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To find out what's coming up search **council meetings** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk Watch meetings at livestream.com/accounts/14063785

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Recruiting now

Fab food fun for the family



Our popular Southsea Food Festival returns on 20 and 21 July with more than 60 food and drink stalls offering goodies from some of the best food and drink producers in the region.

As one of the largest food festivals on the south coast, the festival is marking its 16th edition with a greater range of market stalls, along with hot food traders, tips from makers and producers, family entertainment and a live acoustic music stage showcasing the best local talent.

The two-day event takes place in the heart of Southsea, forming a vibrant hub of activity around Clarendon Road, Palmerston Road, Osborne Road and Avenue de Caen. Many of the fabulous restaurants in this area are also taking part by offering advice, tasters and treats.



Food lovers can browse, sample and buy a wide range of products including sausages, cake, chocolate, cheese, condiments and even Portsmouth aged rum. You can check out suppliers of traditional delights as well as traders who get their inspiration from far-flung corners of the world. And there will be plenty of options for veggies, vegans and those with gluten or dairy allergies.



Southsea Food Festival is part of a programme of activities to support small businesses in Portsmouth. The event celebrates the thriving and diverse food scene in the city, created by our independent restaurants, local retailers and communities.

Get ready for a great foodie day out!

Find out more at
rediscoverportsmouth.co.uk

D-Day 80: the nation



The Red Arrows

On 5 June 1944, the eve of D-Day, Allied forces from around the world gathered in Portsmouth and along the south coast, prepared to sacrifice their lives by joining a gigantic invasion. It would pave the way for victory and the end of the Second World War.

Eight decades later, on Wednesday 5 June 2024, in the presence of senior members of the royal family, the nation will come together to remember this awesome event and the troops who gave so much.

Once again Southsea Common has been chosen as the site of the national commemoration event, from 11am to 1pm, with some of the remaining D-Day veterans as guests of honour. A spectacular programme of live music, moving

stories and breathtaking archive material, with international artists and world-class military musicians, it will also feature the Red Arrows, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and a Royal Navy sail past.

Many Portsmouth people will have been invited by the organisers to attend the event, including members of veterans' organisations and local groups. Many lucky local schoolchildren will be among the ticket-holders, helping to ensure that the baton of remembrance is passed down the generations. Those without tickets will be able to experience the event thanks to detailed live coverage on BBC One and iPlayer.

That night, from 8.30pm to 10pm, a moving vigil will link Portsmouth

with Bayeux Cemetery in Normandy. BBC viewers, as well as local ticket holders, will experience an event that will fuse music, sound effects and drones to create a unique moment of shared reflection.

The BBC coverage will be produced by BBC Studios Events.

For the latest information on tickets please check **dday80.campaign.gov.uk** and **www.portsmouth.gov.uk**

Both 5 June events can only be accessed with a valid ticket. For those without tickets, both events will be live on BBC One and iPlayer.

looks to Portsmouth

Memorial service

The council and the Royal British Legion will hold their annual D-Day memorial service on 6 June, at the D-Day stone memorial, Eastney Esplanade. A parade of serving members of the armed forces, cadets and veterans, led by the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines, will pay their respects from 10.30am.

Beacon lighting

Beacons on both sides of the Channel will be lit on 6 June to mark the bravery and sacrifice of those involved in D-Day. At 9.15pm we will join with the rest of the UK to light a beacon at Southsea Castle.

Preserving the memory

We want thousands of schoolchildren to experience our D-Day Story museum for free, to help ensure that the story of this historic event, and the city's role in it, is passed on down the generations. We need sponsors to help with this. If your firm or organisation could be a sponsor, please contact carol.clark2@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

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D-Day veterans Stan Ford, left, and John Roberts at the D-Day Story's Normandy Memorial Wall, where they received plaques bearing their names earlier this year.

Telling the stories

The incredible stories of D-Day are being told on the D-Day Story's website using 80 fascinating objects. They will also be seen in a book available from June. Find out more about the 80 objects and the museum at theddaystory.com Here are just a few of the objects.



A flag given to a tank crew by the family of Shirley Whittle, four. The crew were parked outside the family's Bedhampton house for several days before leaving for Normandy.



This unofficial coat of arms from the underground military headquarters at Fort Southwick illustrates women's vital role in communications and controlling naval operations for D-Day.



Portsmouth soldier Pte Eric Harris's unit landed on Gold Beach on D-Day. He was killed in the Battle of Normandy. His mother had this ring and locket made, with his photograph.

More ways to enjoy

In the city this summer you can experience everything from big seafront events to beautiful artworks.

Armed Forces Day

📅 8 June

Our celebration of Portsmouth's military personnel is a bit earlier this year, rounding off the week of D-Day commemorations. Our big free-entry family event on Southsea Common will show support for members of the armed forces, past and present, and their families. It runs from 10am to 4pm and will include a parade, a Royal Navy parachute display, live music, military vehicles and the Red Arrows. Activities will include a climbing wall and an obstacle course. BAE Systems is the headline sponsor, allowing us to bring you even more action and excitement.

To mark the start of Armed Forces Week nationally, join us for a **flag-raising ceremony on 24 June** at 9am, in Guildhall Square, with the Lord Mayor and the Naval Base Commander.



Armed Forces Day

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Live at the Bandstand on Tour

📅 Various dates

This summer, Live at the Bandstand is on the move once again, bringing you the best live music at venues across the city. The travelling stage will visit Castle Field, King George V Playing Fields and Victoria Park. There will also be special appearances at our Armed Forces Day and the Kite Festival.

For more information see facebook.com/LiveAtTheBandstand

Portsmouth Pride

📅 6 July

The city's annual free celebration of acceptance and inclusivity returns to Southsea Common with stars including RuPaul's Drag Race sensation Vicki Vivacious (below left) and the legendary Cheeky Girls. The parade starts at 11.30am and the main event runs from 12pm to 10pm. Check portsmouthpride.org.uk for details and updates.

