road. Three new detached dwellings with new access, parking, drainage, landscaping.

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/25/3368891 In Progress (Start date 10 July) Land adjacent to Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1 no. dwelling with new access and landscaping.

APP/H1705/W/25/3366255 In Progress. Collingwood Newnham Road. Erection a 1.8m high closeboard fence on the repositioned west boundary and change of use of land to residential.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00381/25/TCA (Validated 29 July). Fell 1 Bay tree.. New House, Church Path.

T/00360/25/TCA (Validated 17 July) Newnham Hill. G1: 4 Ash Trees all with advanced stages of Ash dieback. The crowns are significantly diminished and have become unstable. A line on Elms will be planted in replacement.

T/00325/25/TPO (Part allowed/part refused 25 July) Woodview House, Blackstocks Lane. T1 – Oak: pruning work. Remove epicormic growth to crown break at 5m. Crown lift to 5m all round by removing secondary branches only. Remove deadwood. Crown reduce by 5m in height and shape to balance.

T/00315/25/TPO (Refuse 25 July) 12 The Baredown, Nately Scures. Fell x2 mature Scots pine in the rear garden..

T/00474/24/TCA (Pending 24 September) Newnham Lodge Tylney Lane. Acacia: fell and remove stump.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



July draw results are

£100 – Trudi and Jim Rankin (29)

£50 – Anonymous – kindly donated to church funds (45)

£25 – Terri Bomphrey (9)

Congratulations all, thanks to Revd Debbie for drawing the numbers, Carolyn Bell



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Newnham 900 Celebrations

Saturday 20th September 2025, Newnham Green

Join us for a day of spectacle and community as Newnham marks its 900th anniversary with a vibrant programme of events on the village green. Step into the past, revel in local traditions, and celebrate our shared heritage.

Programme of Events

12:30pm – Living History and Fête Open

- The festivities begin! Enter Newnham Green and explore living history displays, stalls, bar, Cove brass band, archery demonstrations, Tudor musicians, Morris dancing, helter-skelter, bouncy castle - fun for all ages.

12:30pm – 2:00pm – Old House at Home Lunch Service

- Enjoy a hearty lunch from Newnham's award-winning pub team. The Old House at Home will offer a Hog Roast to evoke the spirit of the medieval fair, served until 2pm.

1:30pm – Arena Displays Begin

- Gather by the arena for an afternoon of thrilling historical displays and demonstrations:

1:30 - 2.00pm	Normans	Be transported back when Newnham was founded as Historia Normannis, a 12 th Century Living History Society, bring the Norman era to life.
2.15 - 2.45pm	Falconry	Marvel at the grace and power of birds of prey as Two Birds Experiences give a breathtaking falconry demonstration.
3.00 - 3.30pm	Normans	Historia Normannis return to bring another aspect of Norman culture to life.
3.45 - 4.15pm	Tudors	Step forward in history as living history expert and folk musician Alastair Braidwood recreates the pageantry of Tudor England.
4.30 - 5.00pm	Normans	Historia Normannis provide a finale with a demonstration of Norman combat.

5:00pm – Event Closes

- The Living History and Fête come to a close. Take some time to relax and enjoy the evening air.

7:00pm – 9:30pm – Medieval Banquet (Ticketed Event)

- As dusk falls, gather for a sumptuous banquet in true medieval style. Expect hearty fare, music and merriment. Tickets can be purchased at <https://buytickets.at/newnham900/1787888>
Pre-booking essential, limited availability

9:30pm – Silent Disco (Ticketed Event)

- Those attending the Medieval Banquet can dance the night away under the stars with our silent disco – a modern twist to close out a day steeped in history.

We look forward to welcoming all ages to this celebration of Newnham's rich past and opportunity to build an even stronger community.

Church notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'

www.united-parish.org.uk

<https://www.moretolife.church>

From the Parish Registers

Baptism: Brontë Gary at St Swithun's Nately Scures on July 13th, 2025



FROM THE BENEFICE MINISTRY TEAM

Dear Friends,
This is my first editorial for the

parish magazines and, although a real pleasure, I am aware of the big shoes I am trying to walk in!

By way of introduction to those I have not yet met in person, I am Luke Augustyn, Assistant Curate in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice. My family and I arrived in July last year and it is my joy to serve specifically our congregations and communities in Greywell, Up Nately and Mapledurwell.

I was ordained Deacon at the end of June 2024 and just recently, ordained Priest. During one of our pre-Priesting retreat reflections, we mused on what it means to be a good pastor...

As I sit down now to write, I have just moments ago come away from putting our sons to bed and our sofa cushions have only just been re-assembled by my ever-sprinting-around-the-house wife after the boys' trapeze antics of earlier. My daughter was complaining that her favourite snacks have run out, but has now settled down after discovering there is still plenty until the next shopping trip before dawn tomorrow morning...

Organised chaos.

