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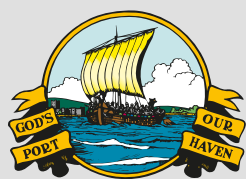
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# Garden recycling scheme grows

Our garden recycling scheme is blooming. By the end of 2019 more than 3,000 gardeners were using our special green waste wheelie bins, and during the year we collected 645 tonnes for recycling into compost.

If you've got a garden, you could join up and help us make Gosport greener. Garden waste collections are every two weeks and start in March. Membership for the year costs £60, or £50 after 5 July.

**We can take** grass cuttings, shrub clippings, fallen leaves, bedding plants and weeds.

**We can't take** soil, food waste, bags or sacks, animal bedding or flower pots.

To sign up, go to [gardenrecyclingscheme.co.uk](http://gardenrecyclingscheme.co.uk) or call 023 9399 0038.

Garden waste can also be taken to the Hampshire County Council household waste recycling centre on Grange Road, free of charge.



Or you could try home composting. You can use vegetable peelings, fruit skins, tea bags and even old egg boxes. See tips on how to get started at [www.recyclenow.com/reduce-waste/composting](http://www.recyclenow.com/reduce-waste/composting)

*We're sorry for an error in the rubbish and recycling collections calendar in the last edition. Monday 31 August was wrongly listed as 30 August.*



## Bus station plan gears up

Our plan to redevelop Gosport bus station and create an exciting waterfront area continues to move forwards.

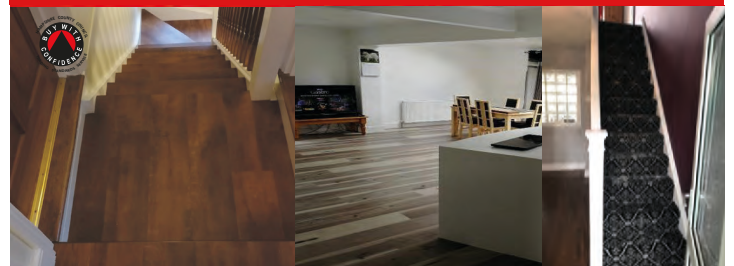
This spring we plan to start offering the development opportunity to suitable property companies who might want to work with us.

The plan includes waterfront bars and cafes or restaurants with outside seating, along with shop units, and apartments above. The scheme would enhance our much-loved waterfront area and provide an attractive leisure and retail destination for residents and visitors.

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# Hope for town centre revamp

**Our exciting plan to breathe new life into Gosport town centre is making progress, with a key decision on funding expected very soon.**

We want to make the most of under-used buildings in the High Street and Stoke Road, while keeping historic features. New businesses, community spaces, cultural activities and apartments could revitalise the area.

Here are some of the highlights of our plan:

- encouraging more restaurants and night-time entertainment venues
- revamping the town centre market and exploring the potential for a permanent indoor market on the High Street

- holding more arts and performance events in Lawrence Square and Walpole Park

- using grants to encourage landlords to improve shop frontages in keeping with the area's heritage, and bring unused upper floors into use

- restoring the Edwardian stained glass canopy at the Royal Arms in Stoke Road and using the front of the building for community events

- setting up a small business "incubator" providing support and work space for small businesses

- creating a high street hub to train residents looking for a career in customer services or hospitality

The plan was drawn up with Hampshire Cultural Trust, which

runs Gosport Gallery and SEARCH in the Old Grammar School.

A major part of the plan is the redevelopment of the building, which would become home to a new museum and art gallery, creating a community hub for heritage, arts, education and culture. It would also have a café, shop and work spaces for small companies. It would also be a base for outdoor performances and specialist street markets.

Our proposal, for a high street heritage action zone, has been approved in principle by Historic England. We're expecting a decision soon on funding. This could mean £1.78 million over four years, starting in April, as part of a wider £3.2 million programme.

# Now's the time to party like



**The bank holiday weekend of 8–10 May will see lots of celebrations around the borough to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, when victory in Europe was declared in the Second World War.**

Street parties were held all over the area to mark the event in 1945, including this one, pictured above, in Lyndhurst Road, Gosport.

Now, 75 years on, we're keen to help residents hold street parties wherever possible.

This is the time to start thinking about your fun event and making sure you have everything in place.

For information and advice search **street party** at [www.gosport.gov.uk](http://www.gosport.gov.uk)

For street parties requiring road closures, completed applications need to reach us six weeks beforehand. So for events on 8 May, the deadline is 27 March.



The picture above, from Colin Baxter, shows neighbours in the Salisbury Terrace area of Lee-on-the-Solent celebrating VE Day (or possibly VJ Day, 15 August, which officially marked victory over Japan and the end of the war). Colin says: "My mum Gladys Baxter, neé Wade, is on the far left in the flag-bedecked apron, my gran on the far right in the hat."