International Kite Festival

📅 27–28 July

From 10am to 5.30pm each day, watch the sky above Southsea Common burst into a rainbow of colour as kite-flyers from across the world display a huge range of creations, from enormous novelty kites to nimble dancing kites performing amazing routines. And if you've got little ones, don't let them miss the free children's kite-making workshops, brought to you by Aspx art gallery and sponsored by Wightlink. Find out more at portsmouthkitefestival.org.uk



Portsmouth Pride



International Kite Festival

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summer in the city

The Quietness of Feeling

📅 30 July to 29 June 2025

Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery is holding a special free exhibition from its collection of paintings by Benjamin Haughton, who found inspiration in trees and the countryside. The exhibition, 100 years since his death, will show a selection of his works alongside tree-inspired pieces from The Arborealists, a group of current artists. portsmouthmuseum.co.uk



Haughton: View in Liguria, Bay of La Spezia



Haughton: Study of Oak Boles

Victorious Festival

📅 23–25 August

Victorious is back on Southsea Common to round off the summer with top music acts including Fatboy Slim, Snow Patrol, Jamie T, Courteeners, Pixies, Biffy Clyro, Becky Hill and Wet Leg. Comedy will be provided by the likes of Al Murray, Frankie Boyle and Russell Howard. Find out more at victoriousfestival.co.uk



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If you're planning a barbecue at the seafront, please **use the designated zones** on Southsea Common, which have dedicated bins and plenty of open space.

Find a **place away from fire risks** like hedges and make sure you have a secure, level base or stand.

Don't leave your BBQ unattended, and keep **children, pets and ball games away**.

If you're using a disposable BBQ, make sure it's **fully extinguished and cold before putting it in a bin**.

Don't light your BBQ with petrol or anything else not specifically recommended.

Search **BBQ** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk for more tips.

Green spaces offer so much

In the new-look **Victoria Park** there's a new community hub for events including art classes, mindfulness courses and children's activities. The birds are back in the newly-restored aviary, and as Flagship went to press, a new play area for under-fives was almost ready.

These improvements were made possible by National Lottery players.

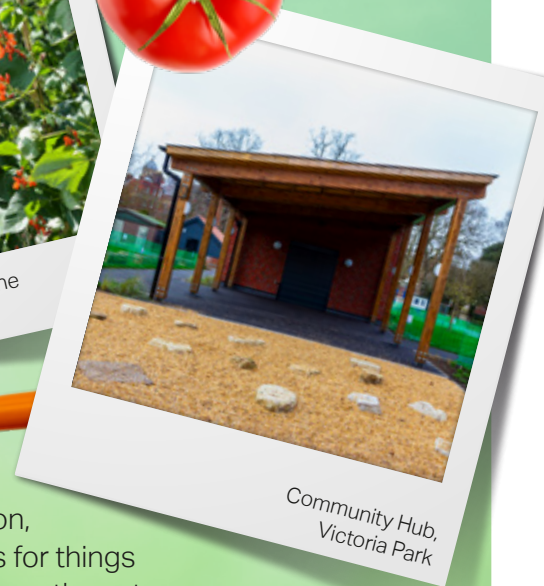
Visit www.victoriaparkportsmouth.org.uk or the Victoria Park Portsmouth Facebook page to find out more. We're sorry, but the 25 May public event has had to be postponed.

The **community allotment** at Eastney and Milton Allotments Association is a peaceful space for anyone who enjoys gardening, including wheelchair users and those with limited mobility.

Naturewatch groups are every Wednesday from 1.45pm to 3pm. You can try activities ranging from making herbal teas to learning about birdsong.



Audrey, a volunteer at the community allotment



Community Hub, Victoria Park

For more information, and lots more ideas for things to do around Portsmouth, go to www.portsmouth.gov.uk/social

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EXHIBITION

D-Day: A Portsmouth Story
Opens 24 May

STANDING WITH GIANTS

A D-Day tribute | Museum Trail
24 May – 11 August

SECOND WORLD WAR WEEKEND

Gun firings | Music | Activities
1 & 2 June

LECTURE SERIES

ARTILLERY COLLECTION

More information: royalarmouries.org/fort-nelson

out&about

★ MAY – DECEMBER ★

All the **highlighted** events are free

Lots more going on...

There isn't room here for all the things to do and places to visit in Portsmouth. You can find out more at visitportsmouth.co.uk – the definitive listing for events and activities, for residents and visitors. If you have an event to promote, or want more information about something listed on the website, call us on **023 9282 6722** or email vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

To keep in touch with things to do around the city, sign up to our monthly Visit Portsmouth e-newsletter. Go to bit.ly/2bz13Sn



Moth Morning, 29 May & 3 July

ONGOING

Mondays

Cosham Market

High Street, 9am–4.30pm.

First Mondays

Portsmouth Pensioners' Assoc

Monthly meetings. Guildhall, 1.30pm.

Second Wednesdays

Sisters in Song

Milton Village Hall, 7.15pm–8.45pm, £6 cash. Singing group for women with Southsea Community Choir.

Wednesdays in August

Wildlife Wednesdays

Natural History Museum, times vary. Activities including marine life, moth mornings and bug hunts.

Third Wednesdays

Folk/Circle Dance for Fun and Fitness

Southsea Community Choir. Milton Village Hall, 7.15pm–8.45pm, £6 cash.

Thursday to Saturday

City Market

Commercial Road, 9am–4.30pm.

Thursdays (school hols)

Port Solent Kids Club

11am–4pm. 30 May, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 August, 31 October.

Second Thursdays

Folk/Circle Dance for Fun and Fitness

Southsea Community Choir. Portsmouth Methodist Church, Albert Road, 10.30am–12pm, £6 cash.

First and third Fridays

Coffee and Company

Bradbury Centre cafe, 1.30pm–3pm, £2.50.

Second and last Fridays

Veterans' Breakfast Club

Bradbury Centre cafe, 10am–12pm, £5–£6.

Saturdays and Sundays

Live at the Bandstand (On Tour)

Various venues, 25 May–4 August, 1pm–4pm. See Live at the Bandstand Facebook page.

First Saturdays

Folk/Circle Dance for Fun and Fitness

Southsea Community Choir. Dockyard Club, Onslow Road, 11am–12.30pm, £7 cash.

Third Saturdays

Saturday Sing

Southsea Community Choir. St Swithun's Church Hall, Waverley Road, 11am–12.30pm, £6 cash.

Sundays

Portsmouth & Southsea Car Boot Sale

Seafront, 7am–1pm. £10–15 for traders' vehicles. Check venue and details at www.facebook.com/PSCarBoot

Second and last Sundays

Car Meet

Port Solent, 9.30am–12pm.