So, now returning to the image of a good pastor and that well-loved parable of the lost sheep... Jesus tells the story of the shepherd who leaves the 99 to find the one that wandered off. It's a tale of relentless grace, unexpected priorities, and – if I may say – a slightly questionable sheep management strategy at first sight. But it certainly drives home Jesus' incomprehensible and divine delight in every soul.

It's a comfort to know that God seeks us even when we've strayed, paused for snacks, or nodded off mid-sermon. Church life, too, is made of such wandering and welcoming; of saints and seekers and small children who ask whether Jesus liked jam and whether they will be forgiven for accidentally painting a precious icon during messy church. (A mercy indeed that all paint is water based and easily cleanable!)

So whether you are one of the faithful 99, or the one that strays off from time to time, know this: you are seen, loved and included in the heavenly headcount.

May this month bring you unexpected joy, holy laughter and perhaps a rediscovered treasure of a snack or two when least expecting it!

With every blessing

Luke, Revd Luke Augustyn

CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST INTO SEPTEMBER

Sunday 03 Aug	9am	St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
	11am	St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
	5pm	St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong.
Sunday 10 Aug	9am	St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)
	10am	St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer
Sunday 17 Aug	9am	St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism
	11am	St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
Sunday 24 Aug	10am	St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)
	11am	St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
Sunday 31 Aug	10am	All Saints' Odiham, CW Holy Communion Benefice Service
Sunday 07 Sept	9am	St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
	11am	St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
	5pm	St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong.

Parenting Teens

STARTS 16TH SEPTEMBER - 7.30 - 9.00PM
All Saints Church, Odiham



Are you navigating the ups and downs of raising a teen?

Whether you're cruising or just hanging on, this 6-week course, starting 16th September, is here to support you.

Join us in a relaxed and friendly setting, with food and drinks provided, as we share wisdom, practical experiences, and real conversations.



Let's help each other be the parents our teenagers need in today's world—while staying sane!

Explore ways to connect, learn from our teens, and grow in confidence through the joys and challenges of parenting.

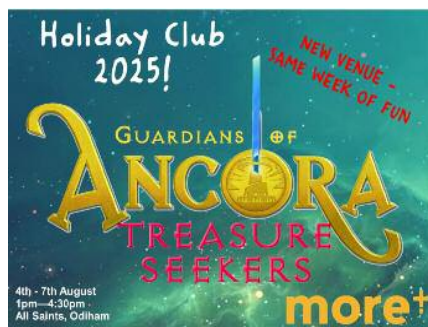
Come along, be part of the conversation, and let's do this together!

Sign up here



Contact Simon or Cat for more information

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HOLIDAY CAMP

4th-7th August

All Saints' Odiham

This year we are moving to a new location – All Saints' Church, Odiham.

This will allow us to cater for more children, including children with additional needs, have better accessibility to catering and toilet facilities – and protection from the elements.

But don't worry – we are collaborating with local sports clubs and schools to allow the children amazing access to an even more varied selection of outdoor spaces and sporting opportunities.

The times have not changed (Monday-Thursday, 1pm-4.30pm), and we will still be looking into offering a football camp before we start, for those who want to (more details to follow). And the price still hasn't changed, it remains £20 for the week, payable in advance.

Our theme is *The Guardians of Ancora*, a popular Christian computer game from Scripture Union, and the children will be learning about Jesus' life through loads of different media and exciting activities.

Please use the QR code



or the link to book is
<https://allsaintsodiham.church-suite.com/events/c1tguul>

Helen C



General notices

HAMPSHIRE STUDIOS

Event for all Art Lovers

August 16th-25th sees the return of the popular annual Hampshire Open Studios (HOS). During this county-wide event, over 300 artists and creators will open the doors to their workshops, studios and galleries to welcome visitors. This is an opportunity for you to see these artisans at work and learn about their creative processes, while admiring their original artwork and even purchasing a unique gift. In addition, some locations will be offering workshops for you to try your hand at their chosen specialism, plus refreshments.

The local area is a hub for creativity, including specialists in ceramics, stained glass, fused glass, mosaics, paintings, textiles, photography, art groups and more traditional artists. The details of all these artists and their opening times can be found on the HOS app or their website.

www.HampshireOpenStudios.org.uk

For those wishing to visit a variety of local artists, you can follow the Odiham Villages Art Trail, which covers the picturesque villages of: Odiham, Long Sutton, S Warnborough, North Warnborough and Rotherwick. Following this trail is a good opportunity to visit a number of artists within easy reach of each other. The artists involved in the Odiham Villages Art Trail are listed on the website from Venues 181 to 190.

In addition to these, there are a few participants within the Basingstoke and Deane area, so why not make a day of it.

Samantha Stanley, Woodpecker Glass, Venue 181

FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2025

From BDBC press release 10645 published 14 July

'Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and Hart District Council will introduce food waste collections w/c Mon 06 October.

This is ahead of the Government's mandatory deadline of April 2026.

'All households will be provided with:

- one gray indoor caddy
- a roll of liners
- an information leaflet to help use the service.

