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Savings Programme SP25

You will be seeing a fair bit of coverage about the Savings Programme SP25. The consultation took place earlier this year. I know the retention of HWRCs (household waste recycling centres) and school crossing patrols, maintenance of vital community transport routes and the continued provision of homelessness grants to the end of their planned contract term are important to residents. I am continuing to push for continuation of these vital services.

The Leader Nick Adams-King stated: “Before making any decisions, my cabinet colleagues and I will carefully consider the officers’ recommendations in the context of the consultation responses, the feedback from the select committees and any deputations made to us.”

MAKE ATTENDANCE TOP OF THE ‘BACK TO SCHOOL’ CHECKLIST FOR 2024/25

Hampshire County Council is renewing its call for parents and carers to prioritise regular school attendance in the new academic year. The latest figures show that 93.4 per cent of all possible school sessions were attended by Hampshire pupils in the 2023/24 school year, compared to 95.5 per cent in 2018/19.

Hampshire's attendance rate remains above the national average of 92.8 per cent.

However, we still have further to go to get back to where we were before the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Make attendance top of the ‘back to school’ checklist for 2024/25 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/2024/03/make-attendance-top-of-the-back-to-school-checklist-for-2024-25)

County Council Farms – Start Up Opportunities

[County Farms - Hampshire County Council](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/2024/03/county-farms-start-up-opportunities) provide start up opportunities for young people hoping to make farming their career.

We're not unique as a county in offering this, but have one of the most extensive county farm projects in the country, of which Hampshire is rightly proud. There are new farming opportunities coming up, details of which are below. Do please share with anyone who might be interested.



New entrant starter farm opportunities available in Hampshire

 Hampshire County Council
County Farms Service

We invite applications for the following equipped farm units:

 Dairy farm, c.128 acres near Winchester	 Mixed farm, c.18 acres near Fareham
 Livestock farm, c.129 acres near Winchester	 Livestock farm, c.85 acres near Hook
 Arable farm, c.104 acres near Fareham	 Dairy/livestock farm c.100 acres near Hook

TAP INTO SOLAR POWER TO SAVE ON BILLS AND TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

An opportunity for Hampshire residents to benefit from competitively priced, high-quality solar panel installation and save on future energy bills is once again available through the 2024 Solar Together scheme

[Tap into solar power to save on bills and tackle climate change | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

Highways Information Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you