Until 3 November

Hampshire Swifts and How to Save Them

Exhibition. Natural History Museum, Tuesday–Sunday, 10am–4.30pm.

MAY

28 Marine Animals and Plants

Family workshop, Natural History Museum, 11am–12pm and 2pm–3pm.

29 Portsmouth Society AGM

Royal Maritime Hotel, 7pm.

29 and 3 July

Moth Morning

Natural History Museum, 9.30am–11am. Discover moths in the garden.

31

China Crisis

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £27.50.

JUNE

1-7 From Sword to Utah

Pompey Poetry Party event with poetry and other writings focusing on D-Day. Southsea Cinema and Arts Centre. See Pompey Poetry Party on Facebook.

1-6

D-Day and wartime films

Southsea Cinema and Arts Centre. Some free. Book at southseacinema.co.uk



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TUNE IN TO RELIVE THE VICTORY DAYS

We work hard to make sure these listings are correct when compiling them. But events may be changed, postponed or cancelled. Please check with organisers or venues.



Richard Herring, 27 June

1 Southsea Beach Clean

10am–11.45am. Meet at the Coffee Cup, Eastney Esplanade.

1 Car Boot Sale

Baffins Pond Assoc. Tangier Field, sellers from 11am. Car £8, van £12. Buyers from 12pm.

5 D-Day 80 National Commemorative Event

Southsea Common. See p4-5 and www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

5 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

5 Richard Thompson

Guildhall, 7pm, £57.60–£72.10.

6 D-Day 80 Memorial Service

D-Day stone memorial, Eastney Esplanade, 10.30am–11.30am. See www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

8 Armed Forces Day

Southsea Common, 10am–4pm. Sponsored by BAE Systems. See p6-7.

8 RU40

Rifle Club, 7.30pm, £12.

8 Port Solent Comic Con

Port Solent, 10am–5pm. See www.portsolent.com for details.

8 Tabletop Sale

Havelock Community Centre, Fawcett Road, 1.30pm–3.30pm. office@havelockcc.co.uk

9 Waterside Market

Port Solent, 11am–5pm.

11 Community Hub

Lily & Lime Café, Central Library, 10.30am–12pm.

14 Falklands Flag Raising and Wreath Laying

Falklands Memorial, Old Portsmouth, 10.30am–11.30am.

15 Baffins Pond Litter Pick

Baffins Pond Assoc complex, 10am.

18 Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

The Studio, Guildhall, 12pm.

20 United by Two Colours

Ukrainian Choir. New Theatre Royal, 7.30pm, £20.

22 Fiesta!

Guildhall, 12pm and 6pm, £15–£26.

24 Armed Forces Week Flag-raising

Ceremony, 9am, Guildhall Square. See p6.

27 Richard Herring

New Theatre Royal, 8pm, £23.50.

29–30 Summer Creative and Wellness Market

Hotwalls Studios, 10am–4pm.

30 Annual Seafarers' Service

Anglican Cathedral and Old Portsmouth, 11am–12.30pm.

JULY

3 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

6 Hampshire Swifts

Natural History Museum, 10.30am–3.30pm. Helping our swift population.

6 Southsea Beach Clean

Meet at the Coffee Cup, Eastney Esplanade, 10am–11.45am.

6 Car Boot Sale

Tangier Field, sellers from 11am, buyers from 12pm, £8 per car, £12 per van. Organised by Baffins Pond Association.

6 Retro Rewind

Port Solent, 11am–6pm. See www.portsolent.com

6 Portsmouth Pride

Southsea Common, 12pm–10pm. (Parade 11.30am – see website) portsmouthpride.org.uk See p6-7.



Portsmouth Pride, 6 July

6 Community Summer Fair

St Luke's, Greetham Street, 12pm–3pm. Fun, food, live music. 50p, children free.

9 Community Hub

Lily & Lime Café, Portsmouth Central Library, 10.30am–12pm. Meet the team and enjoy hot drinks and cakes.

14 Waterside Market

Port Solent, 11am–5pm.

18–19 An Evening with the Royal Marines Band and Friends

Historic Dockyard, alongside HMS Victory. 6pm–9pm, from £35.

20 Tabletop Sale

Havelock Community Centre, Fawcett Road, 1.30pm–3.30pm. office@havelockcc.co.uk

20–21 Southsea Food Festival

Clarendon Road, Palmerston Road, Osborne Road and Avenue de Caen. 10am–5pm.

24 Heathen Apostles

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £15.

27 Print and Press Mini Market

The Round Tower, Hotwalls Studios, 10am–4pm. Printmaking and design market.

27 Totally Tributes Live Music

Port Solent, 12pm–7pm. See www.portsolent.com

27–28 Portsmouth International Kite Festival

Southsea Common, 10am–5pm. See p6-7.

30 (to June 2025)

The Quietness of Feeling

Benjamin Haughton paintings, Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery. See p6-7.

30 Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

The Studio, Guildhall, 12pm.



An Evening with the Royal Marines Band and Friends, 18–19 July



The Tiger Who Came to Tea, 2-4 August

31 National Marine Week

Natural History Museum, 10am–3pm.
With Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust.

AUGUST**2-4 The Tiger Who Came to Tea**

New Theatre Royal, 2pm (plus 11am
Sat and Sun). Standard £17, groups
(10+) £10.50, family £56.

3 Southsea Beach Clean

Meet at the Coffee Cup, Eastney
Esplanade, 10am–11.45am.

3 Car Boot Sale

Tangier Field. Sellers from 11am:
car £8, van £12. Buyers from 12pm.
Baffins Pond Assoc.

7 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at
sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

11 Waterside Market

Port Solent, 11am–5pm.

17 Swan Awareness Day

Natural History Museum,
10am–3pm. Make-and-take activities.

23-25 Victorious Festival

Seafront, 10am–11pm, from £75.
www.victoriousfestival.co.uk

27 Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

The Studio, Guildhall, 12pm.

31 Fire and Glaze Mini Market

Ceramics. Round Tower, Hotwalls
Studios, 10am–4pm.

SEPTEMBER**4 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives**

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at
sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

7 Southsea Beach Clean

10am–11.45am. Meet at the Coffee
Cup, Eastney Esplanade.

7 999 Day

Port Solent, 10am–5pm.
See www.portsolent.com

7 Dog Show and Car Boot Sale

Tangier Field. Sellers from 11am:
car £8, van £12. Buyers from 12pm.
Dog show 12pm, £1 per go. Baffins
Pond Assoc.

