



Hampshire County Councillor Report April - Candovers Oakley and Overton Division

Highways Information

****Additional road repairs funded by HS2****

The Government's cancellation of HS2 resulted in local councils being given additional funding to bring forward road repairs in this financial year and in each of the next 11 years.

Hampshire was awarded £4.22 million last year and this which has meant we are able to bring forward additional road improvement schemes into this year's programme.

You can read the full list here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../20241903NetworkNorthHampshir...>

I don't have dates for this work as yet but it will undoubtedly be before the autumn. I will of course advertise the dates well ahead of time.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you

For full details on the route improvements and to start planning your next journey, glide over to [hants.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/timetables](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/timetables) and [myjourneyhampshire.com](https://www.myjourneyhampshire.com).
Footpaths/Rights of Way and bluebells

I thought it might be helpful therefore to share this with you. The [Hampshire County Council](https://www.hants.gov.uk) website has a copy of the definitive map, which shows you in detail all of the byways, bridleways and public footpaths in the county.

The map can be accessed here: <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/rightsofwaydefinitivemap/>

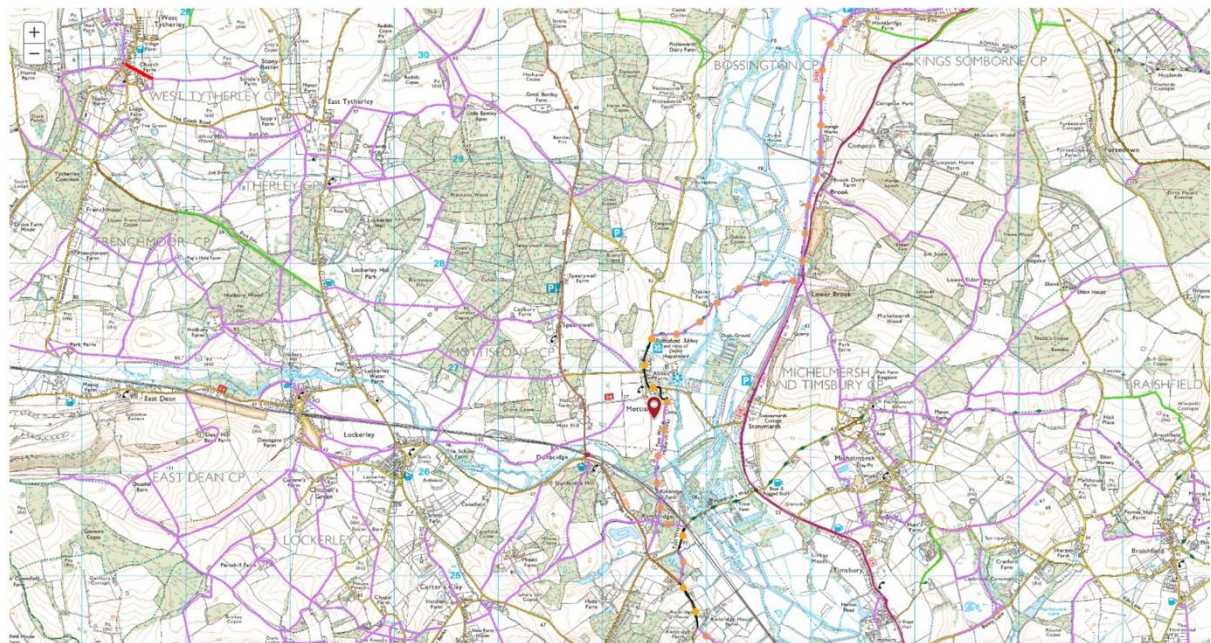
The image below is of the 'larger map', to which there is a link at the top of the page.

Map of Public Rights of Way

Search by address, place or grid reference

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Choose a location



Big Changes Coming to Hampshire County Council Offices

Hampshire County Council is set to review proposals this week aimed at reducing office accommodation across the county. This move is all about consolidating staff into fewer buildings and saving those precious pennies on running costs.

What's the plan? The strategy will roll out over the coming years, focusing on adapting to changing work patterns and making sure the council's facilities are up to snuff. With many staff working remotely or directly in the community (think local services like social care for our vulnerable neighbours), it's clear that the way we work is evolving.

This isn't just about cutting costs. It's about ensuring access to public services remains robust for everyone in Hampshire. From libraries to register offices, no public service closures are on the table—just smarter use of the space we have.

This is all about staying efficient, effective, and, most importantly, close to the community's heart. While some staff might see changes in their work locations, the goal is to keep everything running smoothly without a hitch to services or the public.

You can read more here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240603Officeaccommodation#Hampshire#LocalGov#Sustainability#CommunityServices#OfficeConsolidation#PublicServices>

News for Hampshire Bus Travelers!

Thanks to a £4.2 million boost from the Government's Bus Service Improvement Partnership, our local bus operators Stagecoach South, Go South Coast, and First Solent are supercharging their services!

What's New?

Enhanced Services: 15 Hampshire bus routes are set to enjoy more day and evening services.

Sunny Sunday Specials: Welcome three new services making your Sundays brighter and better connected.

Extended Hours: Enjoy late-night escapades and early morning rides with improved timings.

This funding magic stems from Hampshire's £7.2 million slice of the DfT's Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus treasure. It's our ticket to not just saving existing routes from cuts but also adding more frequent services across the board.

From the 14 April by Bluestar:

- The Bluestar 1 between Winchester and Southampton will run every 15 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays (current frequency is: every 20 minutes).
- Bluestar 2 linking Southampton, Eastleigh and Fair Oak will run every 15 minutes during the day on Saturdays (current frequency is every 20 minutes) to match the current weekday frequency on this busy route. The Bluestar 2 will also get evening service improvements on Mondays to Saturdays from the same date.
- On the Bluestar 1 between Winchester and Southampton there will be additional evening weekday services and new late-night services in each direction on Friday and Saturday evenings. Additional evening services will operate on the Bluestar 4 between Romsey and Southampton. Bluestar are also set introduce an earlier outbound journey on the Bluestar 4 from Southampton to Romsey on weekdays.
- From May onwards by Stagecoach:

- In Farnborough, buses will run more frequently to and from the Prospect Estate throughout the daytime, and earlier in the morning and later in the evening on Sundays. Extra evening buses will also run to Pinewood Park and Hawley Lane.
- Buses between Newbury, Kingsclere and Basingstoke will run later into the evening and on Sundays for the first time, as well as more frequently at weekday peak times. These changes are in partnership with West Berkshire Council.
- Service 66 between Romsey and Winchester will improve to every 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday daytime.
- In Andover, more buses will run to and from East Anton throughout the week, with extra trips during the day as well as into the evening and on Sundays. Service 76 between Andover, Whitchurch and Basingstoke will improve to every 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday daytime.
- In partnership with Surrey County Council, service 65 between Alton, Farnham and Guildford will move to a new hourly timetable, running seven days a week.

These changes will be delivered alongside other planned commercial improvements to Stagecoach bus services across Hampshire over the coming months.