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*Cover picture:  
Common Blue butterfly at Alver Valley*



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## Housing plan moves ahead

**Our plan to build new social and affordable housing on council land is moving forward.**

We're looking at sites across the borough, most of them brownfield (previously developed), along with some small 'infill' areas.

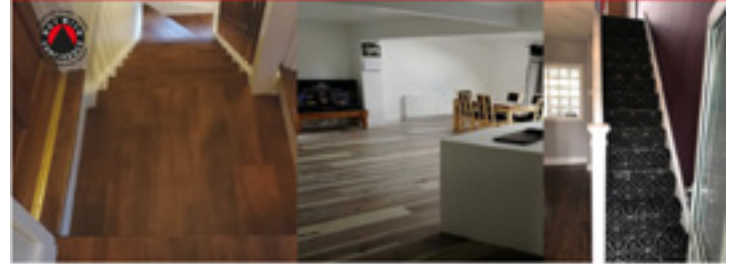
We hope to build around 36 properties – flats and houses. Work is under way on designing the properties and allocating them to particular sites.

They would be for local people on our housing register.

We'll be applying for planning permission for the properties and consulting residents.



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# A year of special events

Our borough will be marking special anniversaries this year, and enjoying the return of our great gardening contest.



*A winning back garden from In Bloom 2016*

## Join in with the Jubilee



Hampshire Cultural Trust

*The Lee Tower, which stood on Lee-on-the-Solent seafront from 1935 until 1971, is shown here decorated to celebrate the Queen's coronation in 1953.*

We're encouraging residents to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of Her Majesty's reign.

The main focus will be the four-day bank holiday from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June.

If you're planning a street party, please search **jubilee** at [www.gosport.gov.uk](http://www.gosport.gov.uk) to find out how to arrange this.

## In Bloom is back

Trowels at the ready! The Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent in Bloom competition returns this year, along with our In Bloom contest for schools. Judging for the schools competition will be in the last two weeks of May, and in early July for other entries. There are lots of categories in the main competition, including small and large gardens, container displays, businesses, groups and streets. Find out more at [www.gosport.gov.uk/gosportinbloom](http://www.gosport.gov.uk/gosportinbloom)

## Falklands remembered

We'll be marking the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War on 29 May. There will be a civic procession, followed by a service in the Falkland Gardens at 11am, and then a march past and salute outside the Town Hall. For more details please check nearer the time at [www.gosport.gov.uk](http://www.gosport.gov.uk)



*The 35th anniversary parade.*

## Centenary for council

Gosport Borough Council celebrates 100 years of existence this year. In 1922, after King George V approved the grant of a municipal charter, Gosport and Alverstoke Urban District Council became a borough.



Hampshire Cultural Trust

*A gathering of Gosport and Alverstoke Urban District Council.*

The new council had its first meeting on 4 November 1922. Gosport artist Martin Snape designed the official seal of the new authority, which is the basis for the council's crest.



# Working towards a greener Gosport

We're working with local people, community groups and businesses to make the borough a greener place.

## Going wild in Alver Valley

**Our Alver Valley Country Park team have been busy overseeing the creation of a wildflower meadow in the heart of the park.**

With the help of the new Alver Valley Garden Centre, 5,000 cubic metres of soil was moved from the centre's construction site and used to fill in old industrial silt ponds, created when the area was used for gravel washing and concrete recycling.

We aim to create a flower-rich meadow which will attract bees, butterflies and other small creatures, who will in turn attract birds and mammals. There will be a footpath across the site, and wildflowers are expected to provide a show this summer.

Here, and in the Wildgrounds, areas are also being set aside as nesting locations for mining bees, using gravelly soil from the garden centre site.



*Wildflower meadow near Grange Farm*



*Ivy mining bee*

Waitrose, the garden centre and a regular visitor have supported the project by buying wildflower seeds and paying for essential work. Our volunteers have worked hard on clearing scrub and raking, and will be sowing seeds on warmer spring days.

To follow what's going on, find **The Alver Valley** on Facebook.