8 Waterside Market

Port Solent, 11am–5pm.

8 Jake Vaadeland & The Sturgeon Rover Boys

Square Tower, 7.15pm, £16.
www.squarerootspromotions.co.uk

11 An Evening Without Kate Bush

New Theatre Royal, 7.30pm,
adult £24, child £19.

14 The Bob Marley Experience

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £17.

14 Tabletop Sale

Havelock Community Centre, Fawcett
Road, 1.30pm–3.30pm.
office@havelockkcc.co.uk

21 Baffins Pond Litter Pick

Baffins Pond Assoc complex, 10am.

22 Richard Carpenter

Guildhall, 7pm, £54.70–£66.30.

24 Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

The Studio, Guildhall, 12pm.

29 Dodge Brothers (feat. Mark Kermode)

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £16.

30-31 October 60+ Festival

Various locations and times.
See www.visitportsmouth.co.uk



The Pretenders, 11 October

OCTOBER**2 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives**

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at
sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

2 Tim Peake

Guildhall, 7pm, £31.50–£52.40.

4 Holst's The Planets

Guildhall, 7.30pm, £19–£31
(plus fees). BSO performs Beethoven
and Holst.

5 Southsea Beach Clean

10am–11.45am. Meet at the Coffee
Cup, Eastney Esplanade.

10 Joe Jackson

Guildhall, 7pm, £40.20–£57.60.

10 Spy-themed Murder Mystery Dining Event

Village Hotel, 7pm, £48. Contact
fundraising@minsteadtrust.org.uk

11 The Pretenders

Guildhall, 7pm, £66.30–£72.10.



Tim Peake, 2 October



Fireman Sam Live, 1 November



Hanging Stars, 17 November

12 Fossil Day

Natural History Museum, 10am–4pm. Handle fossils and get yours identified.

12 GB Memorial Conker Bash

Baffins Pond Assoc complex, 12pm, £2.50. Conkers supplied.

13 Waterside Market

Port Solent, 11am–5pm.

17 The Lion and The Unicorn

New Theatre Royal, 7.30pm, £27–£29 (students/schools £18).

19 Great South 5k, Juniors and Minis

Southsea Common, from 8am, prices vary.

19 Autumn Concert

Portsmouth Light Orchestra. Buckland Community Centre, Malins Road, 7.30pm, adults £7, accompanied children free. Tickets 023 9237 1135.

20 Great South Run

Starts and ends at Southsea Common, from 7am, £46 entry.

22 Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

The Studio, Guildhall, 12pm.

24 Our Little Hour

New Theatre Royal, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, £22.50–£25.50 (groups of 10+ £15).

27 Science Museum Live

New Theatre Royal, 12.30pm and 3.30pm, adult £20.50, child £19.50, family £72.

27 Megson

Square Tower, 7.15pm, £17. www.squarerootspromotions.co.uk

28–6 November**Spooky Trail**

Natural History Museum, 10am–4.30pm, £1. Includes spooky treat.

30 Skulls and Skeletons

Natural History Museum, 10am–3.30pm. Spooky fun with crafts.

NOVEMBER**1 Fireman Sam Live**

New Theatre Royal, 12.30pm and 3.30pm, adult £20.50, child £19.50, family £72.

2 Southsea Beach Clean

10am–11.45am. Meet at the Coffee Cup, Eastney Esplanade.

2–3 Contemporary Crafts Show

Fort Purbrook, 10.30am–4.30pm. Adults £4, accompanied children free.

5 Annual Council Fireworks Event

See www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

6 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

9 Bellowhead

Guildhall, 7pm, £34.40–£54.70.

9 Kerry Ellis

New Theatre Royal, 7.30pm, standard £34, VIP £55.50, meet and greet £81.

10 Remembrance Sunday

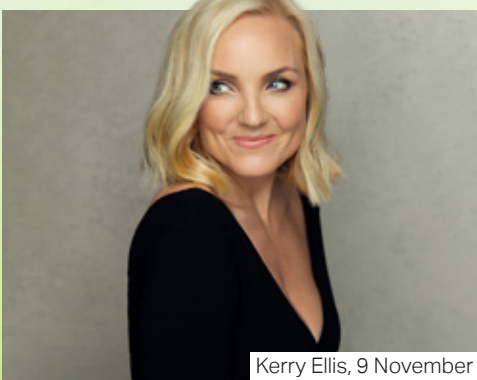
Guildhall Square, 10.30am–12pm.

10 Waterside Market

Port Solent, 11am–5pm.

11 Armistice Day Service

WWI Memorial (cenotaph), Guildhall Square, 10.55am–11.30am.



Kerry Ellis, 9 November

11 Dr Louise Newson

New Theatre Royal, 7.30pm, standard £29.50, VIP meet and greet £55.50.

14 Steve Knightley

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £20.

17 Jane McDonald

Guildhall, 7pm, £43.10–£66.30.

17 Hanging Stars

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £17.

17 Haydn's The Creation

Portsmouth Choral Union. St Mary's Church, 7.30pm, £17.50.

19 Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

The Studio, Guildhall, 12pm.

22 Midge Ure

Guildhall, 7pm, £41.40–£47.20.

23–24 Christmas Creative and Wellness Market

Hotwalls Studios, 10am–4pm.

24 Coal Porters

Square Tower, 7.15pm, £16. www.squarerootspromotions.co.uk

28 Katherine Ryan

Guildhall, 7.30pm, £32.10–£34.40.

DECEMBER**1 Sandy Denny Project**

Wedgewood Rooms, 7.30pm, £18.

4 Conan Doyle Collection: Explore the Archives

History Centre, 1pm–2pm. Book at sherlock.holmes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

5 The Nutcracker

Guildhall, 7.30pm, £19–£31 (plus fees). BSO performs Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov.

