



# Test Valley News

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## ANDOVER LEISURE CENTRE



The centre will be managed by Places Leisure in association with the council and will offer a range of programmes and activities.

### The brand new multi-million-pound Andover Leisure Centre will open its doors on April 1.

Following two years of works, the state-of-the-art leisure facility will be open to the public at the start of April.

Featuring swimming pools, sports halls, squash courts and a 165-station gym, the new facility will replace the old centre which sits next door.

As part of the leisure contract between Test Valley Borough Council and Places Leisure, a new high-quality facility was promised for Andover.



Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, councillor Phil North, said: *"I am absolutely thrilled at the level of quality throughout our brand new centre. Everyone who has played a part in its design and build has done a fantastic job."*

*"I'm sure many happy hours will be spent at the centre by residents of Andover and further afield and I'm very grateful to Places Leisure, Pellikaan Construction and architects, Roberts Limbrick for delivering a fabulous facility on time. We pledged to deliver a state-of-the-art facility and I'm so pleased that we have done that right in the town centre."*

Community and leisure portfolio holder, councillor Tony Ward, said: *"The quality of the equipment at our new leisure centre is second to none. We are very excited for people to come and see it and I'm sure they are likely to make the most of our new facilities."*

*"We have listened to residents and included studios and multi-purpose areas to try and suit all needs across the two floors. Of course there's also the brand new climbing area featuring the Clip n Climb and other apparatus for those of all ages to enjoy. I look forward to seeing them in use!"*

## ROMSEY RAPIDS REOPENS FOLLOWING MILLION-POUND MAKEOVER



### The Romsey Rapids pool and brand new changing rooms reopened in February following a million-pound makeover.

The seven-figure sum has been plunged into revamping the Romsey Rapids leisure complex, with the installation of new swimming changing rooms and redecoration of the pool area. The changing area has been completely refurbished with new cubicles installed, including family change facilities. Larger lockers have also been fitted, as well as disabled access lockers. There is also a new vanity area with hairdryers, poolside showers and a disabled toilet and changing area.

It is hoped that the major refurbishment will encourage more people to take up swimming and provides a significantly enhanced facility for existing customers.

And the improvement work continues, as early March will see the opening of a brand new health suite at the centre, showcasing a large traditional sauna, steam room and drench showers. It will also incorporate a relaxation area with a heated bench, dedicated changing areas including disabled changing facilities, and treatment rooms.

An infra-red sauna has also been included in the design to further aid customer relaxation and offer multiple health benefits.

# COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE PRAISED BY PEERS



**Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has been praised for its performance following an independent review of its approach to providing services and working with partners.**

A corporate peer challenge team, made up of representatives from other local authorities and the Local Government Association, visited TVBC at the end of October 2018. The team reviewed the authority's key projects and strategies across all of its services and spoke to staff about their experience of working at the council.

The peer challenge report praised the council as being a well-led and effectively managed authority, with a strong track record of good investments and service delivery. It highlighted TVBC's comparatively strong financial position as well as its focus on longer term financial planning to ensure its sustainability.

There was further praise for the council's commitment to understanding local needs and its approach to involving local residents in the creation of the new corporate plan, which sets the authority's key areas of focus for the coming four years. The team also highlighted the authority's success in securing infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of the local community, including the forthcoming delivery of the new Andover Leisure Centre, the community hub at Romsey Magistrates' Court, Fishlake Meadows nature reserve and sports pavilions and community centres for new neighbourhoods.

They described the council as a respected partner locally and regionally, following positive feedback from a wide range of organisations about the authority's ambitions for Test Valley.

Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Councillor Phil North, said:

*"I'm delighted by the feedback from the corporate peer challenge and would like to thank my colleagues and my hardworking council officers who go above and beyond to deliver services for local residents."*

*"I feel very proud to be the leader of a council where members and staff alike are absolutely committed to supporting local communities and helping them to thrive."*

The full report is available as part of the January 16 cabinet agenda on the TVBC website.

# CHANGING PLACES TO HELP CHANGE LIVES



Cllr Phil North and Amy Attrill opened the new facility in January 2019

**Test Valley Borough Council's new Changing Places toilet in the Unity office near Andover bus station is officially open.**

Local resident, Amy Attrill, cut the ribbon to open the new facility which will benefit those with multiple and complex disabilities and is fully accessible with a height adjustable changing bench, basin and hoist.

Amy contacted the council as she struggled to find suitable facilities to change her son when away from home and set up a petition which attracted almost 2,000 supporters.

It is the first facility of its kind provided by the council in the town and is much larger than a standard disabled facility to help accommodate one or two carers.

Amy Attrill said:

*"I can't emphasise enough the difference this facility will make to those with complex disabilities. This facility affords greater freedom to those with complex disabilities and their families and carers, and that is invaluable. It is also in the perfect location right next to the bus station."*

*"I would once again like to thank Test Valley Borough Council, Andover and District Mencap and Unity for their support to deliver this new Changing Places toilet."*

Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Councillor Phil North, said: *"Amy came to us to express the difficulties she faced when out with her son and I am so pleased that we have been able to deliver a facility that will make a real difference to their lives and others like them."*



Places Leisure is also set to install an additional Changing Places toilet in the new Andover Leisure Centre.