## Tree planting success

In September 2019, councillors agreed a policy of planting 1,000 trees in the borough within 1,000 days. Well over 3,000 trees have been planted since then, by the council or by voluntary groups working with us. Some were sponsored by residents or community groups. We're responsible for more than 30,000 trees in parks, open spaces, recreation grounds, allotment sites, cemeteries, car parks and housing areas.

Queries about sponsoring a tree or planting on public land should go to [streetscene@gosport.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@gosport.gov.uk), or call the Streetscene team on **08000 198598**.



## Garden centre opens

**As Coastline went to press, Gosport's new Alver Valley Garden Centre was planning for a March opening.**

The centre is the result of the council's plan for a new-look gateway to Alver Valley Country Park.

The owners, Your Local Garden Centre Group, also run Stansted Park Garden Centre, near Havant. They expect to create more than 70 jobs.

The centre will have a café and community space for meetings and events, plus a children's play area and an ice-cream bar. Access is via Barrington Close.

Your Local Garden Centre Group is a family business controlled by Paul Richards. He said that wherever possible, the development had been completed with recycled and ultra-efficient materials.

"We look forward to welcoming customers and becoming an integral part of Gosport and its surrounding communities."

## Greening campaigns launch

We've been encouraging local neighbourhoods to form Greening campaigns, which bring residents together to tackle climate change. Greening Leesland has completed the first phase of its campaign, which saw more than 100 people committing to actions that will save 37 tonnes of CO2 a year in total.

Greening Alverstoke launched last month, so if you live in Alverstoke look out for their challenge cards and get involved. You can learn more online at [www.greening-campaign.org](http://www.greening-campaign.org)

Contact [climatechange@gosport.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@gosport.gov.uk) for more details about starting a campaign, and to find out about financial support the council could provide.



## Working together

We've been working with Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth in the Kings Road play area, enhancing the site with native wildflowers, trees and a hedgerow (see picture). The hedgerow has been planted along a concrete wall that borders nearby industrial units. This is part of a biodiversity project to attract and support insects and help combat climate change.



# Let's celebrate our great borough

We're busy with lots of projects aimed at brightening up Gosport with art and events, and caring for our history.



*Recent Shademakers events*

## Bringing carnival and colour

We're working with international carnival artists Shademakers to bring an exciting outdoor event full of colour, drama and magical costumes to Gosport town centre this summer.

The company will be working with local schools and community groups to develop the event, which we're calling Brouhaha!

Shademakers are renowned for their "dancing sculptures". They've worked on events in Russia, Trinidad and Germany, and were involved in the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations and the 2012 London Olympics torch ceremony. In June, they're bringing heraldic beasts to life in the Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London.

Keep tuned for more details on how you can get involved in the Gosport event.

Meanwhile, we're working with artists and business to bring more colour and interest to the town centre. Look out for large-scale murals reflecting the heritage and stories of Gosport on walls and in shop windows.



*Recent Shademakers events*





## Revamping historic shops

Six historic properties in Gosport town centre are getting facelifts as part of our plan to spruce up the area and encourage more visitors.

A total of £400,000 is being shared out so owners can restore their shopfronts and make the most of their historic character. More properties are set to benefit.

### The initial six are:

- the former Royal Arms on Stoke Road
- 8 Portland Buildings (Blitz Photography)
- 65 Stoke Road (vacant)
- 15 North Cross Street (Goodwins Photography)
- 18-19 North Cross Street (Electro Trade)
- 20 North Cross Street (Weddings of Distinction)

## Preserving submarine stories

We're working with the Royal Navy Submarine Museum and the National Museum of the Royal Navy on a project to celebrate Gosport's links with submariners.

The Submariner's Stories project aims to record submariners talking about their experiences and put highlights of the conversations online, along with archive photos.

The material, along with new photo portraits of the submariners, is intended to go on show in a public exhibition later in the year.



## Enhancing heritage sites

We're working on a conservation plan for Royal Clarence Yard, with the goal of helping to unlock business potential, particularly for marine-related industries, and encouraging tourism – while safeguarding important historic buildings.

We hope to produce a similar plan for the Priddy's Hard conservation area, which will help us work towards the restoration and reuse of the last few listed buildings on the site.

We're also working on a conservation area to cover Gosport Lines. The area would extend from Bastion 1 at Trinity Green, following the historic fortifications up to Priddy's Hard.

