

**Update from Hampshire County Councillor Jan Warwick
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Lockdown 2 as cases rise in Hampshire Public Health England continues to provide weekly **COVID19** updates including the number of cases locally as well as links to local and national data on the Hampshire County Council website. **HWRCs** and **Country Parks** will remain open with social distancing measures in place.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/jsna/covid19-data-and-intelligence#step-5>

Hampshire Green Belt I am fully supportive of Oliver's Battery (also now Hursley and Otterbourne) Parish Council's comprehensive submission to Winchester City Council's Local Plan review for a Green Belt for South Hampshire to include Oliver's Battery, South Winchester Golf Club and land further south to the east of the A3090 (Romsey Road) towards Hursley. It is important to protect our countryside and green spaces that form natural breaks between settlements and prevent urban sprawl. The Parish Council have rightly identified the value of open green fields since the COVID19 pandemic for exercise, recreation and social well-being.

Vulnerable Families Hampshire County Council worked with partners to immediately distribute £150,000 of funding to support food banks and charities that are helping support the most vulnerable families in Hampshire during the half term break.

Food Waste Survey Councils spend over £100 million dealing with waste from Hampshire homes. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, residents were throwing away around one **fifth** of the food they bought – meaning some households were wasting £60 worth of food every month. However, since the lockdown with such drastic changes to lifestyles, people are buying, preparing and cooking in different ways.

Research indicates that during lockdown, there was a 34% reduction in key food items being thrown away, with more people planning meals, making use of freezers and using up leftovers.

Hampshire County Council's food waste survey is open until **12 November**, and those who take part have the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw to win a selection of recipe books.

To take part in the survey visit:

<https://etehampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=160155366812>

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