7 Southsea Beach Clean

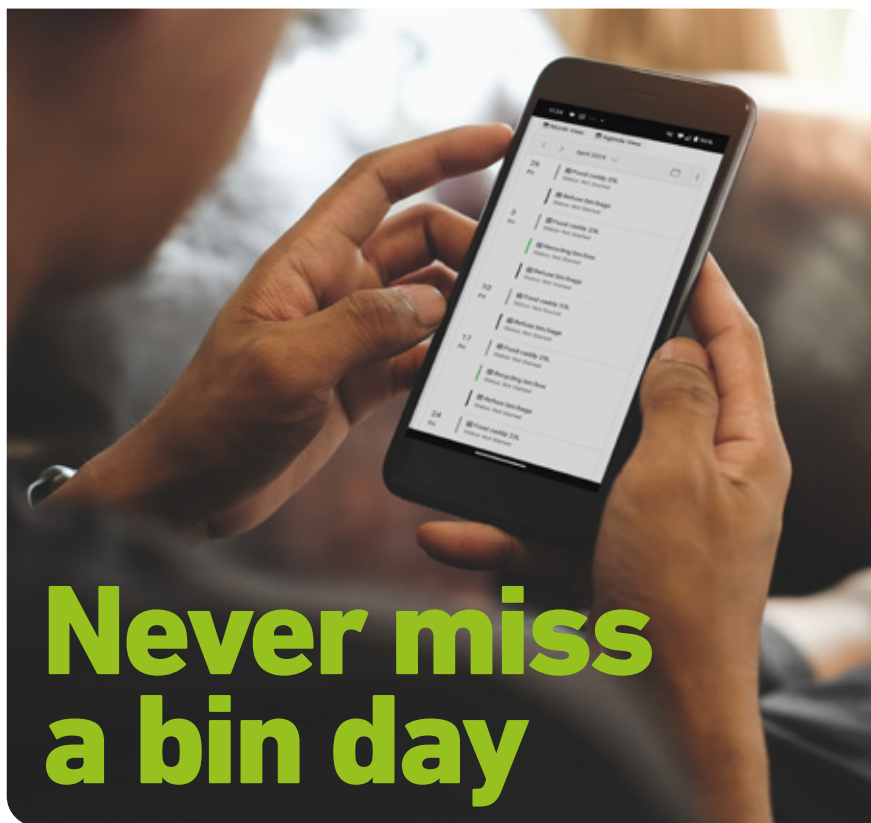
10am–11.45am. Meet at the Coffee Cup, Eastney Esplanade.

7–8 Festival of Christmas Market

Port Solent, 10am–5pm. See www.portsolent.com

Recycling and rubbish update

Please remember to leave all your bins out at the boundary of your property by 6am on collection day (or the night before). Or they might not get collected!



Never miss a bin day

With our new online waste portal, you can see your collection days, manage your subscriptions and report a missed collection, all in one place.

Just search **recycling and rubbish** at **www.portsmouth.gov.uk**. Once on our recycling and rubbish page, just click **go to the new waste portal** to register for free.

You'll get a calendar with all of your household, food, garden waste and recycling collection days on it. If there's an issue with your collection you can easily report it with a few clicks. In future you'll be able to use the portal to request new bins and book collections of bulky items.



Look out for our new fleet

The council has taken over your waste collections from Biffa and we've invested in a new fleet of 21 waste vehicles, which produce fewer emissions. Newer vehicles mean fewer breakdowns, helping to ensure you get the service you expect.

Your rubbish, recycling and food waste collection days are staying the same. Some garden waste collections may change. If so, you'll be contacted directly.

Garden waste changes

If you have a garden waste collection subscription with Biffa, please wait until it runs out. You'll then need to sign up to the council's fortnightly "Leaf it out" scheme to continue collections.

Or, if you don't have garden waste collections yet, then why not get started with "Leaf it out"?

To sign up, just call **023 9284 1105** and select option 4 to speak to a member of the team, or go to **www.portsmouth.gov.uk/leafitout**. The new service costs just over £1.30 a week (£70 a year).

Projects that help



Backing our local businesses

Our enterprise centres support small companies by providing lower rents, which help start-ups and small businesses to grow.

And now there's a new one called City Buildings, on the former Jobcentre and Playland sites in Commercial Road.

The centre, which has 14 new offices and a co-working space, welcomed Citrus Services as its first tenant.

The business began life as a small company offering manned security services. It grew and took offices at Victory Business Centre in Fratton, another one of the council's enterprise centres. The company now employs more than 300 staff across the UK.

Liam Hibberd, operations director at the firm, said: "This location offers not just a strategic advantage but also a vibrant community for our team."

The opening of City Buildings follows the start of our Pop-Up Shop scheme, which enables local entrepreneurs and small businesses to trade in the city centre without the cost of a longer-term lease. The first local business to take part was Goly Natural, who produce and sell natural organic skincare products.

Businesses can apply to rent a pop-up shop in Cascades for a minimum of six weeks, giving them a chance to engage with customers and launch products and services.

For more information on support for local businesses, contact business@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



Market team, left to right: Ian Bell, Rebecca Alexander, Bradley Bennett and Paul Churchman

New plans for markets

A new team is working on a five-year plan to refresh our markets by attracting a wider range of traders and introducing speciality and event markets.

The city centre market runs in Commercial Road on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, while Cosham's runs on Mondays in the High Street.

Portsmouth thrive



Artist's impression of next stage of Southsea scheme

Coastal defences: latest update

The next phase of the Southsea Coastal Scheme is due to start in October. The promenade from Blue Reef Aquarium to the Hovertravel terminal will be closed during construction of the essential sea defences. A full shingle beach will remain between the Beach Club and Hovertravel, with steps from the promenade to the beach.

This year the North Portsea Coastal Scheme team plan to finish the last 200m of sea defence wall between the Langstone Harbour viewing car park and Tangier Road.

Lido work to start

Work continues on our plan to redevelop Hilsea Lido. Designs have been finalised and construction is planned to start this summer, with a view to opening in summer next year. Search **Hilsea lido** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk for more information.



Members of Fawcett Road Greening Group add plants donated by green design company Viritopia.

Mini-park created

Fratton's "pocket park" between the corner of Fawcett Road and Goldsmith Avenue is now complete. It has new benches with under-seat lighting, bedding plants, new bins and lights in the trees. Pavement artwork has also been installed by local artist Donna Poingdestre.

City centre improvements

New seating, planting, play equipment and pavement artwork are now in place in Commercial Road. These improvements, made possible by government funding, are part of our plans to regenerate the city centre. Unfortunately, we're not landowners in the main section of Commercial Road and don't control retail decisions. However, we're committed to working with retailers to improve the shopping experience.



Working on better



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Making bus travel more accessible

Around 300 new information screens are set to be installed at bus stops in the city, giving real-time information about buses arriving and how busy they are. They'll have a push button that enables passengers with visual impairments to listen to the information.