And our work on developing walking trails continues. We hope these will include a creekside walk in the Workhouse Lake and Stoke Lake area, a Gosport Lines walk and an Alver Valley historic trail.

### Find out more

These projects come under Gosport's High Street Heritage Action Zone and Heritage Action Zone schemes. Led by Historic England, these are government-funded projects which seek to unlock the potential of historic areas such as Gosport, creating economic growth and improving quality of life. See [gosporthaz.org.uk](http://gosporthaz.org.uk)

# Getting a good deal for Gosport

Coastline's main job is to tell you about Gosport Borough Council's day-to-day running of the borough. But the council has another role, too. To act as an enabler, to help make things happen, to help improve the quality of life for local people.

We work hard to influence other organisations through joint working and partnerships. This includes working with the government and Hampshire County Council, who funded transport projects such as the Stubbington bypass, opening later this year.

Another scheme funded by HCC and supported by GBC is the extension to the bus rapid transit (BRT) scheme, making public transport more accessible and reliable, and encouraging more people to use public transport and reduce carbon emissions.

Other areas where we help include promoting job creation by working with agencies such as Homes England, the owners of the Daedalus site, by offering them help and advice.



## Elections – don't miss out

On 5 May you can vote for who will run the council and make important decisions for the borough. Make sure you're registered at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote), so you can have your say.

Following an independent review, there will be a new political map for the borough, with six fewer councillors, and all seats will be up for election.

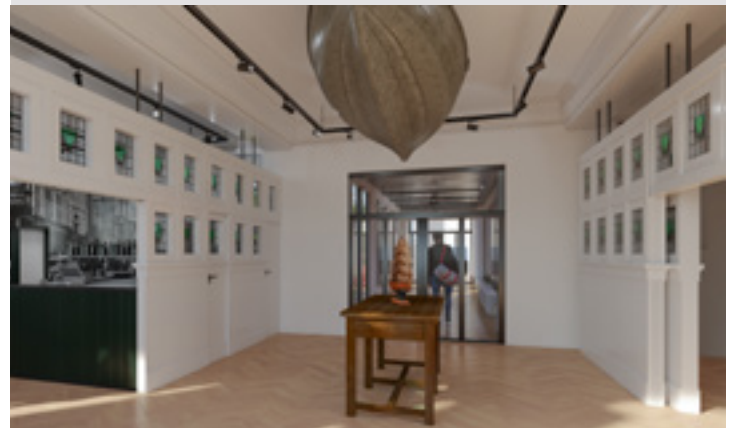
For more information, including on postal votes, search **elections and voting** at [www.gosport.gov.uk](http://www.gosport.gov.uk) or call 023 9254 5227.

## New museum and gallery

The new Gosport Museum and Art Gallery is due to re-open in late summer after a major redevelopment of the iconic Old Grammar School building.

This will include a new single-storey walkway connecting the entrance on Gosport High Street with Gosport Gallery at the rear of the building on Ordnance Road, enabling the creation of a landscaped courtyard.

The scheme also includes the reinstatement of a museum for Gosport, and a café. The building is operated by charity Hampshire Cultural Trust.







*Illustration of a similar shelter to one planned for the new interchange*

# Major step for bus station plan

**A planning application for a new transport interchange on Gosport waterfront is due to be considered by Hampshire County Council later this spring. This is a major milestone on the way to redeveloping the area.**

We're hoping to bring in a developer to replace the present ageing bus station near the ferry terminal with a new waterfront area including bars, eateries and shops. But before this can happen, there needs to be a new facility for buses.

The planning application is for a new interchange with a more efficient layout, including a modern shelter with real-time bus information displays. The taxi rank and the pick-up/drop-off would move to the current bus station site, fronting South Street, and the short-stay parking would move to The Esplanade.

As part of the wider scheme, there would also be a link across the High Street between North and South Cross Street, bringing buses into the main shopping area.

The scheme would be carefully designed to enhance the setting of the Falkland Gardens and maintain the views of the gardens and the wider waterfront area.

The project is being led by Hampshire County Council, using £5.2m of government funding, with a contribution of about £700,000 in match-funding from Gosport Borough Council.

