

# Get Involved : Get Informed

## The What, How, Why and Who of Parish & Town Councils

Cycle Parks



Councils do many things and run many services that people use on a daily basis, whether it is the local park, village hall or even a bus stop

Open Spaces



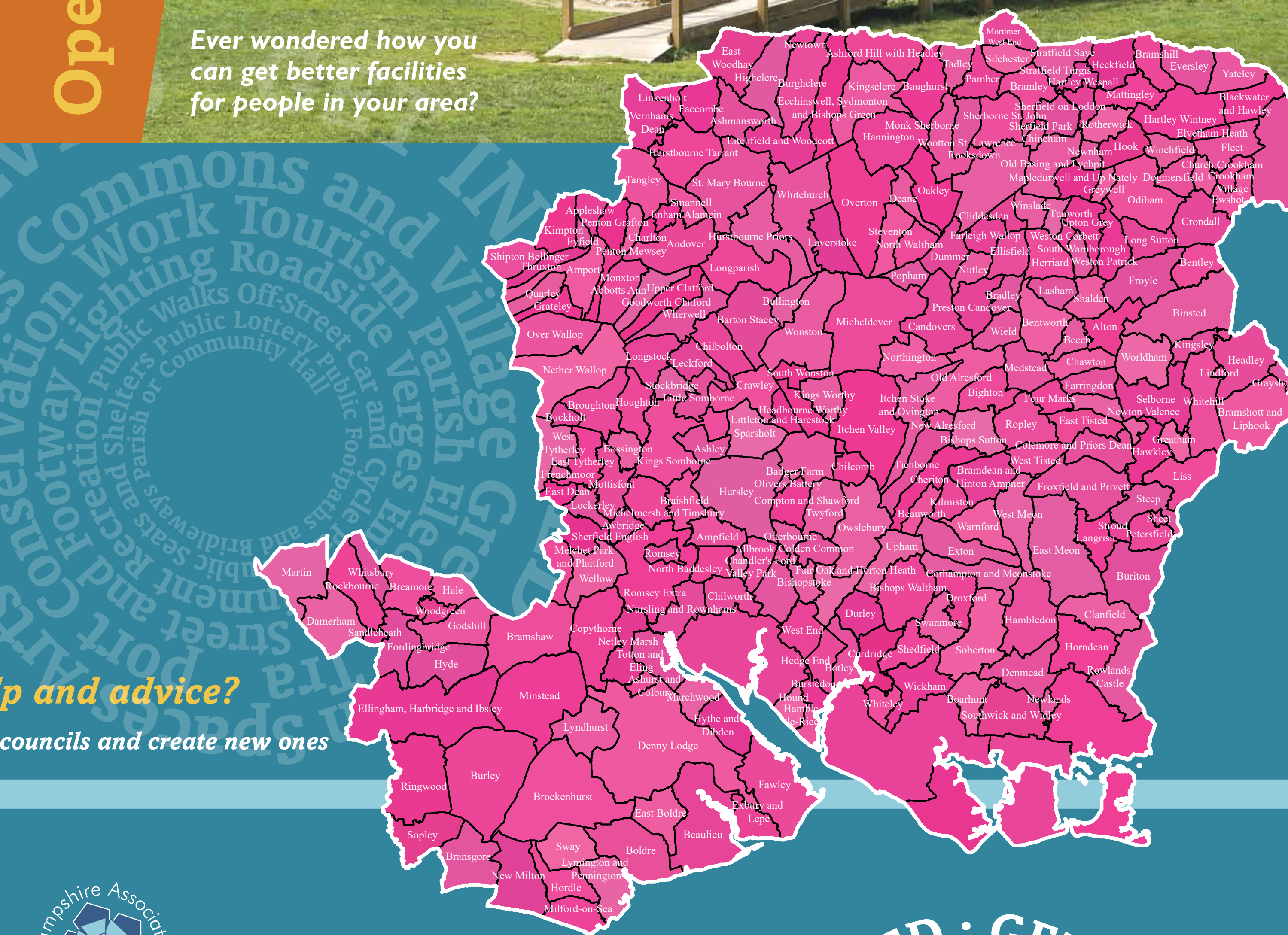
Ever wondered how you can get better facilities for people in your area?

