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Find work or training at our fair

The borough's largest annual recruitment, careers and training exhibition, the Gosport Employment and Skills Fair, is at Gosport Leisure Centre on 30 January from 12pm to 6pm.

It's the perfect opportunity for you to get a job, a new skill, or some help to be your own boss. If you're a student or at school, it's a great way of finding out about training, apprenticeship and career options.

The event is a chance to talk directly with employers, as well as local organisations that can help you into employment. About 50 exhibitors – local employers, advice groups, training organisations and colleges – will be on hand.

Opportunities on offer will include full and part-time jobs, apprenticeships and voluntary posts, as well as night-shift, weekend and relief-staff roles.



May 2020 council elections

On Thursday 7 May next year, local voters will go to the polls to elect representatives on Gosport Borough Council.

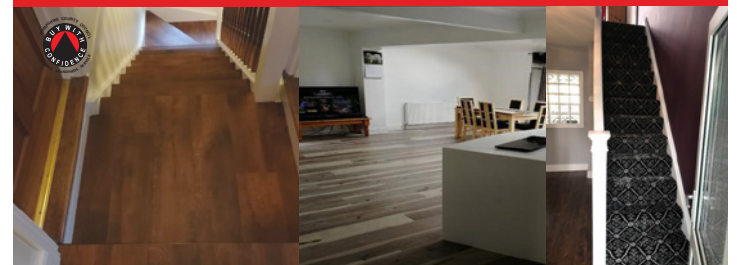
If you want to stand as a candidate or act as an election agent for a candidate, there will be a briefing for all wards at the Town Hall on Thursday 12 March. This briefing is for those standing for political parties as well as those standing as independents.

If you would like to attend, please e-mail electoral.registration@gosport.gov.uk or call 023 9254 5227 to reserve a place.

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New life for town centre



Old Grammar School

A major plan to transform Gosport's town centre is being drawn up, with new uses for empty historic buildings, more options for eating out, and more community and cultural events.

Its centrepiece is a major revamp of the Old Grammar School, which will be home to a new museum and art gallery – creating a community hub for heritage, arts, education and culture along with a café and shop. New town centre work spaces for small companies are also planned.

The plan follows a successful bid for funding from Historic England, made by the council and Hampshire Cultural Trust, which runs Gosport Gallery and SEARCH in the Old Grammar School.

Cllr Mark Hook, Leader of the Council, said: “Under this plan, the town centre would be transformed from being perceived as the biggest challenge for Gosport into a source of community pride.”

Paul Sapwell, chief executive of the trust, said:

“It has long been our ambition to develop the Old Grammar School into a cultural centre that sits at the heart of the community.”

The plan is for a four-year project to start this spring, funded by Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zones scheme, supported by the government and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The museum project is also being funded by Hampshire Cultural Trust and various other sources, with Hampshire County Council a key supporter and major funder.

Preserving history

We're working to protect one of Gosport's most important historic sites and make it a better place to visit.

Bastion No. 1, near Trinity Green, was part of the town's 17th century defences. It had become overgrown and at risk of damage, and was attracting anti-social behaviour.

As a first step we've cleared shrubs and selected trees, re-seeded some areas and mended fences, using money from the government's Coastal Revival Fund. The next stage of work will mean more extensive restoration and installing information panels.



Work under way

Picture from Pritchard Architecture

Your guide to Gosport's great switch-on show and more festive fun

Roll up, roll up, it's showtime! Here's all you need to know about the Christmas lights celebration in Gosport and many other great seasonal events around the borough.



Rick Jackson



Big Noise Community Samba Band



Cast of Aladdin



Mayor Cllr Kathy Jones

The greatest festive show in Gosport comes to the High Street on Saturday 30 November, with a touch of Hollywood glamour and a host of sensational songs.

Special High Street activities run from 9am to 5.30pm, including face painting, Christmas crafts, food and drink stalls, a children's ride and the Gosportarians' sleigh with Santa and his elves. Stage entertainment starts at 2.45pm, building up to the big Christmas lights switch-on at 5.30pm.

The main attraction is **The Greatest of Shows** – a glittering singalong tribute to *The Greatest Showman* and other blockbusters.

The line-up also includes Wave 105 breakfast show presenter **Rick Jackson** as compere, plus local talent such as the **Big Noise Community Samba Band**, the **Catgut Hooligans**, the girls and boys of **Starz Ballet**, the **Reilly Enterprise character show** and **St John's School Choir**.

