

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL – UPPER MEON VALLEY WARD

Updated, Parish update for Nov 25

Sustainable Transport and active travel

Winchester City Council's Sustainable Travel Officer, Anna Herron, is offering local communities help to promote sustainable travel in their area. Would you like to run community events such as bike doctor or bike maintenance training? Or set up local led walks or bike rides? Anna can help with these, and lots of other projects that make it easier for residents to switch to walking, cycling, using public transport or car share. To find out more contact Anna on aherron@winchester.gov.uk

Hampshire Hospital

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is refreshing its five-year strategy to set out how it will deliver care, support staff, and work with partners.

The refresh comes as the Trust aligns its direction to the Government's 10 Year Health Plan and responds to local pressures such as rising demand, aging population and buildings as well as workforce and financial challenges.

As part of this, the Trust has also updated its vision: "To be an outstanding provider of acute hospital services in North and Mid Hampshire, delivering exceptional care; and at the same time, playing a leading role in bringing together health and care providers for the benefit of local people."

Hampshire Hospitals invites people from across the local community to share their views before Saturday 15 November via an online questionnaire via this link:

[Hampshire Hospital Questionnaire](#)

Alternatively, people can attend a face-to-face workshop - find out more about this below:

[Hampshire Hospital 2025-30](#)

Feedback will inform decision-making and priority setting for Hampshire Hospitals, with the final strategy due to be published in the winter.

Business Grants

We have previously reported that government money has been drying up in many areas for local grants, however, it would appear there are still some funds to be distributed, and Winchester district businesses are invited to make use of the package of support launched for becoming more sustainable. This includes a free carbon assessment undertaken by

Winchester-based environmental consultants [Arthian](#) and the chance to apply to the latest round of green business grants.

The carbon assessments support businesses to reduce their environmental impact and costs by suggesting quick wins and longer-term projects. Businesses that take part will then be able to use their carbon reduction plan when applying for funding through the green business grants.

The grants are designed to help businesses reduce their energy consumption and transport costs and switch to renewable energy. The grant can cover up to 50% of the project costs, amounting to between £2,000 and £5,000.

If you would like to find out more information about the free carbon assessments or apply for a grant, please contact ecodev@winchester.gov.uk -by 28 November 2025 to apply for the grant and by 28 February 2026 to request a free carbon assessment. Please consult the guidance notes, below:

[Business Grants](#)

Kind Regards

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