Bus Stops



What is the parish or town council? How can you get involved?  
Why are things done in a certain way? Who can you go to for further help and advice?

This guide has been developed for people across Hampshire to explore Local Democracy, find out about local councils and create new ones



### Organisations

There are a number of organisations that focus on parish and town councils. Listed below are the main organisations that can provide you with further assistance and support for your parish or town council, or for you as a councillor.

#### Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Hampshire Association of Local Councils is a membership body set up in 1948 to support parish and town councils, and parish meetings within the geographical county of Hampshire, including the unitary governed areas.

Address: Floor 2, Eastleigh House,  
Upper Market Street  
SO50 9YN  
Phone: 02380 688601  
Email: [admin@hampshirealc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hampshirealc.org.uk)  
Website: [www.hampshirealc.org.uk](http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk)

#### British Youth Council

The British Youth Council (BYC) is the national youth council for young people aged under 25 in the UK. BYC brings young people together to agree on issues of common concern and supports them to take collective action through campaigns and engaging with decision-makers.

Address: CAN Mezzanine, 49-51 East Road,  
London N1 6AH  
Phone: 020 7250 8374  
Email: [info@byc.org.uk](mailto:info@byc.org.uk)  
Website: [www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

#### Communities and Local Government

This central government department is responsible for developing prosperous and cohesive communities. The department's role is to build the capacity of communities to shape and protect their own future.

Address: Ministry of Housing,  
Communities and Local Government,  
2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF  
Phone: 030 3444 0000  
Website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-communities-and-local-government](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-communities-and-local-government)

#### National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

The National Association of Local Councils works at a national level to provide a collective voice and represent the interests of the 10,000 local parish and town councils across England. They also have their own legal advice service.

Address: 109 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LD  
Phone: 020 7637 1865  
Email: [nalc@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:nalc@nalc.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk)

#### The Electoral Commission

This is an independent body set up by the UK Parliament, to foster public confidence and participation in the democratic process in the UK. Their activities support people to participate in elections for UK institutions (councils, parliament etc). They also regulate political finance in the UK.

Address: 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ  
Phone: 0333 103 1928  
Email: [contact@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:contact@electoralcommission.org.uk)  
Website: [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

#### County Council

**Hampshire County Council**  
Address: The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UJ  
Phone: 0300 555 1375  
Email: [contact via online form](mailto:contact@hants.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)

#### People and Development

The Hampshire ALC's Consultancy - LCPD - provides sector specific support, advice and consultancy on everything from recruitment and setting the correct salary level, to a complete restructure of council. We can do this with CIPD qualified personnel and offer professional indemnity. We are cheaper than non-specialist commercial organisations, with a more informed team than generic local government organisations can offer.

In addition, our development team can offer a complete range of learning and development opportunities.

We can also help your organisation with advertising, exhibition and marketing opportunities.

Contact us with your needs on:  
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Email: [admin@hampshirealc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hampshirealc.org.uk)



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### Further Information

#### Electoral Services Office

The electoral services within district councils can help you find out if you are on the electoral register, as well as telling you where you can go to vote.

**Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council**  
Tel: 01256 844844 Website: [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk)

**East Hampshire District Council**  
Tel: 01730 266551 Website: [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk)

**Eastleigh Borough Council**  
Tel: 02380 688000 Website: [www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk)

**Hart District Council**  
Tel: 01252 622122 Website: [www.hart.gov.uk](http://www.hart.gov.uk)

**New Forest District Council**  
Tel: 02380 285000 Website: [www.newforest.gov.uk](http://www.newforest.gov.uk)

**Test Valley Borough Council**  
Tel: 01264 368000 Website: [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)

**Winchester City Council**  
Tel: 01962 840222 Website: [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk)

Hampshire authorities with no parishes at the time of publication are not listed above.



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