Joining Rick for the switch-on countdown will be **Mayor of Gosport Cllr Kathy Jones**, stars from the Kings Theatre production of **Aladdin**, **Santa** and the **Town Criers**.

Other events on the day include:

Lantern spotting

10am–5pm: High Street

Collect a card from the Discovery Centre or Gosport museum, visit as many shops as you can that have a lantern sticker displayed, and get your card stamped. Six stamps mean sweets!

Craft Fayre

10am–5pm: Gosport museum and art gallery – free.

Lantern making

10am–12pm, 12.30pm – 2.30pm: Gosport Gallery

Free workshop. Book on 023 9387 7840.

Storytime Special

11am–12pm: Discovery Centre

Story and activities for 3–10s. Free.

Christmas Past

2pm–5pm: SEARCH

Victorian and 1950s rooms ready for Christmas.

Lantern parade

See p5



Details correct at time of going to press. Check Discover Gosport on Facebook and Twitter, or www.gosport.gov.uk, for more information and updates. More information in our Christmas in Gosport leaflet, available from the Town Hall, Discovery Centre and Tourist Information Centre plus other venues.



The Greatest of Shows



Lantern parade

The lantern parade is back again, brought to you by the council and Asda.

Gather at Timespace at 2.45pm on 30 November, when the best lantern-makers will win tea with the Mayor and an Asda goodie bag.

From 3pm you'll parade up the High Street, arriving at the Lawrence Square stage at 3.20pm for a rendition of We Wish You A Merry Christmas. If you haven't made a lantern at one of our workshops, bring a home-made one. But please don't use real flames or breakable materials.

Christmas in Lee

Lee-on-the-Solent High Street is super-festive on Friday 29 November.

During the day there will be reindeer, a petting zoo, Santa's grotto and children's rides, plus the French Market from 9am. The market and many shops will open late.

At 6.30pm the lights will be switched on by the Mayor and the junior school head boy and girl, followed by a carol service around the tree.

Local school choirs will sing carols with music from Gosport Solent Brass.

More festive events for your diary

Stoke Road shops

More than 100 businesses with great Christmas offers. Look out for lantern stickers for a chance to win a prize.

Christmas Craft Fayre

Gosport Community Association, Thorngate Halls, Bury Road. Sunday 24 November, 11am–3pm. Free entry.

Display of angels

Gosport Methodist Church, Stoke Road. Saturday 7 December, 10am – 12.30pm. Hundreds of hand-made angels. £3 including refreshments.

Civic Carol Service

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport. Sunday 8 December, 6pm. With the Mayor.

Bedtime Stories

Discovery Centre, Wednesday 11 December, 6pm – 6.45pm. Young children. Free.

Christmas carols

In front of town hall, Saturday 14 December, 11am.

All I Want for Christmas

SEARCH, Monday 16 December, 10.30am – 11.30am. Activities for under-fives and visit from Santa. £2. Book on 023 9387 7840.

Living Nativity

Lawrence Square, Saturday 21 December, 10am–4pm.

Christmas Storytime Special

Discovery Centre, Saturday 21 December, 11am–12pm. Ages 3–10. Free.

Back in Time for Christmas

SEARCH, Monday 23 December, 10.30am–12pm. Victorian and 1950s rooms. Free.

I Grew Up 80s!

Gosport Gallery, until 31 December. Free exhibition.

Rubbish and recycling collections 2019/20

If you're unsure when your collection day is, search **collection days** at www.gosport.gov.uk or call **08000 198 598**.

Roads might not be collected in the same order every week, which means times may vary. So please make sure your rubbish or recycling is out by 7am, when collections start. Christmas trees will be collected between 6 January and 17 January inclusive. Please place your Christmas tree at the front of your property.

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Non-recycling (black bin) week Recycling (green bin) week Collections usually due on this date will be a day later



Cash for anti-waste ideas

Your group or business could get up to £5,000 to run a project that helps people reduce waste.

The cash could fund a repair café, a clothes-swap scheme, an upcycling project... or anything else you have in mind.

If you have an idea, you can apply to Hampshire County Council's waste prevention community grant fund. To arrange an initial chat, email waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk

For more information search **waste prevention fund** at www.hants.gov.uk

Try home composting

Composting creates great food for your garden, and cuts the amount of waste that has to be collected and disposed of.

It's good for the planet. Composting at home for a year can save global warming gases equivalent to all the CO2 your kettle produces annually.

Hampshire County Council has teamed up with www.getcomposting.com to offer some great deals on compost bins and other green products.

