



Deer...or kangaroo?!, Sunset at Roy Underdown Pavilion (Photo from Altin), Wheatear and Kestrel (Photos from Peter Hyde).
Share your pet or Hamble photos for us to include in future newsletters! Send them to us via Facebook, or email them to danielle@smartmarketinguk.com

WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

As we move into autumn, there are plenty of updates to share on village life and the work of your Parish Council.

First, a word about the Community Picnic we had hoped to hold on 26 September. With heavy rain setting in late in the month combined with the unavailability of some of the people who were instrumental in the Airfield defence, we reluctantly made the decision to postpone. We want the event to be something everyone can enjoy comfortably, and to make sure those most involved in the Airfield campaign can attend. We were also aware (from Cllr Keith House) that Hampshire County Council's Planning Committee was expecting to hear the result of the Airfield Inquiry by the end of September, and so we felt it would be better to hold a community event once that outcome is known. Thank you to everyone who was planning to come along – we'll confirm new event details as soon as we can.

In terms of the planning application to quarry Hamble Airfield for sand and gravel, at the time of writing (25 September) we have no new updates to share. Please keep an eye on our noticeboards and social media feeds – we will post information as soon as it is available.

Elsewhere, the ongoing devolution plans continue to keep us busy. We are in discussions with Eastleigh Borough Council about the transfer of assets (such as green spaces) to the Parish Council. It is vital that these transfers are on terms that work for Hamble, ensuring we only take on assets that genuinely benefit the community. We will share more detail as negotiations progress.

Closer to home, we are making progress with Phase 2 of the Mount Pleasant play area. The first phase focused on replacing unsafe items on a largely like-for-like basis, but now we have the opportunity to access grant monies to fund some brand-new equipment. We asked for your views on the various options in September, and – subject to securing the funding we are applying for – hope to press ahead with the installation of your chosen equipment before the winter sets in.

Another project we are excited about is the refurbishment of interpretation (information) boards around the village. Many of the current boards are tired and outdated, but with grant funding in place we can now begin the redesign. Expect to see fresh, updated boards appearing in the coming months.

Finally, while we are fortunate at present to have a full complement of councillors, vacancies do arise from time to time. If you have ever thought about contributing to village life in this way, please do get in touch with our Clerk, Helen, who will be happy to answer any questions.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in making Hamble such a strong and vibrant community.

Cllr Chris Jones,
Chair, Hamble Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

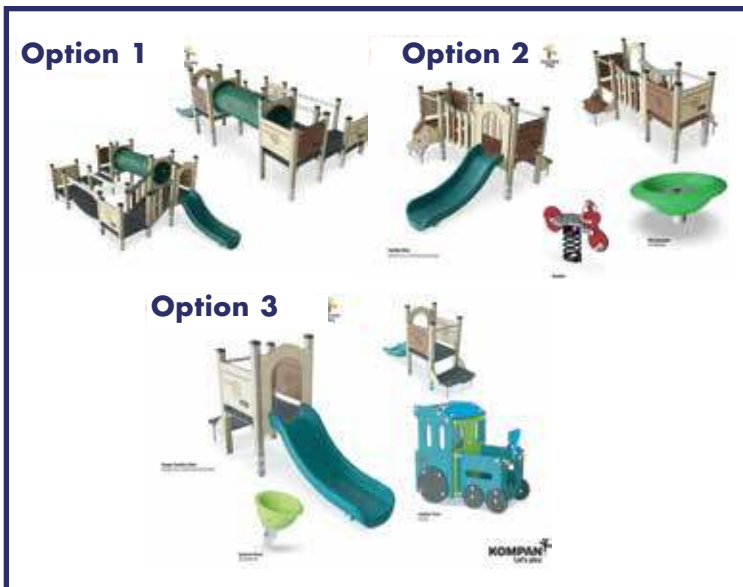


MOUNT PLEASANT PLAY AREA – THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for your preferred new piece of play equipment for Mount Pleasant.

Earlier this year, new equipment was installed at Mount Pleasant as part of the wider play area refurbishment. We have now been given the opportunity to apply for additional grant funding to add more facilities for younger children.

Three options were provided for you to vote on (see images below), and your preferred option will now be put forward in our grant application. While funding isn't guaranteed, your responses show strong local support and will strengthen our case.



At the time of writing, the closing date of the vote has not yet passed – but please do check our social media profiles or next month's newsletter to find out which option you chose!

