



Hampshire County Councillor Report Candovers Oakley and Overton Division
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£7 Million Boost for Skills Training in Hampshire!

Hampshire County Council has secured £7 million from the Department for Education to continue our Skills Bootcamps for another year—almost double last year's funding!

- ✓ Fast-track training for adults aged 19+
- ✓ Flexible courses in AI, leadership, data, teaching, sales & more
- ✓ Guaranteed job interviews for unemployed learners
- ✓ Over 1,750 places available in 2025
- ✓ Designed around real employer needs

This is a brilliant way to help local people gain skills for life while supporting Hampshire's businesses to grow and thrive.

Whether you're looking to upskill, change careers, or grow your workforce—now's the time to get involved.

 Learn more and apply: hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp

Connect to Support Hampshire

Connect to Support Hampshire is the service which is designed to help people remain living independently in their own homes.

HCC have recently updated the Connect to Support Hampshire website to help residents stay independent for longer. 🌟

- ◆ Modern Design: Enjoy a fresh, contemporary look.

- ◆ Improved Navigation: Enhanced homepage navigation with popular search topics. Use keywords for better search results, and get suggestions as you type.
- ◆ Expanded Community Directory: Now covering 63 towns and villages across Hampshire, including a new Younger Adults category.
- ◆ Marketplace Directory: Find paid services like podiatrists, financial advisers, handypersons, gardeners, and more.
- ◆ Home Care Directory: Home care and nursing care agencies in Hampshire.
- ◆ Care Home Directory: Care homes and nursing homes in Hampshire.
- ◆ Multilingual Support: Translate everything into different languages using Google Translate.

Visit the site here to explore all the new features!

<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>

Looking after Hampshire's most vulnerable young people

The newly opened Hockley House is the first children's residential home in Hampshire to combine children's social care, health care, and education under one roof. The home, repurposed from an existing set of County Council properties, will provide intensive therapeutic support to children and young people aged between 12 and 18 who have significant needs across both health and social care. This investment will enable more Hampshire children with complex needs to receive support much closer to home and to develop their independence and life skills.

Bookings open – Holiday Activities and Food programme

Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is back for the 2025 summer holidays – and [eligible families](#) can now browse and book FREE places for their children at one of 180 local schemes across the county. While the programme is aimed at children eligible for benefit-related free school meals, up to 15 per cent of places are available for other children who could benefit, such as those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

General HCC Information – June

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