# it's 1945



The News, Portsmouth



## Breakfast and banter

**If you're a serving member of the armed forces, a veteran, or a member of a service family, then you can find great company, a good laugh and a slap-up breakfast at the Gosport Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club.**

It meets on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at the RNA Club, 66 Fareham Road, Gosport, from 9am to 11.30am.

Cllr Marcus Murphy, our Armed Forces Champion, said: "The council is committed to the Armed Forces Covenant and to supporting our service personnel, along with veterans. This club is doing a great job."

## Lee is leading the way

The main focus for the bank holiday weekend will be on Lee-on-the-Solent, where residents will put on a major free celebration.

Organiser Jonathan Moore said: "This is likely to be the last celebration of significant size to be held in the lifetime of our veterans from the Second World War. Our vision for Lee VE75 is to bring together the men and women who experienced VE Day first hand and give them a platform to share those experiences with younger generations so their memories can be captured, shared and celebrated at a truly memorable event."

## What's coming up in Lee

### Friday 8 May

- 2.55pm: The Last Post played at the war memorial on Marine Parade.
- 3pm: Battle's O'er performed at the war memorial. Also known as When the Battle's Over, this is a march traditionally played to sound the end of the day for soldiers in barracks. It's a popular tune for 'beating retreat'.

- 3.30pm–10pm: Funfair at the recreation ground until about 10pm. Free entry.
- 7pm: Ringing Out For Peace Bell from St Faith's Church.

### Saturday 9 May

- 9am–5pm: 1940s-themed High Street including military and civilian living history re-enactors and vintage vehicles.
- 10am: Parade in High Street. Salute veterans with a military parade led by HMS Sultan and HMS Collingwood and other troops, including vintage vehicles.
- 3pm–11pm: Musical celebration on recreation ground with funfair and live music.

### Sunday 10 May

- 10.30am: Remembrance and celebration at St Faith's Church and Bulson Hall.
- 11am–5pm: Funfair opens in the recreation ground. Free entry.

Details correct at time of going to press. A full programme of events will be available in the commemorative event programme, on sale throughout the day.

**For more information and to keep in touch go to [www.leeve75.co.uk](http://www.leeve75.co.uk) or find @LEE VE75 on Facebook.**

# Fun and fitness for all ages

We're improving more play areas and planning new ways for children, teenagers and adults to enjoy keeping active and being outside.



## New-look play areas

We've refurbished the Pirates Cove play area at Lee-on-the-Solent, making it more suitable for children of all abilities. We've added new play equipment including an imaginative pirate ship, a spinning dish and bongos, making it an even more fun place to play.

We've worked with the Friends of Leesland Park in Gosport to refurbish the area while keeping its character. There's a new safety surface to make it more accessible for children of all abilities, and new equipment including an activity tower, a roundabout and swings.

We've also installed a new safety surface at Leesland Road play area, with new equipment including swings, play panels, springers and a balance beam.



*Pirates Cove*

## New sports pavilion

We're planning to build a new sports pavilion at Nobes Avenue open space in Gosport. It would be a purpose-built facility, with toilets and changing rooms, for the whole community.



## Plans in the pipeline...

We're planning to make the seafront at Stokes Bay an even better place for keeping active in the fresh air.

We're intending to install individual pieces of outdoor gym equipment, set into the grass next to the prom's 'golden mile'. There would be a mix of static and moving stations, including bars of different sizes, positions and heights. The idea is to create a free way for people of all ages and abilities to exercise in different ways.

We're planning improvements to other areas too, to improve local neighbourhoods and make it easier to be active.

At Tukes Avenue open space in Gosport, we want to add new play and exercise equipment to create a space where older children and teenagers can keep fit, enjoy a physical challenge and meet friends. It would be separate from the nearby play area for young children.

Meanwhile, at Walpole Park open space, we'd like to provide more play equipment for younger ages, creating an area more suitable for children of all abilities. The existing gym equipment would be moved to the hard standing alongside the north lake, with some new static and moving equipment.



## Keeping our heritage alive

**One of Gosport's most important historic sites, Bastion No. 1, is now better protected and on its way to being restored as a public park.**

We've removed self-seeded sycamore trees, brambles and ivy, and repaired fences. We took away 12 tonnes of rubbish in total. The site, off Trinity Road, will reopen to the public when newly-seeded grass is established.

In the autumn we hope to do more repairs on the bastion, creating new routes through the park to the Millennium Promenade. Our ultimate plan is to join up the historic Gosport Lines defences from the bastion to Mumby Road, creating a green link around the town centre.

The bastion project is part of our work as a heritage action zone. Plans are taking shape to secure the future of historic buildings on the Haslar peninsula and at Priddy's Hard, Fort Rowner and Daedalus.