What happens next

- We'll submit the grant application and keep you updated on the outcome.
- If successful, we'll share an installation timetable and any temporary access changes in advance.

Thanks again for helping us make Mount Pleasant a fun, welcoming space for families.

TREES IN HAMBLE'S CONSERVATION AREA: PLEASE CHECK BEFORE YOU PRUNE

Most of the trees within Hamble's Conservation Area are protected. This means that, before pruning, cutting or felling, you must give Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) six weeks' notice if the tree's trunk is over 7.5 cm (75 mm) in diameter measured at 1.5 m above ground.

This is called a Section 211 notice and can be submitted online. (If you're thinning to help other trees grow, the threshold is 10 cm/100 mm.)

How to give notice

Full guidance and a link to the planning portal can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4pGTXAy>



Exceptions & safety

- Small trees: No notice is needed if the trunk is ≤ 7.5 cm at 1.5 m height (or ≤ 10 cm when thinning to benefit other trees).
- Dead or dangerous trees: If a tree is dead, you must give EBC 5 days' notice before work – unless there's an immediate risk of serious harm, in which case do the urgent work and give written notice as soon as you can.

Good practice

- Use a qualified, insured arborist and where possible, ask for work to follow BS 3998 (Tree work – Recommendations).
- Wildlife: It's an offence to damage or destroy an active bird's nest. To help wildlife, aim to avoid major works March–August and always check carefully for nesting birds before starting.

Not sure where to start?

If you're unsure whether you're in the Conservation Area or how to submit a notice, check the Planning Portal guidance or contact Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Services for advice.

Visit <https://bit.ly/4mxB9Ri> or email: trees@eastleigh.gov.uk





FLY-TIPPING: HOW TO REPORT IT – AND HOW TO AVOID GETTING CAUGHT OUT

UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNCIL: WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON

- Hamble Allotments – we've given the allotments an Autumn 'face lift' by carrying out some maintenance on the boundary fence and installing new plot number signage.
- We intend to re-advertise the Maintenance & Grounds Operative role very soon – please keep an eye on noticeboards throughout the village and our social media feeds for more details. It would be a great opportunity for someone who would like to get more involved in maintaining the green spaces and assets in Hamble.
- Volunteers from Solent Sports have done a terrific job decorating and improving the changing rooms at Mount Pleasant, while local contractors have been patching the roof to ensure the building is watertight. Their hard work has had a massive impact on the facility from which all the community will benefit.



HAMBLE VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This important community space cannot run without a management committee – and new volunteers are needed.

What's involved?

- Attend just six meetings a year, plus an AGM
- Help make decisions about the hall's everyday running and future
- No experience required – just a wish to support your community

Without a committee, the hall cannot stay open.

Interested in joining or want more details? Please contact: hall@hvmh.org.uk

Fly-tipping is illegal. It covers anything from leaving a single bag beside a bin or recycling bank to dumping a van-load of waste. If you see fly-tipping in Hamble, Eastleigh Borough Council is your first point of contact.

How to report it

- Online / phone: Report to Eastleigh Borough Council at <https://bit.ly/4nvu3OD> or call 023 8068 8000. Give the exact location, what's been dumped, when you saw it, and any vehicle details.
- Do not touch the waste or confront offenders. If you witness it happening, note details from a safe distance and report.



Penalties (in brief)

Councils (and courts) can issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) and prosecute. Householders can be fined if their waste is passed to an unlicensed carrier and ends up fly-tipped. Nationally, FPNs can be up to £600, and serious fly-tipping offences can lead to unlimited fines and/or prison.

Dispose of bulky items the right way

Avoid fly-tipping by using legitimate disposal options:

- Bulky-waste collections via Eastleigh Borough Council, and
- Household Waste Recycling Centres (bookings run by Hampshire County Council).

Quick reminder: leaving items beside street bins, recycling banks, closed charity shops or HWRC gates counts as fly-tipping and may put you at risk of a fine or prosecution. Please take them home or use the correct waste/recycling service.

YOUR DUTY OF CARE

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck with the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is registered
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt



HOT TASTY MEALS DELIVERED TO YOU

Health & Independent Living Support (HILS) helps people stay happy, healthy and independent at home for as long as they wish. We are a not-for-profit charitable social enterprise which provides Hampshire County Council's meals on wheels service, delivering hot meals across Hampshire, 365 days a year.