## COUNCIL PURCHASES LAND TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO COUNTRYSIDE



**Test Valley Borough Council has purchased a large area of land in Sherfield English with a view to improving and increasing access to the countryside.**

The land, which is almost 13 hectares in size, has been purchased using financial contributions made to the council from housing developments

across the southern half of the borough.

Situated on Mill Lane, the "Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space" land will be opened up to the community as a recreational green space for visitors to use all year round and is easily accessible via the A27. [Subject to planning permission]

Deputy Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Councillor Nick Adams-King, said: *"The area is easy to reach and is a wonderful opportunity for Test Valley Borough Council to offer up another area of outstanding beauty that sits in our amazing borough.*

*"This land has been bought using*

*contributions secured by the council from housing developers. Increasing access to the countryside and being able to offer more green space that people can enjoy is something to which we are committed. We are glad we have been able to do so now in Sherfield English."*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### The Test Valley Visitor Guide is now available for 2019.

This can be found in your local Tourist Information Point.



### Commemoration planting

A cherry tree has been unveiled outside the council's Beech Hurst offices to commemorate the centenary of the first votes given to women. Planted in December, the motion for the tree was requested by councillor Jan Lovell and seconded by councillor Celia Dowden.

Last year marked the anniversary of the Representation of the People Act 1918, which saw the end of the suffragette movement by giving women over the age of 30, and men over 21 some voting rights.

### Trees for Picket Piece

To help enhance the local area, more than 90 trees have been planted on the new Picket Piece development. The planting forms part of the council's tree replacement scheme which saw 78 trees planted across the south of the borough earlier in 2018.

### Woodlands bridge repaired

Council officers have restored an old bridge in Valley Park woodlands. After inspecting the former structure, the council decided the best course of action was to replace it with a brand new bridge! The new structure is now safer and easier to use for everyone enjoying the natural woodland area.



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## FLY-TIP FOCUS

The council has secured a number of fly-tipping prosecutions over the past few months, resulting in almost £14,000 in fines and court costs since October.

A zero-tolerance approach means the authority will continue to investigate every reported fly-tip and where there is sufficient evidence, will take cases to court. Those prosecuted include a father and daughter who illegally deposited waste at Walworth Enterprise Centre and an Andover man who left food waste along the A343.

Environmental portfolio holder, councillor Graham Stallard, said:

*“Fly-tipping is a selfish crime for which there is no excuse. I am very pleased that we have been able to hold people to account and I hope this sends a strong message to anyone who believes they can get away with doing it.*

*“Your waste remains your responsibility. I would encourage anyone who would like advice to contact the council and we will be happy to help. We are very clear that if we have enough evidence, we will seek to prosecute.”*

## NEW ABBOTSWOOD VOLUNTEER GROUP

Approximately half of Romsey's new Abbotswood development has been designated as an Area for Nature Conservation (ANC), managed by the council.

The area supports a wealth of wildlife, including insects, birds, amphibians, and reptiles, and is therefore a valuable asset to the local community. The council is keen for local residents to have the opportunity to take an active role in the ongoing management of the site, as working closely with the local community and encouraging

involvement will be essential to the successful management of this site.

The new Abbotswood Volunteer Group has been set up to help manage the ANC and green spaces within the development itself. Volunteer groups have already been established at a number of other sites within the borough, which are integral to the ongoing management of our countryside sites, and it is hoped that their success can be replicated with this new group at Abbotswood.



Photo credit: Natasha Weyers

For more information on Abbotswood and events taking place at this site and other TVBC Countryside Sites, please visit the council website or email the Community and Leisure team at [community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk).

## CARRY ON RECYCLING WITH TEST VALLEY



The council is encouraging residents to help us recycle more after increasing how much we were able to reuse over the past 12 months.

Our recycling collection service forms part of a much larger approach to recycling across the whole of Hampshire as we continue to work with the county authority. In 2017 to 2018, we managed to boost how much we recycled, which was almost the most we have ever recycled.

Despite making progress, recycling contamination rates in Hampshire are increasing which is costing Hampshire County Council more than £1.2 million each year.

Residents of Test Valley are able to recycle items that might not be eligible for kerbside collection through visiting their nearest Local Waste Recycling Centres (LRC). With more than 100 LRCs across the borough, there are plenty of opportunities to get recycling in Test Valley!

**Did you know?** We empty 2.8 million household waste and recycling bins per year!



## RECYCLING IN TEST VALLEY IS SIMPLE

# What To Put In Your Brown Bin

We only collect **paper, cardboard, tins and cans, aerosols and plastic bottles** for recycling. They must be clean, dry and loose. Please do not put any other materials in your brown bin. **If in doubt, leave it out!**



**NO PLASTIC BAGS OR BLACK SACKS**

## COUNCIL TO CONTRIBUTE HALF A MILLION POUNDS TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Six community projects are set to receive a share of almost £500,000 from Test Valley Borough Council following a cabinet decision in December.