Depending on when your Coastline is delivered, you may still be able to take part in the county council's consultation on the planning application, which was given a deadline of 11 March.

To view the documents go to [www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment) and search for application **HCC/2022/0041**



# Action to protect our coastline



**The sea wall and promenade fronting Alverbank East car park has suffered serious damage from the sea and the weather, and the prom and car park need to stay closed for safety reasons.**

Coastal Partners, on behalf of your borough and county councils, are working on a new wall, similar to the current one but more robust. Depending on planning approval, construction should start this summer and end before winter.

The wider sea defences in Stokes Bay are also reaching the end of their life, so Coastal Partners are studying options for a long-term solution which will manage erosion between the east and west car parks and protect the road.

Earlier this year work started on a new, higher sea wall and flood gate at Alverstoke. Work at Forton, including a new concrete wall, the raising of a road and repairs, is set to start later this year.

Find out more at [coastalpartners.org.uk](http://coastalpartners.org.uk)



## Charging up for the future

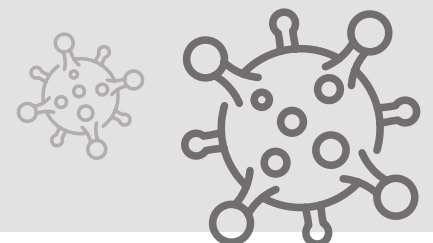
A dozen new electric vehicle charge points are coming to council car parks. Members of the Community Board gave the go-ahead for the new charge points, which will be a mix of rapid and slower types. We hope to have them in place by late summer.

Likely sites are Walpole Park, Green Lane, Pebble Beach and Number 2 Battery West car parks in Gosport, and Beach Road and Marine Parade car parks in Lee. We already have two chargers at Walpole Park car park.

## Pandemic update

As Coastline went to press, national rules and guidance about coronavirus protection were being reviewed. The latest information is at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

The council has been at the forefront of supporting residents throughout the pandemic, including by helping volunteer food schemes, setting up special accommodation for homeless people and supporting the provision of test and vaccine facilities. And so far we've given out £22.6m in business grants – helping 1,200 local businesses affected by the pandemic.





# GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL - A to Z of services

<b>Abandoned cars</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>		
<b>Access for the Disabled</b>	Building Control	01329 824 823	- At work	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Air Pollution</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399	<b>Health Education/Promotion</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Alcohol Licensing</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399	<b>Infectious Diseases</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Allotments</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Jobs (council only)</b>	HR Services	023 9254 5650
<b>Asbestos Advice</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399	<b>Land Bookings</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425
<b>Beach Barbecues (booking)</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425	<b>Land Searches</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5221
<b>Beach Huts</b>	Housing Services	023 9254 5564	<b>Listed Buildings</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
<b>Beach/Prom (Management)</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Litter &amp; Street cleaning</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Bulky Item Collection</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Lotteries (Registration)</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Building Regulations</b>	Building Control	01329 824823	<b>Noise Nuisance</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Business enquiries</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723	<b>Parks &amp; open spaces</b>		
<b>Car Parks</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- maintenance	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Cemetery - Anns Hill</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- policy and strategy	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Charity Street collections</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399	<b>Payments</b>	Customer Services	24 hour hotline 0800 0213 995
<b>Citizen of the Year Award</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340	<b>Pest control</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Civic Events</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5202	<b>Planning</b>		
<b>Coastal flooding</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- applications enquiries	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
<b>Coastline Magazine</b>	Press & PR	023 9284 1395	- appeals, inquiries	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
<b>Community Safety</b>	Community Safety	023 9254 5241	- Local Plan	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461
<b>Concessionary Travel</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1376	<b>Playgrounds</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Conservation/listed building</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483	<b>Pollution</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Council Housing</b>			<b>Recycling</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Community Alarms	Housing Services	023 9252 9308	<b>Refuse Centre (Grange Road)</b>	General enquiries	0300 555 1389
- Housing Options	Housing Services	023 9254 5476	<b>Reprographics and Printing</b>	Financial Services	023 9254 5270
- Housing Repairs	Kier	Freephone 0800 028 0835	<b>Road Signs</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- Neighbourhood Involvement	Housing Services	Freephone 0800 328 6958	<b>Road Gritting</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- Right to Buy	Housing Services	023 9254 5403	<b>Roads &amp; pavements</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- Sheltered Accommodation	Housing Services	023 9254 5453	<b>Rubbish collection</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Neighbourhood Management (including rental income)	Housing Services	023 9254 5665	<b>Rubbish - Fly Tipping</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Council Tax</b>			<b>Sale of land &amp; property</b>	Housing Services	023 9254 5564
- Benefits	Financial Services	023 9254 5325	<b>Slipways</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Business Rates	Financial Services	023 9254 5470	<b>Sport - pitches</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Enquiries	Financial Services	023 9254 5470	- Pools: Splash Park	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Council Meetings</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340	- Pools: Gosport Leisure Park	Places for People	023 9253 4950
<b>Countryside Section</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Street lights</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
<b>Crime Prevention</b>	Non-Emergency / Emergency	101 / 999	<b>Street Name Plates</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Dangerous Structures</b>	Building Control	01329 824823	<b>Taxi Licensing</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Toilets</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Dog Warden (lost &amp; found)</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399	<b>Tourist Information Centre</b>	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9252 2944
<b>Dropped kerb (requests)</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388	<b>Traffic lights</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
<b>Dustbins (emptying)</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Traffic Regulation Orders</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
<b>Energy efficiency at home</b>	Energy Services Team	023 9284 1947	<b>Trees</b>		
<b>Flooding (roads)</b>	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388	- alongside roads	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
<b>Food hygiene &amp; safety</b>	Environmental Health	01329 824399	- other trees	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
<b>Gosport Market</b>	Environmental Health	07983 994071	- preservation orders	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
<b>Gosport Local Plan</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461	<b>Voluntary Sector</b>		
<b>Grants</b>			- Conservation Groups	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Disabled Facilities	Hampshire Social Services	0300 555 1386	- Recreation Groups	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723
<b>Grass Cutting</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	<b>Voting</b>	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5227/5218
			<b>Wildgrounds</b>	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598

## Residents survey

Late last year we asked residents to fill in a survey to help us understand the impact of Covid and plan for life after the pandemic.

Thanks for all your responses

Thanks to the 834 who took part. We're studying the findings now, but here are some highlights:

- More than a third said Covid affected their household finances negatively.
- 40% said a positive outcome of the pandemic was using technology more to keep in touch with family or friends.
- The most popular suggestion for increasing the use of local independent shops was that an improved high street and greater variety of shops were needed.
- A majority agreed with our priorities. Our goal to boost the borough's economy got the most backing.



# Dates for your diary

## Saturday 9 April: Lee Choral Society Spring Concert

St Faith's Church, Lee-on-the-Solent,  
starting at 7pm.

Tickets £10 – from choir members  
or call **07766 912219**

## Saturday 16 to Monday 18 April: Easter Sea Anemone Hunt

Diving Museum, No. 2 Battery,  
Stokes Bay Road, 11am to 3.30pm.

Treasure hunt for little ones, included in  
admission. [www.divingmuseum.co.uk](http://www.divingmuseum.co.uk)

## Saturday 7 May: Rowner Bowling Club Open Day

Rowner Lane, Gosport, 12pm to 4pm.  
All ages welcome. Come along and try  
lawn bowls. Free. For more information,  
please contact Rowner BC via  
[www.rownerbc.org.uk](http://www.rownerbc.org.uk)

## Saturday 14 May: Stokes Baywatch

Diving Museum, No. 2 Battery, Stokes  
Bay Road, 2pm to 3.30pm. Free family  
beach scavenger hunt with a chance of  
finding some of nature's treasure. Meet  
at the museum at 2pm.

[www.divingmuseum.co.uk](http://www.divingmuseum.co.uk)

Sunday 29 May: 40th  
anniversary of the Falklands  
War See p3.

Thursday 2 to Sunday 5  
June: Platinum Jubilee bank  
holiday weekend See p3.



Events may be cancelled, postponed or changed. Please check with venue. Keep up to date by visiting our Tourist Information Centre, South Street.  
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