All our meals are nutritionally balanced, and we offer a wide range of delicious and nutritious hot meals and desserts. Our menus include meals that are low in fat, salt, allergen-free, or reduced sugars. We provide Kosher, Asian, Halal, and West Indian food, and can also provide pureed, minced & moist, and soft & bite-sized food for people following special diets.

The meals are delivered hot and ready to eat by our Community Team Members who are all DBS checked. Every visit includes delivery of a hot meal and dessert, along with a caring wellbeing check. Our Community Team Members will happily plate your meal up, fetch your cutlery, and offer you a glass of water.

Meals are delivered between 11.15am and 2.15pm, and you will usually receive your meal at a similar time every day. You can order meals as a one-off, temporarily, or for as long as you would like them.

Alongside your hot meal you can also order a Tea Pack which includes a sandwich or cream tea, dessert and a snack. These are delivered at the same time as your hot lunch time meal and are placed in your refrigerator to enjoy later.

During the winter months it is important to keep yourself well and so try and keep moving as much as you can to help increase your body temperature whilst boosting your health with micronutrients such as Vitamins C, B6 and E, Zinc and Magnesium. Hydration is also key and so hydrate with plenty of water rich beverages like a mug of hot chocolate, or a warm soup or stew.

To find out more about our meals on wheels service visit <https://hils-uk.org> or call us on 0330 2000 103.



RANGER'S REMARKS

Hello Hamble Habitants.



Last year I joined a support group for anti-social people... we haven't met yet!

Now that the nesting season has passed and with wildlife activity at a minimum, the grounds team will once again start work on reducing, cutting, and maintaining all the parish's various hedges to keep them healthy, neat, and tidy. We also try to make sure that the pathways and pavements are clear – especially with the children back at school and the darker evenings just around the corner.

I expect many Hamble residents will have noticed an influx of spiders in their houses recently. This time of year is known as spider season, with larger spiders wandering around houses and gardens. For many species autumn is when they mature and the females are full of eggs, making some spiders much larger.

House spiders may give you a shock when they suddenly appear in the corner of your eye as they race across your carpet like the arachnid equivalent of Usain Bolt! However as with most of our spiders in the UK, they're basically harmless. The House spiders you usually see will be males on the hunt for love, and once they're old enough to hunt out a female, they don't have much time left in the world (approximately a year once maturity is reached). Females are generally homebodies, dwelling all year-round beneath sofas, behind bookcases, in dusty corners and under-stair cupboards. Their sheet-like cobwebs are ancestral homes, inhabited year after year by successive generations of spiders.

I'm rather looking forward to Halloween, as it's the only time of year that the cobwebs and dust around my house look like decorations.

My mum was a radiologist. She met my dad when he came in for an x-ray. I always wondered what she saw in him... Until next time...

Mark Cowley, Grounds Ranger



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2025

Plans are already underway for this year's Christmas lights in The Square and along Coronation Parade. We're looking forward to creating another lovely display for the community to enjoy.

- The Square will have a few new touches this year, including a star on the tree and the possibility of a projector, alongside the much-loved traditional lights.
- On Coronation Parade, the familiar festive decorations will return. We'd like to thank, in advance, the residents and businesses there for their support while the lights are installed and taken down (dates to be confirmed).

A special request

We have a big ask to make of residents of Copper Hill Terrace, Admiralty Row, and Liberty Row. Despite exploring every alternative – generators, lamppost supplies, battery-powered lights – we've been unable to find a reliable external power source for The Square.

For this year, the only way to keep the lights shining is with the generosity of one resident from each terrace who would allow us to plug into their home.

We know this is a big ask, and we are very happy to offer a £50 voucher or payment to cover costs. To reassure you:

- The average cost of running the lights works out at around £1.52 for every 8 hours.
- We will, of course, keep working towards a more sustainable long-term solution for 2026, subject to timing and budget.

If you feel able to help, please get in touch with the Parish Office – we'd love to hear from you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT THE ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

On Saturday 8 November, the Royal Southern Yacht Club will once again be transformed into a busy marketplace with lots of stalls, plus a café for coffee, tea and cake, and a lunchtime bar service for drinks and light lunches.

The Christmas Fayre attracts hundreds of people from Hamble and local villages who come to take part in our charity fund raising activities, buy from the stalls offering a range of interesting quality wares, and enjoy the Club's spectacular riverside setting. Please do come with friends and participate in this special day.