For top composting tips, search **smart living** at www.hants.gov.uk



What to put in and leave out of your recycling bin



Please include:

	mixed paper & card
	plastic bottles
	food tins & drink cans
	aerosols



Please do not include:

shredded paper
drinks cartons
plastic packaging
glass
black sacks/general rubbish

Please only put loose items in your bin, don't put them in carrier bags or black sacks.

For more recycling information search **What can I recycle?** at www.gosport.gov.uk or call **08000 198 598**.



Green-fingered residents

A veterans project and a care home are blooming with pride after triumphing in our gardening competition.



Shore Leave Haslar, which helps veterans manage health issues through gardening, was the overall winner of the Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent in Bloom contest. The project won the top Mayor's Award and the Best Community and Neighbourhood title, matching their achievement last year.

Langdale Care Home, in The Avenue, scooped four top awards. The team there picked up trophies for Best Large Back Garden, Best Hanging Basket/Floral Container, Best Retirement/Sheltered Housing and Best Business Initiative.

The Best Newcomer award went to Julie Millard, of Solent Way, Gosport, who won a gold in the large back garden category.

And there was recognition for Sue Doole, who won the Judges' Discretionary Award for her dedicated gardening work at Bedenham Primary School, encouraging children to find out about nature and inspiring them to learn. Her work was recognised by the judges as being especially important for children facing challenges in their lives.

Sue said: "I love doing what I do. It's getting the children outdoors from behind computers, especially the vulnerable ones."



Above left: Langdale Care Home staff and residents with Fred. Above: One of Langdale's winning displays



Shore Leave Haslar's winning garden

blossom in competition

Stanley Park



Sue Doole with Fred and Bloom judges Neil and Kerry Littleales

Other winners were:

Best Small Back Garden – Ann Rogers of Alver Quay, Gosport

Best Front Garden – Douglas Wood of Tebourba Drive, Gosport

Best Allotment – Pauline Knight of Olave Close, Lee-On-The-Solent, whose plot is at Lee.

ITV Meridian presenter Fred Dinenage hosted the awards ceremony at Thorngate Halls with Mayor of Gosport Cllr Kathy Jones.

Cllr Jones said: "It's always a pleasure to attend an event like this, where the local community get involved and are invested in making Gosport a more beautiful place."

The competition is sponsored by A&S Motors, Sodexo, Hambrooks, Huhtamaki and Urbaser.



Shore Leave Haslar volunteers



Regional recognition

In this year's South and South-East in Bloom competition, Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent together achieved a silver gilt award in the 'small city' category.

And four council-owned areas, maintained by volunteers with our support, received accolades.

Crescent Garden, Alverstoke, cared for by the Friends of Crescent Garden, won a gold award.

Stanley Park, looked after by the Friends of Stanley Park and Alverstoke WI, received a silver gilt award.

St Mark's Churchyard, maintained by the Friends of St Mark's Churchyard, got a silver award.

Alver Valley Country Park, where many volunteers donate their time and energy, received a silver gilt award.

In the Royal Horticultural Society It's Your Neighbourhood scheme, about community participation, Crescent Garden received a level 5 award – the highest possible. Stanley Park received a level 4, as did Shore Leave Haslar.

Garden centre update

Work is planned to start in March on a garden centre at Grange Farm, Rowner, at the gateway to Alver Valley Country Park.

It could be finished by early 2021, along with a café, toilets and parking. We're finalising arrangements with a garden centre company, which will be applying for planning permission.



Call for a thousand new trees

Let's plant 1,000 trees in 1,000 days – that's the message from Cllr Mark Hook, Leader of the Council.

Cllr Hook made the call as the council's Community Board approved two big tree-planting schemes – 31 limes and 12 birches at Cherque Way, Lee-on-the-Solent, and 44 elms and more than 1,300 beech saplings at Grange Lane, Gosport.

Cllr Hook said: "Trees are beautiful and these days we're also increasingly aware of their importance in helping to fight climate change.

"Tree-planting schemes like the ones at Cherque Way and Grange Lane are examples of what the council is doing, but I want to encourage local people to get involved too."

Residents could sponsor trees on a council site, like the Alver Valley country park, he said. Or they could take advantage of charity schemes offering free or subsidised trees.

Queries about sponsoring a tree or planting on public land should go to our Streetscene team on **08000 198598** or **streetscene@gosport.gov.uk**



A lot of lotto help

Our community lottery has raised nearly £40,000 for local good causes in the year since its first draw.