Councillors agreed to award the money from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reserve, which is collected from new developments in the area to go towards improving infrastructure, facilities and services across the borough.

Just under £100,000 will go to King's Somborne Parish Council for a new building to house a preschool and community activities centre. Meanwhile Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council is set to pick up £15,000 to help repair the River Swift riverbed as part of the Bourne Valley flood alleviation scheme and Barton Stacey Parish Council will get £35,000 towards a multi use games area (MUGA) for play and exercise.

The Environment Agency will also receive a further £25,000 towards the Romsey flood alleviation scheme for Greatbridge Road and the Mainstone area of the town and £270,000 will be used to help deliver a shared pedestrian and cycle route along Southampton Road in Romsey. The council has also allocated £35,000 for the provision of an informal crossing point on Botley Road near the new Co-op food store.



Planning portfolio holder, Councillor Nick Adams-King, said: *"This money will help to deliver a range of great community projects across the borough. The money collected through CIL helps offset the impact of development in Test Valley by funding essential infrastructure in the area, which will be of significant benefit to everyone who lives, works and comes to enjoy Test Valley."*

## HOUSING TEAM TAKES SERVICES ON THE ROAD

**More residents than ever before are accessing help and support from Test Valley Borough Council's housing team after the authority took its services on the road to assist those at risk of homelessness.**

The council now provides regular advice sessions alongside its partners at a number of community venues throughout Test Valley. As a result, residents are able to speak to the council about any housing difficulties at an earlier stage to try to prevent problems from escalating.

This 'place-based' approach forms part of a £100,000 pilot scheme launched in March last year. Together with the Crisis Centre, Inclusion Service and Job Centre Plus, housing officers have been actively helping anyone seeking advice and support. Further plans are in place to work alongside even more partners to reach a higher number of people who may need the council's assistance.

Housing portfolio holder, councillor Phil Bundy, said: *"By making the most of different community venues in easy-access locations across our borough, we have been able to reach out and connect more people with our expert housing team."*

*"This has meant that those who are concerned about their housing situation have been able to either resolve them or work with our teams to put alternative arrangements in place."*

*"Homelessness is one of the council's key priorities and this has been another step forward. By actively getting out and about in the borough, we hope to help more people at an earlier stage."*

*"We would encourage anyone who is at risk of homelessness or experiencing any housing difficulty to contact us as soon as possible. We continue to actively work with any local resident who may find themselves sleeping rough and will always make emergency accommodation available to them."*

Anyone concerned about their housing situation can contact the council's housing service on **01264 368000** or **01794 527700**. People can also report rough sleeping to the council through [streetlink.org.uk](http://streetlink.org.uk).

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON ROMSEY'S FUTURE THIS SUMMER



**Residents and businesses across Romsey will be given further opportunities this summer to have their say on what the masterplan for the area south of the town centre could look like.**

The creation of a masterplan for the area south of the town centre was initiated by the Romsey Future Partnership following a large scale consultation on a vision for the town. A number of people suggested, as part of the consultation, that the areas around the bus station and the Crosfield Hall could be improved.

The partnership aims to develop a healthy town centre that meets the needs of current residents and the

town's expectations for the future.

A community-led masterplan will help guide potential developers about how people in the town wish to see Romsey develop over future years.

The initial phase of the masterplan consultation in September and October last year saw more than 1,500 people propose ways of improving that area of the town. Suggestions and ideas made during the consultation will all go towards helping form the draft masterplan. Some of the topics discussed included parking, retaining the character of Romsey, having a better variety of shops and community facilities.

From May, there will be further opportunities to see and comment on the outcome of the first consultation and see how this has influenced the plans for the town centre.

## KICKING OFF THE BOROUGH'S NEW LEISURE FACILITIES

**Test Valley borough councillors joined representatives of the Football Association, Sport England and the Football Foundation to reopen the sports pitches at Knightwood Leisure Centre.**

A three-year project to develop and improve the pitches at the centre, in Valley Park, was completed in December with the pitches now open to the public. Test Valley Borough Council contributed £50,000 towards the project, alongside the Football Foundation, Football Association and Sport England.

The refurbishments involved adding a new drainage system which means the pitches can now be enjoyed throughout the year by residents and members of St Francis Youth Football Club who train at the centre.

The new pitches are managed by Places Leisure as part of their management of the leisure contract with Test Valley Borough Council.



Community and leisure portfolio holder, councillor Tony Ward, said: ***"Watching youngsters training on the pitches and seeing the fruits of the project is wonderful. Test Valley Borough Council recognises how important it is to be able to provide high standard sports facilities up and down the borough, so this is something we are hugely proud of."***

## ANDOVER VISION

**It has been two years since the official launch of the renewed Andover Vision. The vision team and partners are working on delivering and progressing projects for the town.**

Andover Vision has been holding regular stakeholder meetings involving voluntary groups, business representatives, community groups and local councillors.

Each stakeholder meeting has been held in a different location to support Andover's community facilities and promote the Vision across the town.

With spring on the way, you can enjoy the outdoor gym equipment installed at Charlton Sports Centre, Augusta Park, Watermills Park and Picket Twenty.