# Our vision for 100 new council homes



## **We're planning the biggest council-house building programme for a generation.**

Over the next three years, we intend to build around 100 new homes for people on the waiting list, at a cost of £7.6m.

The blueprint is for a mix of flats and houses. They would be for people already living in the borough – families as well as single people.

The homes would be built on small sections of land already owned by the council around the borough.

Because they would be built near other council housing, they would help families stay together. And they would be designed

to be lifetime homes – adaptable as people got older or became less mobile. This means people would be less likely to have to move to find a suitable home.

They would also meet current energy standards.

Cllr Graham Burgess, Chairman of the council's Community Board, said: "This is such an exciting plan. Not very many councils are building housing, but we built 16 houses at St Vincent Road a few years ago and now we're planning this big programme. It will help local people on the waiting list, keep families and local communities together, and meet government targets for new housing."

## Getting started

### **These are proposed sites for the first 31 homes:**

- Stoners Close: eight houses with two or three bedrooms
- Tukes Avenue: 20 flats with one or two bedrooms
- Russell Street: three houses with three bedrooms

Nearby residents will have a chance to give their views as part of the planning process, which will also look at the capacity of local services.





# Climate change: working together to make a difference



## Your council is determined to take action on climate change.

We're working on ways to reduce our own carbon emissions as an organisation, and to encourage residents and businesses to play their part too.

We'll be employing a dedicated climate change officer, and have earmarked £20,000 towards installing electric vehicle charging points in council car parks. We're also boosting our tree-planting scheme by another £30,000,

to help reach our goal of 1,000 trees planted in 1,000 days.

We'll also look to re-wild unused areas so they become wildflower meadows. Also under consideration is a real Christmas tree, growing in the High Street, which would cut our carbon footprint.

And we've set up a working group with councillors of all parties, which has been working to produce a climate change strategy for the borough.

Cllr Piers Bateman, who chairs the working group, said: "Climate change will have a significant effect locally, nationally and globally, and action is needed to reduce emissions, mitigate the effects and build resilience for the borough. Residents, businesses and the council will all need to play their part.

"I'm pleased to be able to chair a dynamic group that is committed to helping the council progress this matter as swiftly as possible."

## Taking action on dumped trolleys

### We've begun a clampdown on dumped shopping trolleys.

From now on we'll be seizing trolleys that have been abandoned, and charging stores for the cost of removing, storing and disposing of them.

You can report dumped trolleys to us on **08000 198598** or **streetscene@gosport.gov.uk**

Cllr Graham Burgess, Chairman of the council's Community Board, said: "A small minority of thoughtless people take trolleys away and then dump them without considering the effect on their neighbourhood.

"Abandoned shopping trolleys make an area look run down and uncared-for. They also harm wildlife and cause hazards in public spaces, streets and waterways.

"We've been working with local supermarkets on the problem, but the situation hasn't improved and we need to use the powers available to us.

"This new policy means we can get rid of trolleys that have been dumped, but without tax payers bearing the cost."



# Seed sown for garden centre

**Our plan for a new-look main gateway to Alver Valley country park, including a garden centre and café, has taken a major step forward.**

We've signed a lease with a garden centre company which plans to build and run the new centre at Grange Farm, on the eastern side of the park.

The new garden centre would have a restaurant, a coffee shop and toilets. Parking would be provided for customers and for visitors to the country park and the nearby Little Woodham living history village.

The company, MGGC Ltd, is applying for planning permission. If it is granted, the garden centre could be open in early 2021.

MGGC runs another garden centre in Hampshire – at Stansted Park near Rowlands Castle – along with one in Warwickshire.

CLlr Mark Hook, Leader of the Council, said: “This agreement with

MGGC is a big milestone in our plan to create a visitor gateway to the park at this site. The plan is for a first-class garden centre with all the facilities people would expect.

“Alver Valley is such an important green area for the people of the borough, and this development would make it an even more attractive and enjoyable place to visit.”



*MGGC's garden centre in Warwickshire*

## New café on the way

**We're building new toilets and a café at the western side of Alver Valley country park.**

The new facility, in Cherque Way, is due to open this spring. It will have a Changing Places fully-accessible toilet, and be clad in stone to provide a countryside feel.

Alver Valley has seen a lot of improvements lately, including better parking and the new adventure playground.