More than 50 groups in the borough are now benefiting from the lottery, which gives 60p from each £1 ticket to community organisations. Almost £7,500 has been shared out as prizes.

To play the lottery or sign up a good cause, go to www.gosportcommunitylottery.co.uk or call 023 9319 0222.

Police desk open longer

The police front desk at the Town Hall will be open for an extra day from 3 December. Its hours will be 9am–4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9am–3.30pm Saturdays. It will be closed from 12pm to 1pm.

Outside these hours you can report non-emergencies by phoning **101** or clicking **report** at www.hampshire.police.uk

Always call **999** in an emergency.

Cllr John Beavis, Chairman of Gosport Community Safety Partnership, said: "This is excellent news for the community and illustrates the success of moving the police station into the Town Hall."



GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL - A to Z of services

Abandoned cars	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Health & Safety		
Access for the Disabled	Building Control	01329 824 823	- At work	Environmental Health	023 9254 5507
Air Pollution	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506	Health Education/Promotion	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
Alcohol Licensing	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505	Infectious Diseases	Environmental Health	023 9254 5507
Allotments	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Jobs (council only)	HR Services	023 9254 5650
Asbestos Advice	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506	Land Bookings	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425
Beach Barbecues (booking)	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425	Land Searches	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5221
Beach Huts	Housing Services	023 9254 5564	Listed Buildings	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
Beach/Prom (Management)	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Litter & Street cleaning	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Bulky Item Collection	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Lotteries (Registration)	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505
Building Regulations	Building Control	(01329) 824823	Noise Nuisance	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
Business enquiries	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723	Parks & open spaces		
Car Parks	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- maintenance	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Cemetery - Anns Hill	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- policy and strategy	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Charity Street collections	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505	Payments	Customer Services	24 hour hotline (0800) 0213 995
Citizen of the Year Award	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340	Pest control	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
Civic Events	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5202	Planning		
Coastal flooding	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- applications enquiries	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
Coastline Magazine	Press & PR	023 9284 1395	- appeals, inquiries	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
Community Safety	Community Safety	023 9254 5241	- Local Plan	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461
Concessionary Travel	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1376	Playgrounds	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Conservation/listed building	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483	Pollution	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
Council Housing			Recycling	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Community Alarms	Housing Services	023 9252 9308	Refuse Centre (Grange Road)	General enquiries	(0300) 555 1389
- Housing Options	Housing Services	023 9254 5476	Reprographics and Printing	Financial Services	023 9254 5270
- Housing Repairs	Kier	Freephone 0800 028 0835	Road Signs	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
- Neighbourhood Involvement	Housing Services	Freephone 0800 328 6958	Road Gritting	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
- Right to Buy	Housing Services	023 9254 5403	Roads & pavements	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
- Sheltered Accommodation	Housing Services	023 9254 5453	Rubbish collection	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Neighbourhood Management (including rental income)	Housing Services	023 9254 5665	Rubbish - Fly Tipping	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Council Tax			Sale of land & property	Housing Services	023 9254 5564
- Benefits	Financial Services	023 9254 5325	Slipways	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Business Rates	Financial Services	023 9254 5470	Sport - pitches	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Enquiries	Financial Services	023 9254 5470	- Pools : Splash Park	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Council Meetings	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340	- Pools : Gosport Leisure Park	Places for People	023 9253 4950
Countryside Section	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Street lights	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
Crime Prevention	Non-Emergency / Emergency	101 / 999	Street Name Plates	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Dangerous Structures	Building Control	(01329) 824823	Taxi Licensing	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505
Dog Fouling	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Toilets	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Dog Warden (lost & found)	Environmental Health	023 9254 5596	Tourist Information Centre	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9252 2944
Dropped kerb (requests)	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388	Traffic lights	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
Dustbins (emptying)	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Traffic Regulation Orders	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
Energy efficiency at home	Energy Services Team	023 9284 1947	Trees		
Flooding (roads)	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388	- alongside roads	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
Food hygiene & safety	Environmental Health	023 9254 5507	- other trees	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Gosport Market	Environmental Health	(07983) 994071	- preservation orders	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
Gosport Local Plan	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461	Voluntary Sector		
Grants			- Conservation Groups	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Disabled Facilities	Hampshire Social Services	(0300) 555 1386	- Recreation Groups	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723
Grass Cutting	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Voting	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5227/5218
			Wildgrounds	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598



The Mayor of Gosport, Cllr Kathy Jones, wishes all the people of Gosport a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.



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