Other projects being delivered include

Town Mills Riverside Park, Chapel Arts Studio Artists in Residence Project, the Andover Military Connections and Andover Trees United's Flowerbed Storytime pilot.

Andover Vision is continuing to expand its network with more than 50 organisations and businesses formally signed up to date, and many more informally contributing. Moving forward into 2019, Andover Vision will continue to work towards helping the town fulfil its potential and making Andover a great place to live, work and visit.

Find out more and keep up to date on our website [www.andovervision.org.uk](http://www.andovervision.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page.

## TOWN MILLS



**Plans to transform the Town Mills area of Andover into an attractive riverside park are continuing to progress.**

Our Local Enterprise Partnership, Enterprise M3, have awarded more than £500,000 towards the Town Mills Riverside project that will see the creation of the park by the River Anton.

As part of the consultation for the renewal of Andover Vision in 2016/17, in which more than 4000 people took part, the single most important issue that was raised throughout focused on how more could be made of the River Anton in the heart of the town centre. In particular, people wanted the area to become more of a destination location

– an attractive park where people can stay and play, picnic and enjoy the river.

Last year, Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council launched a joint project to bring forward proposals for Town Mills Riverside and over the past 12 months, have been conducting an initial feasibility study to see what can be achieved.

Initial findings are that the various access routes into the area that are under consideration would be feasible to progress. The creation of the new riverside park will be an important step in the wider ambitions to regenerate Andover town centre. Works to the area are anticipated to begin in early 2020.

## ANDOVER BUSINESS FAIRS IN 2019

Andover High Street will play host to two Andover Business Fairs in 2019. On Friday, 10 May and Friday, 13 September, the fairs will run from 10am to 3pm.

The business fair is perfect for local businesses without a town centre presence to showcase their work, to enable local people to find out more

about the businesses that are right on their doorstep.

The High Street will be filled with a mix of traders. Previous business fairs have included everything from electrical services, business management and home security to property services, legal advice and dance schools.

## CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY ARTWORK

A new piece of community artwork commissioned by Test Valley Borough Council is continuing to progress.

Residents in Nursling and Rownhams are being encouraged to offer their opinions ahead of the artwork being completed.

A number of design options have been selected after the council worked together with schools around the area for the artwork which will appear outside the entrance to Adanac Park.

The sculptural artwork will be situated on the Brownhill Way roundabout directly outside the Lidl distribution centre. The funds for the project have come from developer contributions from Lidl.

Schools in Nursling and Rownhams have offered their ideas to commissioned artist, Martin Heron.

Residents can also get involved through the most recent parish newsletter as the steering group explores a number of colour options for the design.

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The Andover Artisan Markets will run throughout 2019, and are part of a broader programme of events planned to encourage people to visit Andover High Street and support the town.

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## COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

Almost 100 community groups have benefited from the Councillor Community Grant Scheme over the past 12 months.

Over £74,800 has been awarded to 91 groups in helping to deliver community focused activities and organisations. The grants have benefited projects including youth groups, support for

older people, extra curricular activities for schools and purchasing equipment for sports clubs. It has even helped to provide defibrillators to community buildings.

The Councillor Community Grant Scheme is simple to apply for and can fund up to 2/3 of the total project cost, up to a maximum of £1,000.

If you have an idea and wish to see if your group or project is eligible, please either speak to your Test Valley Borough Ward Councillor or contact the council's Grants Officer on **01264 368000**.

## FOOD MARKET RECEIVES GRANT

An African Caribbean food market in Andover has benefitted from a £1000 Test Valley Borough Council Independent Retailer Grant.

Customers from across Hampshire and Wiltshire are now visiting Rita's African Caribbean Food Market in Waterloo Court

after she opened her doors last year.

Located next door to her brother's barbershop, Rita Anoma's business specialises in selling Ghanaian, Nigerian and Jamaican foods, as well as goods from South Africa and Cameroon among others.

Recipients of the £1,000 grant first receive £500 after three months of trading and a further £500 six months later.

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## COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANT FOR ENHAM TRUST

A project that helps provide independent living skills to disabled people has been given a £1,000 boost.

Andover's Enham Trust has been awarded the funds through a TVBC Councillor Community Grant. The money will enable the continuation of the Training Kitchen project, launched in August 2017.

The Training Kitchen is a fully accessible kitchen, which focuses on providing life skills to disabled people. The main aims are to learn basic cooking skills to increase independence, explore new recipes and increase knowledge about healthy

eating. It also provides an essential space for socialisation and a chance for individuals to explore their creativity in a safe and supportive environment.

Councillor North said:

*"The work that The Enham Trust do is truly inspiring to all and, most importantly, is life changing for those who are supported by the trust. I am proud that Test Valley Borough Council has sponsored this brilliant project, which will help people in Andover build confidence and gain independence through learning."*

Rayna McDonald, Director of Care at Enham Trust, said: *"This grant will enable disabled people to work towards their goal of greater independence. Thank you to the Council for contributing to the overall success of the Training Kitchen."*

*"We are always grateful for any support we receive. If you would like to make a donation to support our Training Kitchen, please visit [www.enhamtrust.org.uk/donate](http://www.enhamtrust.org.uk/donate). Thank you"*



Cllr Phil North presented the grant in November last year.