Later this year new screens will also appear on all buses in the city, providing live and accessible travel information.

Funding has also been given to provide public transport training and education for people with special educational needs and disabilities, to improve their confidence and independence.

And look out for more improvements to bus stops, following residents' feedback, such as dropped kerbs, raised kerbs and tactile paving to help passengers with disabilities and visual impairments.



City centre transport

In the summer, work will be completed that will improve travel into the city centre by bus, walking and cycling. Bus journeys will be quicker and walking and cycling routes will be safer.

travel for everyone



Walking and cycling made easier

We've invested in ways to make walking and cycling easier, safer, and simpler for everyone.

This includes setting up an east-west route for better cycling into the city centre and a new protected cycle lane on Goldsmith Avenue.

There's an Active Pompey Neighbourhood in Southsea, with a one-way street and speed cushions. We're also providing more bike hangars for secure, off-street cycle parking, and taking suggestions for places where you want to see more bike parking.

We also have free workshops for you to learn how to look after your bike.

And there are special schemes to help school children cycle or walk to school safely.

Find out more about all of these at www.portsmouth.gov.uk/walkingcycling



Parking rules

Parking rules help keep traffic flowing safely. Here's a reminder of some important signs and road markings, to help you avoid a ticket.



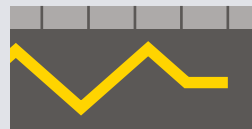
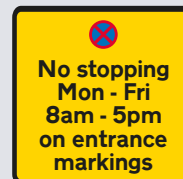
Double yellow lines:

no parking at any time, except blue badge holders (up to three hours).



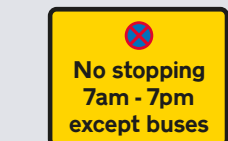
Single yellow lines:

no parking between the times stated, except blue badge holders (up to three hours).



School entrance road markings:

no stopping between the times stated on the sign.



Bus stops: no stopping between the times stated. If no time is on the sign, you can't park at any time.

There may be some exceptions. Search **parking** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk for full information.

Buzz stops for bees

Two bus shelters with living roofs have been installed at Spur Road outside Cosham Library. The roofs have a mix of native wildflowers and sedums to attract pollinating insects. Later this year, 13 more living roof bus stops will be installed across the city.

Your councillors

A minority Liberal Democrat administration runs Portsmouth City Council. Following the election on 2 May, the council's political makeup is: **Liberal Democrat – 19 seats** **Portsmouth Independents – 9**

Labour – 8 **Conservative – 4** **Labour-aligned independent – 1** **Non-aligned independent – 1**.

The city is made up of 14 areas, called wards, each with three councillors. For your local councillors' contact details search **councillors** at **www.portsmouth.gov.uk** or call **023 9283 4092**.



1 – Paulsgrove		
Chris Dike	Brian Madgwick	George Madgwick
2 – Cosham		
Derek North	Asghar Shah	Mary Valley
3 – Drayton and Farlington		
Simon Boshier	Hannah Brent	Spencer Gardner
4 – Hilsea		
Matthew Cordy	Emily Strudwick	Russell Simpson
5 – Copnor		
Raymond Dent	Benedict Swann	Lee Tindal

6 – Nelson		
Richard Adair	Jason Fazackarley	Lee Hunt
7 – Baffins		
Abdul Kadir	Leonie Oliver	Darren Sanders
8 – Fratton		
Dave Ashmore	Stuart Brown	Tom Coles
9 – Charles Dickens		
Yinka Adeniran	Cal Corkery	Raj Ghosh
10 – Milton		
Kimberly Barrett	Steve Pitt	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
11 – St. Thomas		
Chris Attwell	Ian Holder	Mark Jeffery
12 – Central Southsea		
George Fielding	Charlotte Gerada	Suzy Horton
13 – St. Jude		
Graham Heaney	Hugh Mason	Judith Smyth
14 – Eastney and Craneswater		
Peter Candlish	Nicholas Dorrington	Matthew Winnington

Leader of the Council	Cllr Steve Pitt
Deputy Leader of the Council	Cllr Suzy Horton
Cabinet Members	
Culture, Regeneration & Economic Development	Cllr Steve Pitt
Children, Families & Education	Cllr Suzy Horton
Climate Change & Greening the City	Cllr Kimberly Barrett
Environmental Services	Cllr Dave Ashmore
Community Safety, Leisure & Sport	Cllr Lee Hunt
Community Wellbeing, Health & Care	Cllr Matthew Winnington
Housing & Tackling Homelessness	Cllr Darren Sanders
Planning Policy & City Development	Cllr Hugh Mason
Central Services	Cllr Chris Attwell
Transport	Cllr Peter Candlish
Chairs	
Planning Committee	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Licensing Committee	Cllr Emily Strudwick
Governance & Audit & Standards Committee	Cllr Ian Holder

Lord Mayor	Cllr Jason Fazackarley
Deputy Lord Mayor	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Liberal Democrat Group	
Leader	Cllr Steve Pitt
Deputy Leader	Cllr Suzy Horton
Portsmouth Independents Party Group	
Leader	Cllr George Madgwick
Deputy Leader	Cllr Russell Simpson
Labour Group	
Leader	Cllr Charlotte Gerada
Deputy Leader	Cllr Graham Heaney
Conservative Group	
Leader	Cllr Simon Boshier
Deputy Leader	Cllr Benedict Swann

Details correct at time of going to press.

Help with the cost of living



We know the cost of living crisis is continuing to affect Portsmouth people. And we're continuing to offer support.

We can help you make sure you receive everything you're entitled to, find ways to cut your costs and get free and impartial debt advice.

Our cost of living hub has lots of useful, up-to-date advice and information. Just go to www.portsmouth.gov.uk/costofliving or call our cost of living helpline on **023 9284 1047**. It's open weekdays 9am–5pm (closes 4.30pm on Fridays).

Check if you qualify for a household support voucher or payment, funded by the UK government. Go to the online hub or call the helpline.



Portsmouth Historic Dockyard



Redundancy support

Some other ways we can help...

Save on fun for kids

There's lots for your five to 16-year-olds to enjoy this summer from our HAF (holiday activities and food) scheme.

