

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

UPPER MEON VALLEY WARD – PARISH UPDATE NOVEMBER 2024

Parish Events

Winchester City Council officers are holding their next 'Parish Liaison' event on Thursday 21st November 2024 from 1500-1700 in the Walton Suite at the Guildhall. All parishes should have received an invitation – if you have not, Josie Gray is the contact: jgray@winchester.gov.uk

The SDNPA held their latest Parish Update on 2nd October, which included several grant opportunities that may be of interest. If you were not able to attend, the recording of the event is posted here: [SDNPA Parish Meeting on Wednesday 2 October 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

A Licensing Sub-Committee hearing to review the license for the Boomtown Festival is scheduled for 1000 on Mon 25th November in the Walton Suite at the Guildhall. The review was requested by Hampshire Constabulary but any Parish, or any individual, is able to make a representation with prior notice. The contact is the Licensing Officer, Carol Stefanczuk: cstefanczuk@winchester.gov.uk

Planning

The Winchester Local Plan Review second ('Reg 19') consultation is now closed. The next stage is for the plan is to be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for examination, scheduled for November 2024.

The South Downs Local Plan Review is on course for the first 'Reg 18' draft to go out for consultation early in the New Year. Parishes that are likely to have new housing allocation areas included in the Plan should, by now, have been notified on a 'confidential' basis in advance of the draft being taken by the South Downs Planning Committee on 14th November 2024, and therefore being published with the agenda papers for that meeting on 7th November.

Design: A Local Winner!

The Handlebar Café, on the track of the old railway line by the Garnier Road car park in Winchester was selected as a prize winner at the recent South Downs Design Awards. The other award winners, including the stunning new glasshouse at the National Trust's Woolbeding Gardens, are described here: www.southdowns.gov.uk/exceptional-design-shines-brightly-at-south-downs-national-park-awards/

Fly-Tipping

Have pushed for more transparency in the clear-up rates of Fly Tips through our membership of the Scrutiny Committee, the latest available statistics for the period April to September 2024 are:

	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Total fly tips confirmed cleared	57	44	47	45	50	31
Fly-tips up to 1 metre cubed in size	12	12	8	11	12	8
Number of which cleared in time (5 working days submission to clearance)	10	8	5	7	10	8
Percentage cleared in time	83%	67%	63%	64%	83%	100%
Fly-tips size 1 metre cubed and above	45	32	39	34	38	23
Of which in time (15 working days submission to clearance)	41	24	33	21	37	23
Percentage cleared in time	91%	75%	85%	62%	97%	100%
Average percentage fly-tips cleared in time	89%	73%	81%	62%	94%	100%

- The completion targets of 5 and 15 working days are longer than the contract Service Level Agreement with idVerde and this is to allow time from the receipt of fly-tip report and assessment prior to then passing to idVerde.
- The target of 80% was selected as a viable baseline as this is the first time it has been included in the strategic key performance indicators and will be reviewed annually.
- Over the first 6 months of 24/25, 83% of fly tips have been cleared within the Key Performance Indicator target.
- Compared to the same periods for 23/24 (Q1 and Q2), total fly tips numbers reported have decreased from 455 to 340 over the period.

In Q1 it was reported 80% of fly-tips were cleared in time and currently the data for Q2 is 85%; the target is 80%.

Our push for faster clean-ups appears to be having some effect: a large tip on Bigpath Lane Upham in the last week of October was cleared within 3 days.

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