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CARNIVAL!



Celebrate Gosport 100

It's the 100th anniversary of Gosport officially becoming a borough in November.

It's a great opportunity for local people to join together to help celebrate our history and heritage and show how proud we are of where we live.

Plans were being drawn up for the celebration as Coastline went to press, but will include a Town Hall open day on 19 November, 10am – 4pm, with historical exhibits. See back page.

Find out more at www.gosport.gov.uk/gosport100 or email gosport100@gosport.gov.uk

Daedalus waterfront plans take shape

A planning application for the waterfront site at Daedalus is expected to be submitted to the council before the end of the year. Councillors on our Regulatory Board would then consider the application in 2023.

The 42-acre site is the final part of the Daedalus area owned by Homes England, the government's housing and regeneration agency, to come up for development. HE has confirmed its development partner as Daedalus Development Company.

The company has announced a scheme involving restoring historic buildings, including the First World War hangars that face the Solent. These would form a gateway to the project and an upgraded home for the Hovercraft Museum.

It also plans around 450,000 square feet of commercial space to attract new businesses and jobs, and about 350 private and affordable homes. New services and facilities would include public parks.

For more information see daedaluswaterfront.co.uk



A gathering of Gosport and Alverstoke Urban District Council, which became Gosport Borough Council.

Hampshire Cultural Trust

New rules help us all enjoy the beach



New rules to tackle dangerous and anti-social behaviour on Gosport's seashore came into effect this summer.

They give powers to council officers and police to issue fines for activities including:

- launching jet skis outside of designated areas
- lighting barbecues outside of a designated area
- holding big parties, with music, without consent
- cycling off designated routes
- driving, or riding a motorbike
- interfering with life-saving equipment
- parking outside of a designated area
- releasing lighted sky lanterns
- horse riding

An offence could result in a £75 on-the-spot fine or prosecution in court, where a fine of up to £500 is possible.

The rules also govern activities such as kite flying, using kite buggies, kite surfing, holding public performances, playing games and sports, begging and trading, fishing and bait digging.

Cllr Peter Chegwyn, Leader of the Council, said late-night anti-social behaviour was a main focus of the new rules. "Many of the activities covered are fine if you are considerate and sensible. Also, officers will use their discretion. This is not about being killjoys, it's about stepping in when ordinary people are being affected by anti-social or unsafe behaviour."

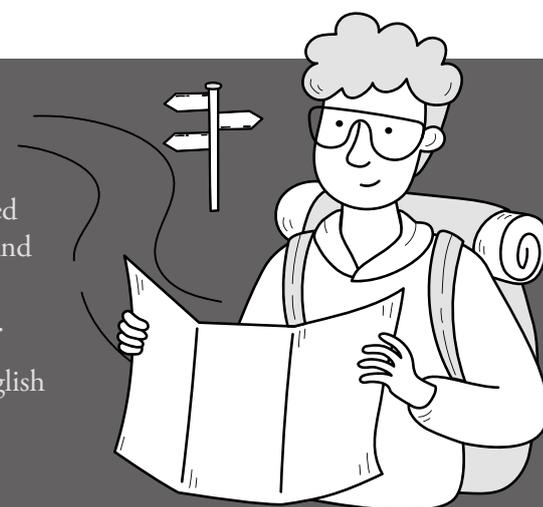
For details see www.gosport.gov.uk/Seashore-Byelaws-2022

Gosport joins new coast path

A 52-mile section of the England Coast Path, including Gosport, was opened by Natural England last month. Linking the New Forest village of Calshot and Portsmouth, the route follows the borough coastline, taking in Lee-on-the-Solent and Gosport waterfront, before heading for Fareham and Portchester.

The route will eventually form part of a 2,700-mile-long path along the English coast, which will become the longest walking route in the world.

For more information see www.nationaltrail.co.uk



A festival of free fun and celebration



A spectacular carnival parade through Gosport town centre will be the climax of a new free family event on 17 September.

The event, called the Brouhaha, will see loads of free family entertainment in Walpole Park from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a performance stage, children's workshops, a showcase for makers, interesting speakers, community group stands and local food stalls.

The word "brouhaha" means a commotion or uproar, and we're planning an event to remember.

It'll be a mix of science, nature, art and live music, with an emphasis on celebrating the borough's nautical heritage and the inventions that have helped put it on the map.

The celebratory parade of performers and colourful costumes will wend its way through the town from 12.30pm to 1.15pm, taking in the High Street, South Street and Stoke Road.

We've worked on the event with international carnival artists

Shademakers, known for their dramatic "dancing sculptures" of animals. Their colourful creations and costumes will include some seen at the Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London.