If your family gets benefits-related free school meals, then the activities and food are free. Find out what's on this summer and book at www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey

For younger ones, try our "50 things to do before you're five" website and app. For ideas for free or low-cost family activities, go to portsmouth.50thingstodo.org

Cheap days out

If you get means-tested benefits, you could qualify for our Leisure Card, which gives discounts year-round on many city attractions, including at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Search **leisure card** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk or call **023 9268 8797**.

Redundancy support

We understand the uncertainty and fear people experience when they're made redundant or their job is at risk. We offer free support that includes a benefits calculator, guidance with budget planning, training support and help with CV writing.

Call **023 9284 1641** or email business@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



HAF activity

FosterPortsmouth

Managing money as a foster carer



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Our foster carers are motivated by wanting to make a difference to children's lives. But like everyone, they need to think about their finances.

We offer a competitive package of recently increased allowances and skill fees, providing a dependable income for carers.

A weekly allowance covers the cost of housing, clothing and feeding the child or children in their care, as well as incidentals such as activities and pocket money. Other allowances cover caring for a child over Christmas and other significant religious festivals, during school breaks and on birthdays. And expenses including mileage can be reclaimed.

Foster carers also benefit from tax relief and exemptions, as well as access to some council staff benefits and discounts from schemes such as our Leisure Card.

"We don't feel like we're really out of pocket."

Tony and Patsy, foster carers.

Find out more:

📄 foster.portsmouth.gov.uk/finances

☎ 023 9283 4071

✉ fostering@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

📘 fosterportsmouth



Free mental health support for everyone

Mental health issues can affect anyone, for many different reasons. It's good to know there's support available for when you need it.

For example:

- › Anyone aged 11–25, who's worried about the exam season, can use **www.kooth.com** – a free mental health and wellbeing support service.
- › Men shouldn't have to suffer alone. Anyone can refer themselves to the NHS talking therapies service at **talkingtherapiesportsmouth.nhs.uk**
- › Parents struggling to cope can contact Families in Mind, which has a team of health visitors and nurses to help during difficult times. Anyone can self-refer at **www.portsmouthfamilyhubs.co.uk/familiesinmind**

If you're not sure where to get support, call the Portsmouth mental health hub on **0300 123 6621** or go to **www.mentalhealthinportsmouth.co.uk** to learn more about local services.

Change a young person's life

You could make a real difference to the life of a young person in care – just by volunteering for a few hours a month.

Our independent visitor (IV) service aims to match each young person with an adult who can be a stable mentor, role model and friend.

You just need to meet up once or twice a month to do something fun together. It can be a truly rewarding experience for both.

One of our young people told us: "I like my IV because we can do loads of fun stuff. Whenever we go out, I always enjoy myself and I love it."

We're looking for volunteers who can attend training on 5 and 6 August.

Email independentvisitors@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or search **independent visitor** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk for more information.



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Drugs and alcohol services

Our drug and alcohol support service (DASS) for under-25s is free and confidential. A DASS worker can meet a young person at home, school, a family hub, a youth club or even a coffee shop.

- › Go to www.portsmouth.gov.uk/dass
- › Call or text **07979 706037** or call **023 9288 2593**.
- › Pop in at 55 Kingston Road.

Parent Support Link, funded by us, provides a free 24/7 helpline plus counselling and group support for anyone affected by a loved one's use of drugs or alcohol. Call **023 8039 9764** or go to www.pslcharity.org.uk



Suicide support

The Amparo service provides free practical and emotional support to people who have been bereaved by suicide, whether recently or in the past. They can help anyone affected, not just next of kin.

Their experienced liaison workers will listen to your needs and help you get the support that's right for you. This could be short-term or longer-term support, depending on what you feel you need. The service is commissioned by the council.

Call **0330 088 9255** or visit amparo.org.uk

Landline phones are changing

The country's landline phones are being switched to a digital system.

For most people the switch will be straightforward, but others may need new equipment or support. Most networks will be changing by December 2025.

The switch may affect telecare devices and equipment such as personal alarms if they're connected to your phone line.

Your landline phone company will contact you before the switch happens. But you may want to tell them in advance about any telecare devices that you have, or if you need support.

You should also contact your telecare or alarm supplier to check if your device will work with the new system or needs to be upgraded. Customers of our Safe at Home telecare service won't need to do anything as it's already digital.

You can find out more or get support.

- Search **Age UK landline telephones** online.
- Call the Age UK advice line: **0800 678 1602**.
- Call the HIVE Portsmouth to book a session with a "digital champion" at Central Library, on **023 9400 7124**.



Do you care for someone?

Our carers service offers support and advice if you're caring for someone, whether they're a friend, family member or neighbour.

Melanie's a carer. She says: "The support provided has given me a new mindset and reason to get out, rather than just staying at home, only feeling that I'm a carer to my autistic daughter and thinking I have nowhere else to go or anything to do."

"The carers service helps give me a break from caring. I meet lovely people in the same situation as myself and the staff are all nothing short of amazing!"

Find out more:

- portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk
- **023 9285 1864**



Melanie takes a break to enjoy a carers service cookery session



I quit smoking with “swap to stop” kit

Vapes can be really effective in helping smokers stop. Just ask John, who used one of our free vape kits to quit his 45-year habit.

Our wellbeing service gave John the “swap to stop” kit and set up chats with practitioner Pauline at Buckland Community Centre.

“Pauline got me to look at things differently and changed my habits,” says John, pictured above. “I wouldn’t go back to smoking now. I’ve been through some tough situations but the thought hasn’t crossed my mind to pick up a cigarette.

“Not having those toxins in my body has made a difference to my skin. I’ve got more capacity for my running. My physical activity has probably doubled – I’m able to achieve more without any breathlessness.

“My sense of taste and smell has improved and for the first time in years I don’t wear socks in bed as my circulation has improved.”

The wellbeing service provides free, friendly support in person or on the phone. They’ll work with you to find which tools for quitting smoking are right for you. Call **023 9229 4001** or go to **www.wellbeingportsmouth.co.uk/swaptostop**



Sexual health support

The Let’s Talk About It service offers free and confidential sexual health support including contraception, STI testing and treatment.

Call **0300 300 2016** and a trained sexual healthcare practitioner will advise you on the best course of action, whether that’s ordering a home testing kit, booking an appointment or getting medication by post if possible.

You can also book appointments, and order STI test kits or condoms by post, at **www.letstalkaboutit.nhs.uk** It’s free and easy to use.