'Households who have kerbside wheelie bin collections will also receive a green outdoor caddy.

'When the new service starts, the food waste caddies are to be put out each week with other bins on the usual collection day.

'All food can be put out for recycling – fruit and vegetable peelings, meat and fish and bones and shells, tea bags, eggshells, pet food and all leftover food and plate scrapings – to become greener energy and fertiliser'.

While the Borough / District Councils are responsible for waste collection, the County Council is responsible for disposal and recycling.

Hampshire County Council has agreed to the increased food waste recycling, reference their 'Universal Services' Decision Day of 23 June:

www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250623Foodwasterecycling

'Plans to recycle household food waste from April 2026 have been confirmed... HCC will proceed with arrangements that will see c30K to 50K tonnes of food waste recycled through anaerobic digestion...'

[Noting the HCC notice says from April 2026.]

Odiham District u3a is holding an Open Day at Robert May's School on Wednesday 13th August from 2-4pm

We would love you to come along (No booking required). We have over 70 groups and they will all be there, with stalls to showcase their activities and provide an opportunity for you to talk to group members and learn about what they actually do.

Our u3a covers Odiham, Hook and the surrounding villages and is open to everyone of any age who has the time and interest in staying active and engaged. It's an organisation run for its members, by its members, and you will have the opportunity to meet many new faces, as well as old friends.

Please accept our invitation and just come along, and bring a friend perhaps. We look forward to welcoming you on August 13th. If you would like to know more, please visit our website www.odihamu3a.org.uk

Ian Green, Chairman, Odiham District u3a

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ODIHAM DISTRICT

Shaping your future council

PLEASE COMPLETE THE 'FUTURE CHANGES TO NORTH HAMPSHIRE COUNCILS' SURVEY

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/future-councils

The survey is being run in partnership with Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council, open to Sunday 17 August.

'We want to hear your views on the proposals we are working on that would see a new Unitary Council created for north Hampshire covering the areas of Basingstoke & Deane, Hart and Rushmoor area.'

'We want to know what's important to you about your local council and how you feel future local councils should operate.'



OUR SURVEY IS OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY 17 AUGUST



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION SHAPING YOUR FUTURE COUNCIL

'As you will know, Government wants to replace the current 15 councils in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with new, larger, unitary councils that provide all services in each area.'

'Each council has been asked to submit a single preferred proposal to Government, by 26 September, for new unitary councils. These would take over from the existing councils in April 2028.'

'Following in-depth assessments, 12 councils are working together and believe creating four unitary councils for mainland Hampshire would best meet the Government's criteria.'

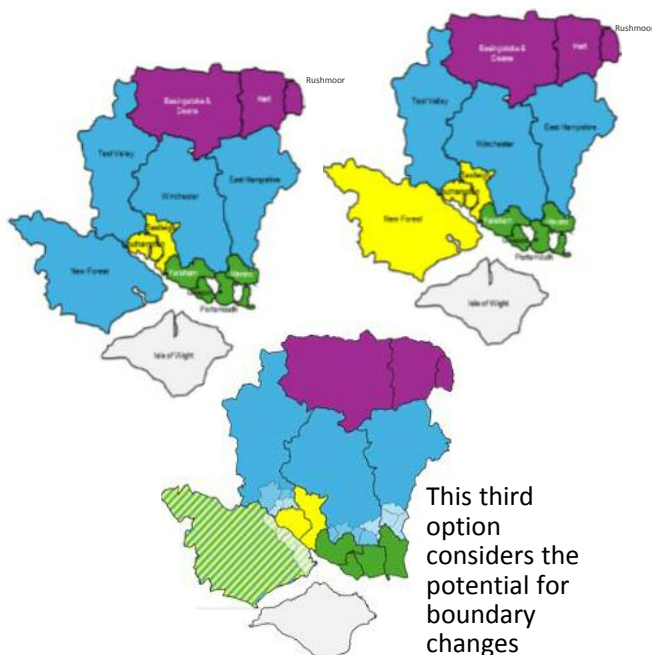
'Three variations of this option are being considered, but all include a 'Northern Unitary' comprising Basingstoke & Deane, Hart and Rushmoor.'

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY
Most questions focus on the local area, though with some asking for thoughts on the wider proposals for all 'Hampshire & the Solent'.

You can answer as few or as many questions as concisely or as broadly as you wish.

OPTIONS FOR A FOUR-MAINLAND UNITARY SOLUTION

**FINAL SHORTLIST AGREED BY
MAJORITY (12 COUNCILS) TO BE
WORKED INTO FULL BUSINESS CASE**



This third option considers the potential for boundary changes

THE PROPOSAL FROM COUNTY COUNCIL AND EAST HANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL IS FOR THREE MAINLAND UNITARIES

This would see a much larger 'North and Mid' Unitary Council comprising BDBC, Hart, Rushmoor, Winchester and East Hants.

Please respond to this consultation at www.hants.gov.uk/lgr also open to 17 August.