We're hoping that the event will become one of the biggest free art, science and nature celebrations by a local community in the country.

Running alongside the Brouhaha, at the same time, will be the Give it a Go festival, an opportunity for local people to take part in creative activities, inspired by local inventions, in Walpole Park.

Cllr Peter Chegwyn, Leader of the Council, said: "These marvellous events for Gosport people are the result of the vision and effort of lots of people from various organisations, all working together.

"We're delighted to offer local residents such a great choice of

free entertainment, so much of it celebrating the unique history and heritage that make our borough so special."

The Brouhaha is supported by funding from Historic England, as part of Gosport's High Street Heritage Action Zone programme. The Give it a Go Festival is supported by Hampshire Cultural Trust.

Check for updates on the **Discover Gosport** Facebook page.





A poetry event in Leesland Park

Arts in the Parks

The events on these pages follow hot on the heels of our Arts in the Parks programme, a three-week series of free, family-friendly events that has just come to a close. Arts in the Parks brought inspiring and surprising performances, from poetry and music to children's theatre, into parks and green spaces across the borough.

Celebrating our heritage with open days

Gosport's Heritage Open Days festival is running from 9 to 18 September, with council support. This annual festival, part of a national celebration, sees historic buildings and heritage sites opened up to residents.

Gosport's festival is one of the most comprehensive in the country, reflecting the hard work of volunteers and the richness of the borough's history.

More than 60 unique free events are planned, including 23 new options – some celebrating local inventions, and others designed to appeal to children and families. These include a chance to see model Second World War ships and military vehicles, an opportunity to explore passageways and alleyways in Gosport town centre and a children's walk at the Submarine Museum. Favourites such as a ride on a traditional Provincial bus and a visit to Fort Brockhurst are also in the programme.



HMS Holland 1, the Royal Navy's first commissioned submarine

NMPPN



Impression of new museum café

New museum and gallery opens soon

Plans are under way to open Gosport Museum and Art Gallery in October, following months of refurbishment.

The freshly renovated building will boast a new museum for Gosport, which has been created by the community for the community, with groups from the town choosing the objects to go on display, researching them and writing their stories.

The play gallery for young children and families will return and there will be a community gallery showcasing local exhibitions. A new café will serve drinks and light refreshments.

The opening exhibition in the gallery will be *Alien Native*, a video artwork about native and non-native plants in the Gosport area. The exhibition has been created by Portsmouth-based artists Heinrich and Palmer and has been specially commissioned to celebrate the opening of the new-look building.

The renovation project is led by Hampshire Cultural Trust, working with the council.



Changing places

The new museum and art gallery will also have a fully-accessible Changing Places toilet, for people with severe disabilities.

The council won £80,000 of government funding to have this facility installed, along with one planned for Gosport Leisure Centre.

Changing Places toilets have extra equipment and space for people whose disabilities mean they can't use standard accessible toilets safely and comfortably.

Cheers to new Tipple Tours

A new walking tour celebrating the history of Gosport's breweries starts this month.



It begins in the Four-Ale Taproom in Stoke Road and works its way through the town, finishing at the Fallen Acorn brewery, Clarence Wharf.

During the tour you'll try local brews as your guide brings to life the sailor-filled, beer-soaked, bustling, hustling, walled town of Gosport in the 19th century.

It's been set up by Gosport Cultural Consortium – a partnership between Hampshire Cultural Trust, Bridgemary School, Gosport Heritage Open Days, Gosport Discovery Centre, Gosport Voluntary Action, Gosport U3A and Gosport Diving Museum, funded by Historic England.

Helen Ellis, project co-ordinator, said: "This is an exciting opportunity to showcase the forgotten history of Gosport's once booming tradition."

The tour runs two Saturdays a month for the rest of the year. Book at www.eventbright.co.uk/brewerytours

James O Davies



Repairs for Royal Arms Hotel

As Coastline went to press, work was set to start on the delicate job of restoring the distinctive and highly decorative glass canopy and glazed tile façade of the Royal Arms Hotel on Stoke Road.

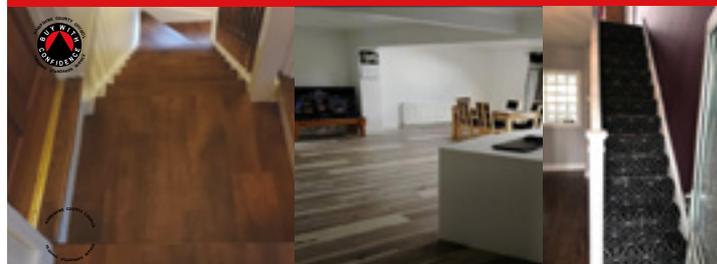
Last orders were called for the final time at the pub about 14 years ago. Known as the 'submariners' pub', it's an important piece of Gosport's heritage. The grade II listed canopy and façade are being restored so they can be enjoyed by generations to come. We're hoping the original bar room can become a café or community space.