## MILLIE LEADS THE WAY



Romsey Extra councillor Ian Hibberd visited Millie McDonagh to award her £750 grant funding to support her new dog boarding and grooming company.

Millie's new business, Lead The Way, is licensed by the council and offers a fully insured, friendly and personal dog walking and grooming service from her home in Champion Drive, Romsey.

Millie said: *"The advice and support I have received from the council has been incredibly helpful. The grant has enabled me to invest in my new company and I am already seeing financial benefits. Starting your own business can be pretty daunting but I've had lots of help and so far everything is going to plan!"*

*"I've had lots of happy customers and long may that continue."*

## MEETING THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES IN TEST VALLEY



217 affordable homes have been built in Test Valley.

### HOUSING TARGETS AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

More than 200 affordable homes were successfully delivered in Test Valley between the 2017-2018 financial year, once again exceeding the council's target.

A total of 217 affordable houses were built against a target of 200. The homes, which are for both rent and shared ownership, include some that have been adapted for wheelchair users and others that have been built to a larger standard that allows people to stay in their own homes into later life.

### KINGS CHASE, ROMSEY EXTRA

Test Valley Borough Council is working with Radian Housing to deliver 55 affordable homes on this site, 39 dwellings for affordable rent and 16 homes for shared ownership. Work started on site in 2018 and the estimated completion date for the homes is September 2021. It is early days but in November 2018, ten affordable homes were completed, two of these were built to wheelchair standard, enhancing lives for those people who need adapted properties.

## BE TAXI SAFE

**Taxis and private hire vehicles are generally a very safe way to travel and Test Valley Borough Council is issuing some advice to help make it even safer.**

All private hire vehicles and taxis need to be licensed in the correct way, as licensed vehicles are regularly tested and required to meet a standard higher than that of an MOT test. They will also have been through an insurance check.

Drivers are regularly required to undergo medical and criminal records checks before being licensed. Make sure your taxi or private hire vehicle is legal.

Using an unlicensed vehicle puts you at unnecessary risk.

In November last year, Andover resident Norman Reay pleaded guilty to accepting a booking in May from a firm not licensed to operate in Test Valley, and failing to provide details of the private hire operator he was working for.

Following an investigation from Test Valley Borough Council, Mr Reay was prosecuted and was ordered to pay a £40 fine, £30 victim surcharge and £50 in costs.

A licensed vehicle will normally display a licence plate which for Test Valley vehicles will be on the rear of the vehicle. The plate will include the registered authority (TVBC), the licence number, the licence expiry date and the vehicle registration. A driver should wear or display an identity badge which will show the relevant details for that driver.

Do not use a taxi if the driver appears to be under the influence of alcohol, the vehicle is in a state of disrepair, or if the driver seems unaware of their local area. For any complaints or queries please email [licensing@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@testvalley.gov.uk).

## HEALTH WALKS



**Eleven regular health walks are held across the borough every month.**

Free, and available to everyone, the walks range from between 30 minutes and one hour and are led by dedicated, trained volunteers.

Walking has many benefits, including maintaining a healthy weight, preventing or managing health conditions and improving confidence.

It also provides an opportunity to socialise and meet new people while exploring the beautiful scenery that Test Valley has to offer.

Two memory walks are also provided which are suitable for those living with a memory problem and their carers.

The maximum distance covered is 3.5 miles and most of the walks finish at a location where you can get refreshments and socialise.

For more information, contact the council via **01264 368000**.



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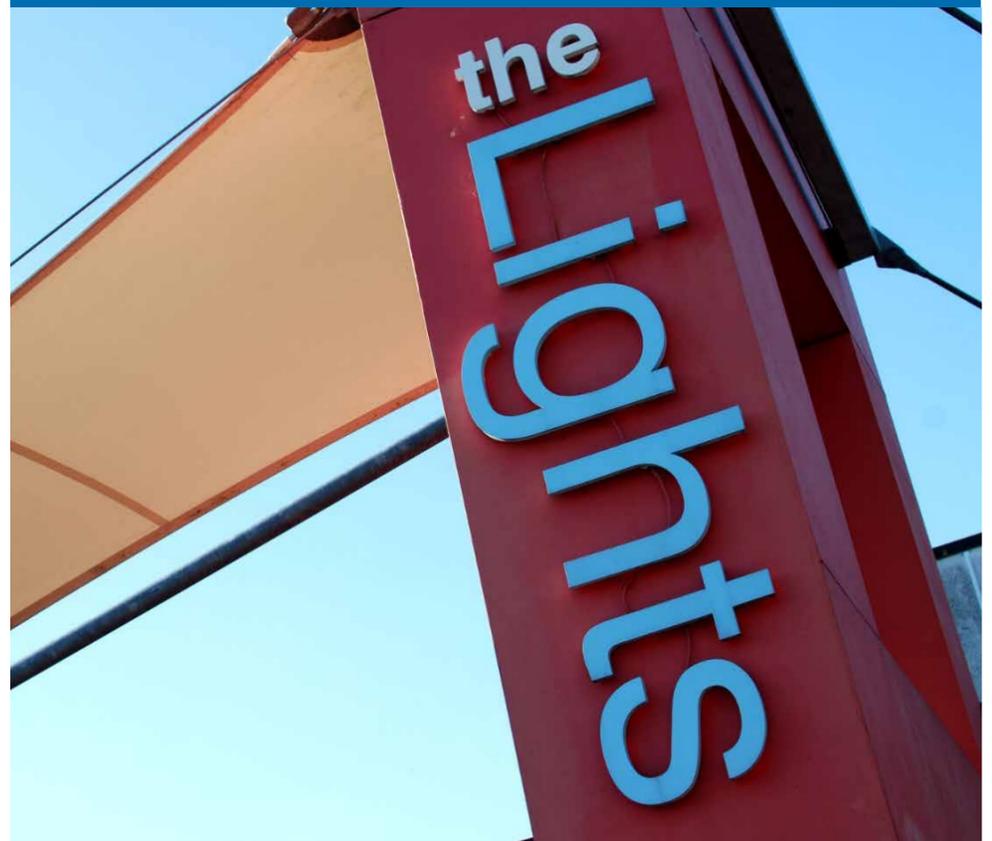
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## THE LIGHTS CONTINUES TO SHINE IN 2019

