

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

25th November 2009

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAM (HAT) – December 2009

Proposed Highway Works

- Christchurch Road (B3347) – Footway reconstruction – scheme in progress

Traffic Management Programme - 2009/10 – Agency programme (NFDC)

- Kings Arms Lane – one way southbound - referred to in Local Plan.
Experimental Order came into force on 6th Nov 2009

Proposals to be Investigated

- Southampton Road – Post 2009/10 if Stage 2 funding secured: amended parking restrictions/parking zone & one-way TRO

THE FUTURE OF HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAMS

- After a recent pilot scheme, it is now proposed to re-establish the seven HATs.
- The purpose of HATs is to provide a strong role for all local Members to improve the quality of life in their area by ensuring that County Council services are responsive to local needs and priorities.
- Respond to highway and transportation issues and develop an understanding of the economic, health and other social inequalities of the area.
- Submit Business Plans with projects for funding to the Leader of the Council.
- Proposed work programmes will be incorporated into departmental service planning and performance monitoring to ensure effective use of resources.
- Reporting to the Executive Member for Communities, the New Forest HAT Chairman is Cllr. Adrian Evans from Lymington and Vice Chairman is Cllt. Alexis McEvoy from South Waterside.

HCC GRANT TO COMBAT FOREST CRIME

- HCC has granted £10,000 towards the secondment of a constable, two days a week, to combat wildlife crime, such as poaching and illegal fishing, and address problems, such as fly-tipping, arson and anti-social use of vehicles and bikes.
- Although Hampshire is safer than most other counties, the two year project will help reduce criminal acts and the fear of crime in the Forest.

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