The work is being supported by Gosport's High Street Heritage Action Zone programme. This is transforming disused or under-used buildings and establishing new creative, cultural, residential and commercial opportunities, using £1.86 million of funding from Historic England secured by the council with Hampshire Cultural Trust. See gosporthaz.org.uk

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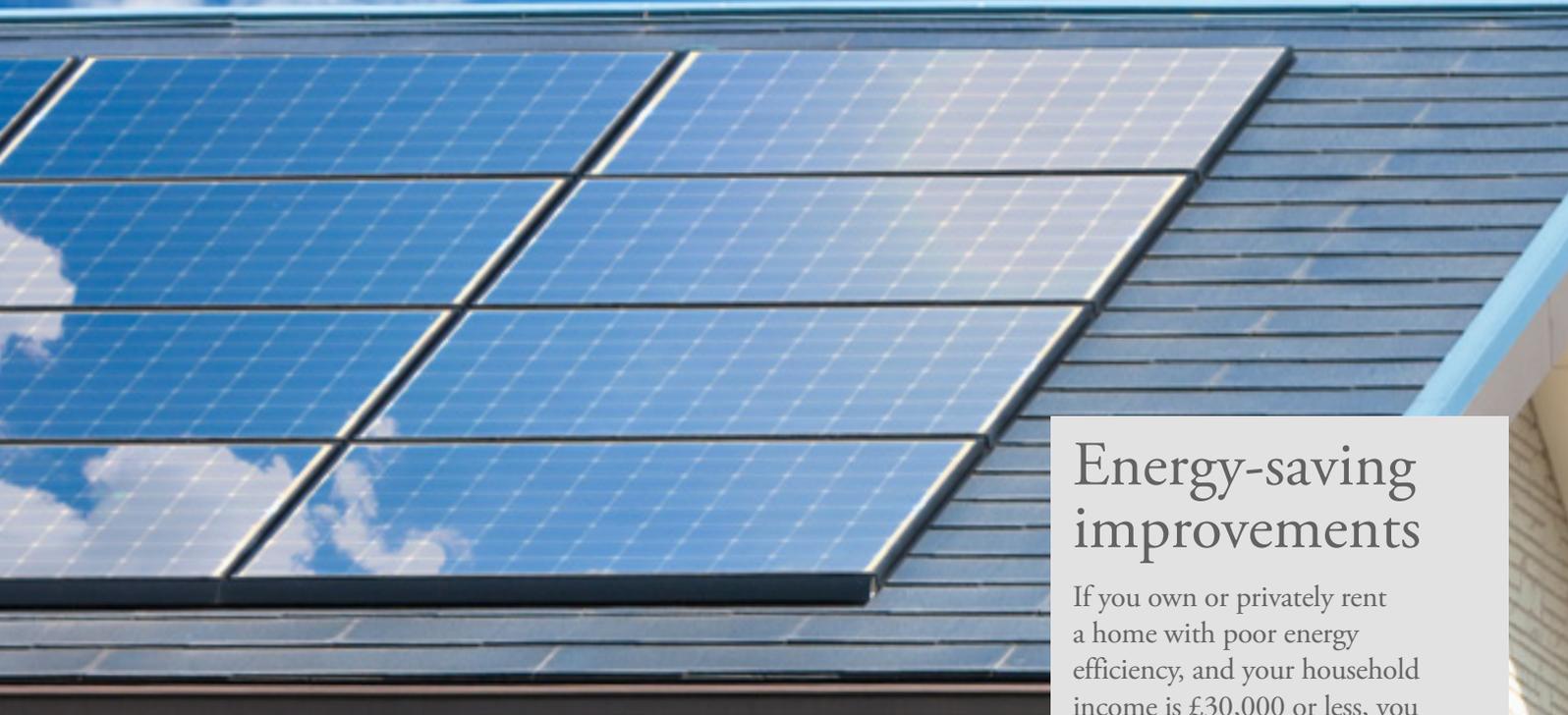


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Getting a good deal on solar



By fitting solar panels on our roofs, we can generate clean energy, help combat climate change and shrink our energy bills. If you're interested in getting panels installed, take a look at these two local schemes.