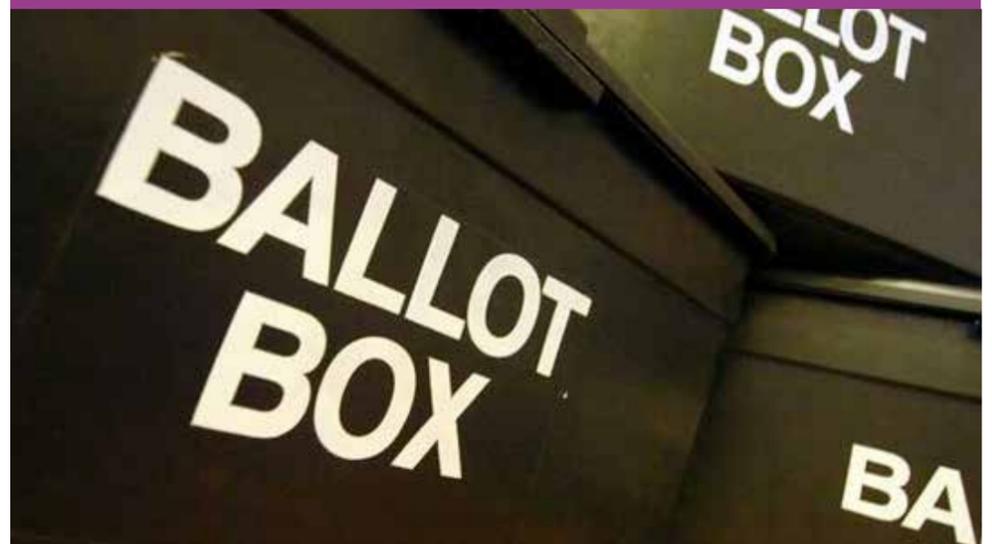


For all your music, comedy, theatre, dance and special interest speakers, look no further than The Lights! With a wide range of shows scheduled for April and beyond, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Alongside the venue's professional shows are a range of Easter Holiday workshops suitable for ages 2 to 12 years including interactive storytelling, craft, and street and hip hop dance workshops. Encourage creativity, activity and the power of children's imaginations with a visit to The Lights.

To see the whole programme or to find out more about The Lights please visit [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) or pop in and chat to the Box Office team.

## REGISTER TO VOTE



**Elections for all Test Valley Borough Council wards and all parishes within the Test Valley area are scheduled to take place on Thursday, 2 May 2019.**

Everyone aged over 16-years-old is responsible for registering themselves, but you cannot vote in the election until you are 18.

Poll cards have been sent to homes across the borough where there are no current registered electors in

those properties. If you receive one of these and are an eligible elector, you need to register to vote by Friday, 12 April 2019.

**Poll cards will be sent to all other homes towards the end of March.**

On polling day, if you are unable to get to a polling station, you can apply to vote by post, or you can appoint someone else as a proxy to vote for you.

