

# News flash

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## BULB PLANTING EVENT



**Friday November 24 & Saturday November 25  
at Grantham Green.**

**Come and help us make Grantham Green a riot of colour in the spring. Maria Dowding and others will be on hand to show you what to do. Tools and bulbs are provided. Just dress appropriately (warm clothes and good footwear) and be prepared to do a bit of work. We will all reap the benefits next spring! Bulb planting from 10.00 to 13.00 each day.**

## Gardening Club Winter Meets

The dates are:

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017. 11.00am – 12.30pm Xmas session
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. 1.00pm -2.30pm and
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018. 11.00am – 12.30pm

Gardening Club members will plan what they are going to grow in their raised beds and the communal allotment spaces in the next season. This year they will also be contributing to the design of the second allotment. Exciting! Get involved.

# FLAGSHIP ART CLUB XMAS TREE

Members of Flagship Art Club and other friends have designed and are building a Christmas Tree for the One Community Christmas Tree Festival. Drop into Eastleigh Museum from Saturday November 25 2017 to January 6 2018 to view all the trees produced by different community groups. It should be quite a spectacle.



The design stage - no clues here as to how the tree will be built

This is a great new idea from One Community and we have been pleased to support it and had great fun making our tree!

# WALK THE TEST WAY

**We all completed the 16 mile walk in good shape**



Andrew, Claire & Lauren Parker



Beverley, Maria and Michelle

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us online or in cash. We will let you know our grand total once the Rotary Club have worked it out. We know we have raised £1,200 and there is more to come. It was a great day with beautiful weather and we were all delighted to achieve our targets and to get home.

**The question is now – what to do next year?**

*Last chance to have your say – this has been widely publicised but perhaps you have not commented yet. Please take the chance to do so now, it is important that we have our say.*

## **Emerging Local Plan Shaping our Community**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ebccommunity>

Eastleigh Borough Council is currently working on a new Local Plan for the area which will guide the development of housing, infrastructure, employment sites and community facilities. The Borough Council last met in July to hear an update and the 'Emerging Local Plan' was noted. At that time, Councillors were informed that work was still ongoing and no decisions could be made until all of the technical work and a public engagement was completed.

The engagement process entitled 'Shaping our Community' will run until 19 November. It provides local people with the opportunity to help the Council gain a better understanding of what they value and feel is most important to them within their community and the new communities which will develop over the coming years.

## **Update on Community Transport cut by Hampshire County Council.**

Hampshire County Council has proposed to end funding of the Community Transport and Dial a Ride as a way of saving more money. Over 9,000 people in Eastleigh signed One Community's petition against the cuts.

The ACTIVE CITIZENS wrote to the Councillors in our area to protest against the cuts. Thank you to all our readers and members who also wrote letters of protest to their Councillor and to the leader of the Council, Roy Perry.

Councillor Dowden spoke against the proposal in Cabinet. We provided a paper containing the ideas of the ACTIVE CITIZENS and parts of these were presented at the November 2 Council Meeting. Many Councillors spoke against the cuts. Lib Dems tabled an amendment and urged the Conservatives to go back to national Government to lobby them for more funds.

The cuts are part of Transformation 2019, a plan to **save £148 million** by April 2019.

There is a proposal that Older Persons bus passes will be provided at a cost of £10 and that older people will be asked to pay a fee of 50pence per journey when using their bus passes. The revenue generated might be used to finance Community Transport. Nothing is decided yet, there will be more discussion until February 2018.

For anyone who wishes to view the full Council meeting the link is below – 4.5 hours long!  
[https://hants.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/311176](https://hants.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/311176)

The Equality Impact Assessment:

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=7685&ISATT=1#search=%22T19%22> This shows that older people, people with disabilities, younger people and poor people will be disadvantaged by the removal of community transport funding.

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