Solar Together, backed by Hampshire County Council, is aimed at getting a good deal for residents on solar panels, battery storage and electric vehicle charging points.

Costs come down because the scheme uses group purchasing power, and companies compete to become suppliers.

Registration for Solar Together is open until 27 September.

Just go to solartogether.co.uk or call Solar Together on **0800 098 8415**.

The **Switched On Solar** tool shows how suitable your roof is for solar panels, just by entering your postcode and selecting your address. It includes the number of panels you could install, the estimated cost, how much you'd save on bills, and the payback time. Plus, you get information about installers, funding and your potential CO2 reduction.

See switchedongosport.co.uk/switchedonsolar

Energy-saving improvements

If you own or privately rent a home with poor energy efficiency, and your household income is £30,000 or less, you could be eligible for improvements such as insulation, storage heaters, air source heat pumps or solar panels. Homeowners can get the measures for free. Landlords need to contribute.

And depending on factors like your income or health, you could get a free visit from an expert who can help you cut your bills and find funding for energy-saving improvements.



Find out more at switchedongosport.co.uk or call **0800 804 8601**

Celebrate green action in Gosport



The Great Big Green Week, 24 September to 2 October, is a celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.



Local events include:

- Old Railway Cycle Route Litter-pick, Saturday 1 October, 10am–11.30am: Start from one of the three ends of the old railway cycle route and meet other litter-pickers in the middle.
- Gosport Green Trail, Saturday 1 October, 2pm–4pm: Meet outside the Discovery Centre then bike or walk, stopping to visit local groups. One stop is at Kings Road, to join Friends of the Earth members for a snack and a chat beside a hedge they've planted.

More events are being arranged. For more details go to greatbiggreenweek.com, see the Discovery Centre's Great Big Green Week display during the week, or check social media.

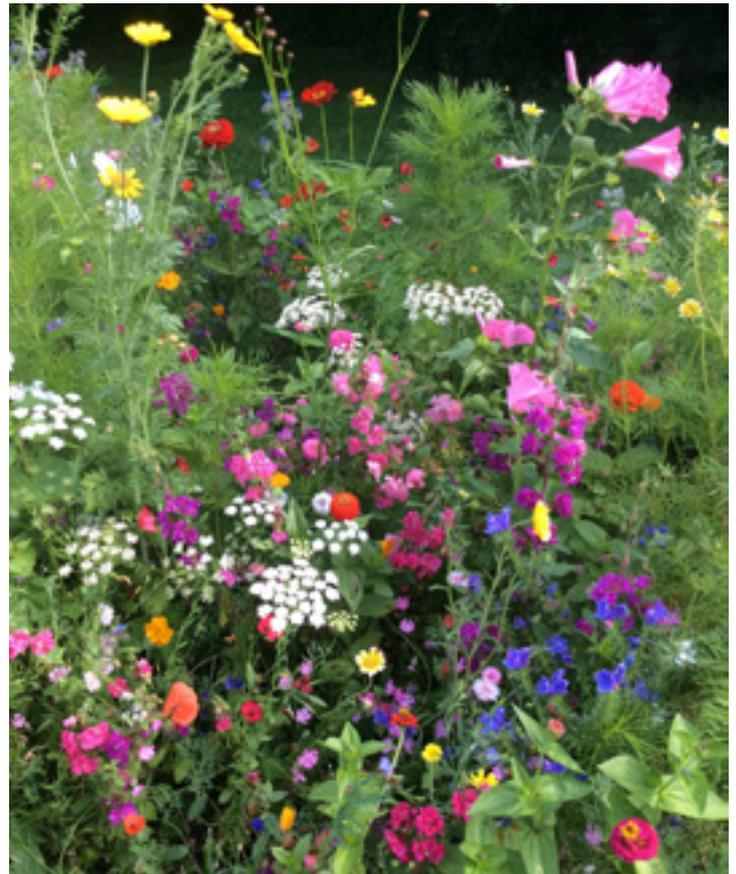
The council is working with Gosport Voluntary Action to link up groups and help them promote what they're doing. To be part of this network email climatechange@gosport.gov.uk

Community skip scheme

As Coastline went to press, plans to trial a free community skip scheme were under way.

The idea of the scheme, part of our push for a cleaner, greener Gosport, is to make skips available for bulky household items. We plan to regularly move them around the borough, giving residents in all areas the chance to use them.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Peter Chegwyn, said: "As well as being convenient for residents, this could help to greatly reduce fly-tipping around the borough."



Natural flower zone at Stanley Park

Top parks win again

Two council parks have once again been recognised as among the best in the country.