To register, visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

# Council Tax 2019/20

The Test Valley Borough Council, as Billing Authority for the Test Valley Borough Council area, on the 25th day of February 2019, calculated and set in accordance with Section 30, Local Government Finance Act 1992 the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/2020 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Parish/area of	Category of Dwelling (Banding)							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Abbotts Ann	1124.97	1312.46	1499.97	1687.45	2062.44	2437.43	2812.42	3374.90
Ampfield	1126.98	1314.81	1502.65	1690.47	2066.13	2441.79	2817.45	3380.94
Amport	1112.09	1297.43	1482.79	1668.13	2038.83	2409.52	2780.22	3336.26
Andover Town	1126.15	1313.85	1501.54	1689.23	2064.61	2440.00	2815.38	3378.46
Appleshaw	1130.05	1318.39	1506.74	1695.07	2071.75	2448.43	2825.12	3390.14
Awbridge	1114.74	1300.53	1486.33	1672.11	2043.69	2415.27	2786.85	3344.22
Barton Stacey	1131.97	1320.63	1509.30	1697.95	2075.27	2452.59	2829.92	3395.90
Braishfield	1134.26	1323.30	1512.36	1701.39	2079.48	2457.56	2835.65	3402.78
Broughton	1129.95	1318.28	1506.61	1694.93	2071.58	2448.23	2824.88	3389.86
Bullington	1130.52	1318.94	1507.37	1695.78	2072.62	2449.46	2826.30	3391.56
Charlton	1114.86	1300.67	1486.49	1672.29	2043.91	2415.53	2787.15	3344.58
Chilbolton	1115.12	1300.97	1486.84	1672.68	2044.39	2416.09	2787.80	3345.36
Chilworth	1129.54	1317.80	1506.06	1694.31	2070.82	2447.34	2823.85	3388.62
East Dean	1122.28	1309.33	1496.38	1683.42	2057.51	2431.61	2805.70	3366.84
East Tytherley	1124.76	1312.22	1499.69	1687.14	2062.06	2436.98	2811.90	3374.28
Enham Alamein	1116.21	1302.25	1488.29	1674.32	2046.39	2418.46	2790.53	3348.64
Fyfield	1135.34	1324.56	1513.80	1703.01	2081.46	2459.90	2838.35	3406.02
Goodworth Clatford	1137.73	1327.35	1516.98	1706.59	2085.83	2465.07	2844.32	3413.18
Grateley	1120.43	1307.17	1493.92	1680.65	2054.13	2427.61	2801.08	3361.30
Houghton	1130.56	1318.99	1507.42	1695.84	2072.69	2449.55	2826.40	3391.68
Hurstbourne Tarrant	1125.00	1312.50	1500.01	1687.50	2062.50	2437.50	2812.50	3375.00
Kimpton	1135.12	1324.31	1513.50	1702.68	2081.05	2459.43	2837.80	3405.36
King's Somborne	1134.77	1323.89	1513.03	1702.15	2080.41	2458.66	2836.92	3404.30
Lockerley	1128.15	1316.17	1504.21	1692.22	2068.27	2444.32	2820.37	3384.44
Longparish	1133.13	1321.98	1510.85	1699.69	2077.40	2455.11	2832.82	3399.38
Longstock	1122.88	1310.03	1497.18	1684.32	2058.61	2432.91	2807.20	3368.64
Melchet Park & Plaitford	1114.71	1300.50	1486.29	1672.07	2043.64	2415.21	2786.78	3344.14
Michelmersh & Timsbury	1121.57	1308.50	1495.44	1682.36	2056.22	2430.08	2803.93	3364.72
Monxton	1132.65	1321.42	1510.21	1698.97	2076.52	2454.07	2831.62	3397.94
Mottisfont	1128.23	1316.26	1504.31	1692.34	2068.42	2444.49	2820.57	3384.68
Nether Wallop	1132.31	1321.02	1509.75	1698.46	2075.90	2453.33	2830.77	3396.92
North Baddesley	1135.63	1324.91	1514.19	1703.45	2081.99	2460.54	2839.08	3406.90
Nursling & Rownhams	1116.55	1302.64	1488.74	1674.82	2047.00	2419.18	2791.37	3349.64
Over Wallop	1126.19	1313.88	1501.59	1689.28	2064.68	2440.07	2815.47	3378.56
Penton Grafton	1116.91	1303.07	1489.23	1675.37	2047.67	2419.98	2792.28	3350.74
Penton Mewsey	1139.97	1329.96	1519.97	1709.95	2089.94	2469.93	2849.92	3419.90
Quarley	1124.79	1312.26	1499.73	1687.19	2062.12	2437.05	2811.98	3374.38
Romsey Extra	1113.49	1299.07	1484.66	1670.23	2041.39	2412.55	2783.72	3340.46
Romsey Town	1131.21	1319.74	1508.29	1696.81	2073.88	2450.95	2828.02	3393.62
Sherfield English	1118.32	1304.71	1491.10	1677.48	2050.25	2423.03	2795.80	3354.96
Shipton Bellinger	1138.94	1328.76	1518.60	1708.41	2088.06	2467.70	2847.35	3416.82
Smannell	1110.51	1295.60	1480.69	1665.77	2035.94	2406.11	2776.28	3331.54
Stockbridge	1138.22	1327.92	1517.64	1707.33	2086.74	2466.14	2845.55	3414.66
Tangley	1117.45	1303.69	1489.94	1676.17	2048.65	2421.13	2793.62	3352.34
Thrupton	1133.00	1321.83	1510.68	1699.50	2077.17	2454.83	2832.50	3399.00
Upper Clatford	1113.92	1299.57	1485.24	1670.88	2042.19	2413.49	2784.80	3341.76
Valley Park	1106.53	1290.96	1475.39	1659.80	2028.64	2397.49	2766.33	3319.60
Vernham Dean	1121.77	1308.74	1495.71	1682.66	2056.58	2430.51	2804.43	3365.32
Wellow	1128.35	1316.41	1504.48	1692.53	2068.65	2444.77	2820.88	3385.06
WestTytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	1127.91	1315.89	1503.89	1691.86	2067.83	2443.80	2819.77	3383.72
Wherwell	1122.21	1309.24	1496.29	1683.31	2057.38	2431.45	2805.52	3366.62
All other parts of the Council's area	1098.30	1281.35	1464.41	1647.45	2013.55	2379.65	2745.75	3294.90

Head of Finance, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3AJ  
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Here's a summary of forthcoming events around Test Valley. More information about many of these events can be found at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/events](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/events).