Local shops and businesses, as well as Club members, generously donate prizes for the popular Wheel of Fortune charity raffle.

ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB
Christmas Fayre 2025
A FUNDRAISING TEAM EVENT

Saturday 8th November 10am-3pm

25-30 Stalls selling quality gifts
Dedicated parking • Wheel of Fortune
Bar lunches available • Spectacular river views
Café - coffee/tea & home made cakes

Supporting Local Charities:
Mountbatten Hampshire & Wetwheels Hamble

Royal Southern Yacht Club • Rope Walk • Hamble • SO31 4HB • Entrance £3

The Fundraising Team's 2025 charities are Mountbatten Hampshire, and Wetwheels Hamble.

There is dedicated parking for visitors in the Donkey Derby Field.

If you would like more information about the Fayre, please contact this email address:

ladiescommittee@royal-southern.co.uk



HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: PURBROOK COTTAGES

In the 1800s, Purbrook Cottages had a thatched roof and today you can see its stone foundations. The first person we know that lived there was William Hooker; he rented one of the cottages in 1840. He was an agricultural labourer who died in 1844, and probably worked for Manor Farm as it was opposite his home. His wife Sarah became a pauper and had to move into the Poor House in Back Street (now known as Rope Walk).



Purbrook Cottages early 1900s

The photograph above shows the cottages as they were in the early 1900s, but in 1912 they were rebuilt to as they look today. In 1929 there was the tragic story of Rosie Andrews of 1 Purbrook Cottage, aged 6, who was taken ill at school. She was sent to hospital in Southampton where it was found she had appendicitis. Rosie had an operation but died afterwards. At her funeral at Hamble Church, six schoolgirls carried her coffin and many of her school friends attended.

At least up to the 1960s the cottages still had outside toilets and their inhabitants had a tin bath to wash in front of the fire. Twins Roy and Dick Hooker, the village bakers, lived at 1 and 2 Purbrook Cottages respectively with their families. Cecil Lewis, shoe shop owner and repairer, lived at number 3 with his family, while Mrs Vera Topp lived at number 4, and rented out one of her rooms for a dentist to use. She was a descendant of William Hooker but from a completely different Hooker family to Roy and Dick.

A few decades later Tracy Edwards, well-known round the world sailor, lived at number 3 with her mother.

Our visitor on 9 September was Mandy Driver, Customer and Community Adviser from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN). SSEN are the people who look after the wires and cables that bring electricity to communities throughout the north of Scotland and central southern England. They are not the company who sends us the electricity bills. They maintain and repair the electricity networks and fix power cuts as quickly and safely as possible.

SSEN offers free extra help and support, but Mandy explained that they can help us far more efficiently if they know in advance what extra support we might need – this information is all on record if you register for Priority Services. You can register for Priority Services if you are over 60, have a disability, are deaf or hard of hearing, live with children under five, are blind or partially sighted, use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity, or temporarily need extra support. To register for Priority Services, call 0800 294 3259 and provide your details. When there is a power cut you are contacted by SSEN to check what help you need.

A very informative leaflet can be obtained by ringing the above number. Mandy advised that we put together an Emergency Bag which contains a battery-operated radio, batteries, glow sticks, torches, list of medications and a list of important telephone numbers. She also said it was a good idea to always keep your mobile phone charged as much as you can.

Should you be affected by a power cut, the number to ring is 105 so that SSEN can begin to sort it out as soon as possible. Do not presume someone else has phoned.

Mandy gave us a very interesting talk and brought along 'goodie bags' for us all.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14 October when we have Alun Newman from Radio Solent coming along to entertain us. Should be fun.

Meetings start at 2pm, Priory Centre, Hamble. Why not join us?

Bobby Conduit,
02380 453626



IT'S PANTO TIME... OH YES, IT IS!



Hamble Players warmly invites you to kick off your Christmas festivities with this year's pantomime: Dick Whittington, 2-7 December.

We follow the journey of a young boy from a struggling family in Gloucestershire. His dream is to find fortune in London, and he courageously sets off with his beloved cat by his side. As Dick embarks on this adventure, he faces many challenges and discovers the kindness of friendship along the way, made possible by his cat's remarkable talent for catching rats.

Did you know that this story is inspired by a real person!

Richard Whittington was quite a remarkable character from the City of London. As a merchant and politician in the late medieval period, he showed what it means to be dedicated and resilient. Not only did he serve as Lord Mayor of London four times, but he also truly cared about the people in his community.