Helping you get around

If you’ve got mobility issues, our Portsmouth Shopmobility service has a wide range of scooters and wheelchairs to hire.

Day hire starts at £5 and for a week it’s £32.50 for a scooter or £22.50 for a wheelchair.

Once registered, you can collect scooters from Southsea or North End libraries, or Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Or they can be delivered to hotels or other city locations.

Just call **07493 132948**, email **shopmobility@portsmouthcc.gov.uk** or search **Portsmouth Shopmobility** online.



Marvellous Makers get creative

Are there kids in your family who enjoy being creative? They'll love this summer's reading challenge, launching in our libraries on 6 July.

The Marvellous Makers theme of this year's challenge is all about letting children unleash their powers of creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone – and it's free.

From early July there will be lots of free activities in our libraries, where children can register, pick up a poster and get inspired to keep reading over the holidays.

You can also sign up at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Think about water safety

To stay safe, if you're swimming or paddleboarding off the seafront, stay within sight of the lifeguard stations, between the Coffee Cup and South Parade Pier, and check safety signs for hazards.

If you get into trouble, remember: float to live:

- › Tilt your head back.
- › Try to relax and breathe normally. Gently move your hands to help you stay afloat if you need to.
- › Spread your arms and legs out to improve stability.
- › Call for help or swim to safety.

See more at rnli.org/safety/float

Standing together against harassment

We all need to stand together to support victims of sexual abuse and harassment and stop these crimes taking place.

Our We Stand Together scheme provides training for staff working in bars, pubs, restaurants and other businesses. It helps make sure venues are welcoming and supportive places, where harassment isn't tolerated, against women or men. Venues where staff have been trained show the We Stand Together sign in their window.

See the list of venues taking part at www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/westandtogether



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School: every moment matters

Good attendance at school helps to give your child more opportunities in life.

One of the most important things you can do to help your child learn, and support their social and emotional development, is to make sure they attend every day and on time.

As well as learning, they can see friends and teachers, ask for help, join clubs, go on school trips, have a clear routine and get mental health support.

Parents have a legal responsibility to get their children to school. If a child misses 10 half-day sessions in one term through unauthorised absence, parents can be fined £60.

If you're having trouble getting your child to school, please talk to school staff so you can get help.

Find out more at www.portsmouth.gov.uk/attendance

Next steps after school

Young people aged 14-plus, along with their parents or carers, are being invited to a free event about the next steps after school.

The Your Future event is on 3 July at the Guildhall, from 4pm to 7pm. Pupils can get information on college, training and apprenticeships, and find out about entrance requirements and application deadlines.

The event is designed to make young people feel more prepared for year 11 and make positive decisions about their options.

Go to www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourfuture to find out more.



Become a teaching assistant

If you're looking for a career with flexibility, becoming a teaching assistant can lead to great things.

Teaching assistants help support pupils alongside a teacher. This may include supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

The role is varied and may change as you progress. This could include working on a one-to-one basis with pupils.

It's important to have the right qualifications, including GCSE C/4 in maths and English, but schools can help you gain these. More importantly, they want people who have the right qualities. Go to www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/supporting

Know where to go for urgent medical help

For urgent medical care, please choose the right service and help the NHS to help the most people.

Please choose:



A **pharmacy** for advice or treatment for minor ailments. All pharmacies in postcodes PO1–PO6 can now treat people for these seven illnesses, without the need for a GP appointment:

- › shingles – age 18 and over
- › sore throat – age 5 and over
- › infected insect bites – age 1 and over
- › ear-aches – ages 1–17
- › sinusitis – age 12 and over
- › impetigo – age 1 and over
- › uncomplicated urinary tract infection (UTI) – women aged 16–64



An **urgent treatment centre** for an injury or illness that doesn't need to be seen at an emergency department (A&E). Our nearest centres are at St Mary's Hospital in Portsmouth, Gosport War Memorial Hospital and Petersfield Hospital. They're open every day for at least 12 hours.



NHS 111 for advice and if you don't know where to go. Go to **www.111.nhs.uk** or call **111**. It's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A doctor or nurse might call you back and, if needed, they can book an appointment for you.



The **hospital emergency department** for life-threatening emergencies such as chest pain, severe bleeding or breathing difficulties. Call **999** if you need an ambulance.

See more information at **www.healthandcare.portsmouth.gov.uk/urgent**

More childcare support

Even more working parents are being given access to childcare. To stay up-to-date and check what help you might be eligible for, go online and search **education hub blog free childcare** or search **free childcare** at **www.gov.uk**



Port: green power update



New Brittany ferry (artist's impression)

Work has begun on the Sea Change project at Portsmouth International Port. This will allow ships to turn off their engines when docked, because they'll be able to plug in to green electricity to run their systems.

We've invested in special technology that means that even with three ships plugged in, there will be no effect on the electricity supply to people's homes.

The system is designed to work with cruise ships and two new ships that Brittany Ferries are introducing next year, which run on cleaner liquefied natural gas and battery power.

With Sea Change, they will be able to charge up and run on batteries alone when manoeuvring through the harbour, leading to fewer harmful emissions.

Find out more at portsmouth-port.co.uk/sea-change

£27m project

Potential for more than

20,000 tonnes

of CO₂e saved a year from 2027

Equivalent to the annual carbon footprint of around

2,500 UK households

Climate tips: save energy and cash

If you want to find out more about climate change, what we're doing, and how you can help, we've brought together all the information you need online.

Search **climate action** at www.portsmouth.gov.uk and see how you can cut carbon, save energy and spend less by thinking about how you shop, travel, eat and run your home. You can also see how the council's cutting emissions and how the city measures up.

We've also got a website to help all types of organisations from businesses to community groups save money and cut carbon, with up-to-date information on grants, loans and award programmes. See **business.switched-on.co.uk**





JUST ARRIVED

Leaf it out

Your new garden waste collection
scheme by Portsmouth City Council

Keep your garden looking glorious by joining Portsmouth's Leaf it out service.

No more messy tip runs, let Portsmouth City Council
handle your leaves, branches and cuttings.

Anyone can sign up, just call **023 9284 1105** and select **option 4**.

If you're currently using Biffa's garden waste club, you don't
have to do anything until that subscription ends. When it does
you'll need to join Leaf it out to keep your collections going.

www.portsmouth.gov.uk/leafitout