## Shows at a Glance at The Lights

### The Lights, Andover

The Fureys	3 April, 7.30pm
The Counterfeit Sixties	4 April, 7.45pm
Purple Zeppelin	6 April, 7.45pm
Hazel O'Connor	10 April, 7.45pm
Larry Garner and the Norman Beaker Band	12 April, 8pm
Bird's Nest Billy	17 April, 11am
Seann Walsh	17 April, 8pm
He Writes the Songs – The Manilow Songbook	18 April, 7.30pm
Sentimental Journey	24 April, 2pm
The Drystones	26 April, 8pm
The Cavern Beatles	27 April, 7.45pm
Mark Beaumont	8 May, 7.30pm
Ivo Graham	11 May, 8pm
Nat King Cole Songbook	17 May, 7.30pm
Magic – A Kind of Queen	18 May, 7.45pm
Hound of the Baskervilles	22 May, 7.30pm
Gentlemen of Few	24 May, 8pm
Swan Lake	25 May, 2pm and 7pm
The Bird Show	29 May, 11am
Torn Off Strips	31 May, 8pm
Shappi Khorsandi	1 June, 8pm
The Johnny Cash Roadshow	5 June, 7.45pm
Creeds Cross – Fiddle Anjo	21 June, 7.45pm
Mark Watson	29 June, 8pm

### The Plaza, Romsey

Daisy Pulls it Off	16 to 20 April, 7.30pm
Badness - Madness Tribute Band	25 April, 7.30pm
Book of Genesis - Genesis Tribute	27 April, 7.30pm
Bye Bye Baby: A celebration of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons	3 May, 7.30pm
Fleetingwood Mac	9 May 2019
Legally Blonde	14 to 18 May, 7.30pm
Silent Mind	19 May, 7.30pm
Sounds of the '60s	24 May, 7.30pm
Bob Marley Tribute Show	31 May, 7.30pm
How To Disappear Completely and Never Be Found	11 to 15 June, 7.30pm
Coldplace: Coldplay Tribute Act	23 June, 7.30pm
Oye Santana: Tribute Act	27 June, 7.30pm
ELO Encounter: Tribute Act	29 June, 7.30pm

### Parks and countryside

<b>Big Litter Pick, Abbotswood ANC</b> Meet at Abbotswood sports pavilion	14 April, 10am to 12 noon
<b>River Clean, Andover Town Centre</b> Meet at Anton Mill car park	14 April, 10am to 2pm
<b>Big Litter Pick, Anton Lakes</b> Meet at main car park off Goch/Redon Roundabout	27 April, 10am to 2pm
<b>Sycamore Removal, Zionshill West</b> Meet at Knightwood Leisure Centre	28 April, 10am to 12 noon
<b>River Clean, Rooksbury Mill</b> Meet at Barlows Lane car park	12 May, 10am to 2pm

### Events information

For events at The Lights book online at [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) or contact the box office on **01264 368368**.

For events at The Plaza, please call the booking office on **01794 512987**.

For countryside events please check [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) as these may be subject to change or for more information contact the Countryside Officers on **01264 368000**.

# Council meetings

19 March 2019 to 30 May 2019

Andover meetings are held in Conference Room One at the Council's Beech Hurst offices on Weyhill Road unless otherwise stated. Romsey meetings are held in Crosfield Hall. Meeting details are correct at the time of printing.

Please visit [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) for up to date information.

### March 2019

19.03.19	Planning Control Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
20.03.19	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
28.03.19	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm

### April 2019

02.04.19	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
09.04.19	Planning Control Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
10.04.19	Council	Romsey	4:00pm
11.04.19	Licensing Committee	Andover	5.30pm
17.04.19	General Purposes Committee	Andover Guildhall	4:00pm
17.04.19	Cabinet	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
18.04.19	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
23.04.19	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
24.04.19	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm
30.04.19	Planning Control Committee	Andover Guildhall	5.30pm

### May 2019

09.05.19	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm
13.05.19	Council	Romsey	11:00am
14.05.19	Southern Area Planning Committee	Romsey	5.30pm
15.05.19	Cabinet	Andover	5.30pm
16.05.19	Licensing Committee	Andover	5.30pm
21.05.19	Planning Control Committee	Andover	5.30pm
22.05.19	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Andover	5.30pm
30.05.19	Northern Area Planning Committee	Andover	5.30pm

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