

## **Update from Hampshire County Council – January 2023**

### **New Year changes to upholstered seating disposal**

Residents wanting to dispose of upholstered seating at their local household waste recycling centre (HWRC) will see a change introduced in the new year, due to the national requirement for all waste upholstered domestic seating to be separated from other waste and safely disposed of by incineration, in line with Environment Agency guidance. This change will be effective from 1 January 2023

Of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs, 21 will now provide separate containers in which waste upholstered seating will be collected.

Many local borough, city and district councils offer, for a fee, a bulky waste collection service which residents can use as an alternative to taking items themselves to a household waste recycling centre.

Items of upholstered seating furniture such as dining chairs, armchairs and sofas are likely to contain pollutants which stay intact and do not break down, we are required by law to ensure these items are diverted from landfill, separated from other waste and disposed of carefully at one of our energy recovery facilities. This means that they will be incinerated to generate electricity. We also ask that residents avoid breaking up upholstered domestic seating, as this increases the potential for material to escape into the environment.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20223012Upholstereddisposalchangesnational>

### **Pick your top three school preferences when applying for school places in year R and 3**

As the 15 January deadline for school place applications approaches, Hampshire County Council is urging parents of children due to start school in reception year or move to year 3 in a junior school in September 2023 to indicate three school preferences on their application

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/21122022SchoolAdmissions>

### **Satisfaction with Hampshire Highways is on the up**

Hampshire residents' satisfaction with how Hampshire County Council maintains the county's 5,500 miles of highway has improved, following the County Council decision to provide additional local funding to try to reduce the impact of the year-on-year reductions in Government funding for local highway maintenance over the past decade

Hampshire has been rated third out of all 30 English county councils for public satisfaction with highway maintenance and is the highest performing county authority in the South-East region. Of the 3,300 Hampshire residents who responded to the 2022 National Highways and Transport Survey, 48 per cent agreed that they were satisfied with the highway maintenance service – a one per cent improvement on the figures for 2021 and two per cent higher than the average for all county councils.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20221220NHTHighwaysMaintSatisfaction>

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### **Struggling to keep your home warm? Help is at hand**

As more people feel the impact of rising energy costs and increasingly cold weather, Hampshire County Council is reminding those struggling to heat their homes that help is available

Residents can call the 'Hitting the cold spots' phone line for advice and guidance, from temporary heating and first-time central heating to arranging home visits and sourcing boiler repair funding.

'Hitting the cold spots' services: Assistance to switch energy provider or tariff to help save money on fuel bills.

To access these services, call the team on 0800 804 8601 (lines are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday). The phone advice line is open to all Hampshire residents. Some services have eligibility criteria, and the advisors will discuss the best possible solution for each caller. More information can be found online.

Since the start of Hitting the Cold Spots in 2011, over 6,600 households have benefitted from the advice and information provided by the team. So far this year, more than 760 Hampshire households have received support.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/131222hittingthecoldspots>

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