*The café building taking shape earlier this year*

# GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL - A to Z of services

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<b>Access for the Disabled</b>	Building Control	01329 824 823
<b>Air Pollution</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
<b>Alcohol Licensing</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505
<b>Allotments</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Asbestos Advice</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
<b>Beach Barbecues (booking)</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425
<b>Beach Huts</b>	Housing Services	023 9254 5564
<b>Beach/Prom (Management)</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Bulky Item Collection</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Building Regulations</b>	Building Control	(01329) 824823
<b>Business enquiries</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723
<b>Car Parks</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Cemetery - Anns Hill</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Charity Street collections</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505
<b>Citizen of the Year Award</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340
<b>Civic Events</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5202
<b>Coastal flooding</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Coastline Magazine</b>	Press & PR	023 9284 1395
<b>Community Safety</b>	Community Safety	023 9254 5241
<b>Concessionary Travel</b>	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1376
<b>Conservation/listed building</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
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- Community Alarms	Housing Services	023 9252 9308
- Housing Options	Housing Services	023 9254 5476
- Housing Repairs	Kier	Freephone 0800 028 0835
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- Enquiries	Financial Services	023 9254 5470
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<b>Countryside Section</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
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<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
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<b>Dropped kerb (requests)</b>	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
<b>Dustbins (emptying)</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Energy efficiency at home</b>	Energy Services Team	023 9284 1947
<b>Flooding (roads)</b>	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
<b>Food hygiene &amp; safety</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5507
<b>Gosport Market</b>	Environmental Health	(07983) 994071
<b>Gosport Local Plan</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461
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<b>Grass Cutting</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598

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<b>Land Bookings</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425
<b>Land Searches</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5221
<b>Listed Buildings</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
<b>Litter &amp; Street cleaning</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Lotteries (Registration)</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505
<b>Noise Nuisance</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
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- Local Plan	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461
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<b>Pollution</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5506
<b>Recycling</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Refuse Centre (Grange Road)</b>	General enquiries	(0300) 555 1389
<b>Reprographics and Printing</b>	Financial Services	023 9254 5270
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<b>Roads &amp; pavements</b>	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
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- Pools : Gosport Leisure Park	Places for People	023 9253 4950
<b>Street lights</b>	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
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<b>Taxi Licensing</b>	Environmental Health	023 9254 5505
<b>Toilets</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
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<b>Traffic lights</b>	Hampshire County Council	(0300) 555 1388
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- alongside roads	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- other trees	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- preservation orders	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>		
- Conservation Groups	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Recreation Groups	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723
<b>Voting</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5227/5218
<b>Wildgrounds</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598

## Pop in and see your local enforcement officer

Your local enforcement officer is now holding monthly neighbourhood surgeries where residents can discuss local issues such as littering, dog fouling, fly tipping and other actions that spoil our environment. To find your next surgery, look out for posters locally, see our **Gosport Borough Council - Streetscene** Facebook page, or search **enforcement** at [www.gosport.gov.uk](http://www.gosport.gov.uk)



Local councillors and police are often present too. To report a concern, email [streetscene@gosport.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@gosport.gov.uk) or leave a message on **08000 198598** (9am–5pm Monday to Friday). Out of hours, the council's usual call-handling service is able to deal with emergencies.

# Dates for your diary

## Tuesday 31 March: Citizen of the Year/Youth Award deadline

Last date to nominate someone for their kindness, helpfulness or charitable work. For more details call **023 9254 5340**.

## Friday 24 April: The internet – friend or foe?

Gosport Older Persons Forum open meeting. 10am–12pm at Holy Trinity Church. Tips on getting online and avoiding scams. Free.

## Saturday 25 April: Safer Gosport Community Day

11am–2pm, Lawrence Square and Gosport High Street. Free family event with emergency services including police, fire and ambulance. Plus free cycle security coding. More details: [www.safergosport.co.uk](http://www.safergosport.co.uk)

## Thursday 7 May: local elections

7am–10pm. Gosport Borough Council elections and Police & Crime Commissioner election. Tuesday 21 April is the last day you can register to vote. Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

## Friday 22 May: deadline for In Bloom

Last date for entries to our 2020 Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent in Bloom gardening competition. You can enter online – search **in bloom** at [www.gosport.gov.uk](http://www.gosport.gov.uk) Or pick up a entry leaflet from reception at the Town Hall.



*Dog show, 23 May*

## Saturday 16 May: Sultec 20

HMS Sultan, 10am–4pm. New family event with a tech theme and new exhibits and displays, on the ground and in the air. More details: find **HMS Sultan** on Facebook.

## Saturday 23 May: Gosportarians Dog Show

Walpole Park, 10am–4pm. Adults £1, children 50p. Refreshments, agility course and fun for children. More details: [www.gosportarians.co.uk](http://www.gosportarians.co.uk)

## Saturday 30 May–Sunday 31 May: Windsurfing

UK Windsurfing Association national championships round 2, Stokes Bay Sailing Club. A superb spectacle with great photo opportunities. More info: [ukwindsurfing.com/events](http://ukwindsurfing.com/events)

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