Stanley Park and Crescent Gardens were named as Green Flag winners by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, in its annual awards announcement.

Stanley Park achieved the Green Flag standard for the third time, and Crescent Gardens was awarded the accolade for the sixteenth time. We're intending to increase the number of parks and open spaces attaining Green Flag awards as part of our "cleaner, greener Gosport" agenda.

Action to save cinema and pubs

The council has moved to try and save the former Criterion cinema and two much-loved pubs for the community.

Councillors have decided that the ex-cinema in Forton Road, along with the Junction Tavern in Leesland Road and the Queen's Hotel in Queen's Road, should be registered as assets of community value.

This means that if the owner of a property decides to sell, the sale can be halted for up to six months to allow an offer from the community to be put together.

The Criterion opened in 1912 and was run as a cinema and theatre until 1968. It became a bingo hall, and closed in 2020. The Junction dates to about 1885 and the Queen's to about 1893.

Cllr Julie Westerby, who chairs our Community and Environment Board, said: "These buildings are part of Gosport's heritage and we're determined to save them if we can."



Inside the Criterion, about 1920

"The Criterion was a busy, friendly, inclusive place. It would be exciting to do something ambitious and new with it and provide an important hub for the area, maybe as a community cinema and arts centre."

Free parking in town

Drivers can now get an hour's free parking in six of our Gosport town centre car parks.

The new policy covers the Coates Road, Church Path, Minnitt Road South, North Cross Street, North Loading Bay and South Street sites. We've scrapped the charge for the first hour, as a way of boosting activity in the town centre and supporting businesses.

If you're staying for an hour or less, there's no need to get a ticket. You'll need one for a maximum two-hour stay, which costs £1 as before.



A shelter with a similar design to the one planned

Bus station update

A contractor to build Gosport's new transport interchange is expected to be appointed in the next few weeks, enabling work to start on-site.

Site investigations and utility diversions are expected to be carried out before Christmas, followed by the main construction work.

The project, led by Hampshire County Council, helps pave the way for the removal of the dated current bus station to make way for an attractive new waterfront area.

For more information search **Gosport interchange** at www.hants.gov.uk

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	01329 824399
Air Pollution	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Health Education/Promotion	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Alcohol Licensing	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Infectious Diseases	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Allotments	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Jobs (council only)	HR Services	023 9254 5650
Asbestos Advice	Environmental Health	01329 824399	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	01329 824399
Building Regulations	Building Control	01329 824823	Noise Nuisance	Environmental Health	01329 824399
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	01329 824399	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	01329 824399
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	01329 824399
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	01329 824399
Dog Fouling	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Toilets	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Dog Warden (lost & found)	Environmental Health	01329 824399	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	01329 824399	- 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

Working to improve safety in our borough

We're working to make our borough safer, by reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Sue Ballard, who chairs Gosport Community Safety Partnership, said: "We're determined to make our streets, parks and open spaces safer, and are looking at the best ways of doing this – including more CCTV cameras."

The council has joined other local Hampshire authorities in a successful bid for £733,500 of government Safer Streets funding, aimed at improving safety for women and girls. This will be used for projects including: tackling unhealthy attitudes in secondary schools; creating a network of safe places; training night-time workers; reducing violence against women working in the sex industry; and improving safety measures on the streets, including CCTV and lighting.

Dates for your diary

Heritage Open Days

Friday 9 – Sunday 18 September

Free events. See p4–5.

Brouhaha/Give it a Go

Saturday 17 September

Entertainment and activities including street carnival. Walpole Park and town centre. Free. See p4–5.



Brouhaha 1719

ParkFest 22

Saturday 17 September

Leesland Park, 1pm–10pm. Stalls, children's entertainment and activities, food, drink and live music.

Michaelmas Fayre

Saturday 24 September

Alverstoke village, 11am–4pm. Funfair, stalls and street entertainment. Free entry.
stmarysalverstoke.org.uk/whats-on

Great Big Green Week

Saturday 24 September to Sunday 2 October

Celebration of community action on climate change and nature. See p9.

Stokes Baywatch

Saturday 8 October

Diving Museum, 2pm–3.30pm. Free family beach scavenger hunt. Meet at museum 2pm.
www.divingmuseum.co.uk

Gosport 100: Town Hall Open Day

Saturday 19 November

10am–4pm. See behind the scenes and view exhibits from the past as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Gosport becoming a borough. Free. See p2.

Events may be cancelled, postponed or changed. Please check with venue. Keep up to date by visiting our Tourist Information Centre, South Street. Call 023 9252 2944 or email tourism@gosport.gov.uk Or see www.discovergosport.co.uk

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