What really stands out is how much he wanted to help those around him. He was all-in when it came to supporting important public projects, like drainage systems to improve living conditions and a hospital ward for unmarried mothers.

His compassionate actions have left a lasting mark that we can still feel today through the Charity of Sir Richard Whittington, which has been assisting people in need for over 600 years. It's a powerful reminder that one person's kindness can change the lives of many others.

Buy your pantomime tickets at <https://bit.ly/48vl2An> or call the Box Office: 02380 440660



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HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

We have made a start on our autumn tasks. Those venturing on the west side of Hamble Common may have noticed that the undergrowth around the oak trees is already depleted as a result of our efforts. The brambles put up quite a fight and anyone joining us for this task is advised to wear robust full-length clothing and ideally leather gauntlets rather than gloves.



Some of us cut back the growth and others gather and sort it to enable Eastleigh Borough Council rangers to dispose of it. It is not a task that will appeal to everyone, but we have a range of activities which enable most people to take part.

Want to know more?

- Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and on notice boards around the Common.
- When we meet: Mondays at 10am
- Where we meet:
 - Parish tasks: Roy Underdown Pavilion, SO31 4RN
 - Beach cleans & Eastleigh tasks: School Lane car park (if School Lane car park is closed, meet at Hamble Point Car Park.)
- Get in touch:
 - Visit hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk
 - Email philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com
 - Call 07810 453138

UPDATE FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The Benefice of Hamble and Hound welcomed Reverend Liz Williams as our new Associate Minister in a service at St Andrew's Church in late September. She was licensed by Bishop Geoff Annas, pictured here with Liz and our Vicar Reverend Hayley Richens. We are all looking forward to working with Liz who whose role will include going into schools, care homes, and home visiting.





HAMBLE CLUB YOUTH FC ADULT PAN TEAM HEAD TO BARCELONA!

Next month, our Adult PAN (Disability) team will be travelling to Spain for a very special match at the Cruyff Stadium, taking on the Barcelona FC Disability team.



We're proud to be the only team in the world outside of Spain invited to play them, and this will be our fourth year in this unique fixture.

The record so far? Two losses, but last year our squad made history with a 4-2 victory. Now we're heading back with confidence, determination, and pride to represent our club, community, and country on an international stage once again.



We have a wide and varied range of free activities at The Hub, including quilling, children's quilling, knit and natter, IT advice, a monthly book club, chess club, games afternoons, coffee mornings, and many other events throughout the year. We also host monthly drop-in sessions from Hamble Valley Health!

We're very excited to add a brand-new activity to the programme: crochet on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon. It's already proving popular, with people of all abilities joining in. If you'd like to give it a go, come along and try! All our activities are open to everyone, so if you fancy trying something new, drop in to a session – you might be surprised by how much you enjoy it!

I hate to say it, but summer is drawing to a close (what a glorious one it's been!). Please remember that The Hub is a designated warm space, where you'll be welcomed by our wonderful volunteers (without them, The Hub simply wouldn't exist. Thank you to each and every one). You'll be offered a hot drink – or soup if you prefer – and a friendly chat. Not in the mood to talk? You're more than welcome to sit quietly with a paper, magazine, or book, or tackle a puzzle while enjoying the warm, welcoming atmosphere.

UPCOMING DATES

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings at Roy Underdown Pavilion

Full Council Meeting
Monday 13 October, 7pm

Planning Committee Meeting
Monday 27 October, 7pm

Walk & Talk Hamble

22 October
10.30am – 12pm

Meet at the Mercury Hub.
Book: <https://bit.ly/3W59v3l>

Place2Be: Coffee, Cake & Chat

25 October
10am – 12pm

At the Priory Centre, behind St Andrew's Church.

Clocks Go Back!
Extra hour in bed!

26 October

Hamble School & Hamble Primary School Half Term

27 – 31 October

Halloween

31 October



Hamble Illuminations

5 November
Gates open from 4.30pm

At Hamble Primary School.

Christmas Fayre

8 November
10am – 12pm

At the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

Hamble Primary School PTFA presents

HAMBLE ILLUMINATIONS

AT HAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAMBLE LANE, SO31 4ND

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025

Gates open at 4:30pm Display starts at 5:30pm

Adults: £10
Child: £6
Family (2 adults & 2 children) £30
Under 2s: Free

Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets

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