

Report to Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council on Monday 23rd November, 2020 by

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Covid 19

EHDC continues to facilitate Grant Funding of £1.4 million from central Government, aimed to assist businesses that are suffering during the second lockdown period. This is a one-off payment. Once again, details of how to access the Grants can be found at www.easthants.gov.uk. There is also a discretionary grant available for business that do not pay Business Rates.

The Small Business and Extended Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Scheme closed on 28th August. 2,217 grants were paid, totalling £26,800,000, with a further discretionary grant total of £1,299,500. In addition, 934 businesses have been awarded Retail Discount totalling £15,405,336, that means they will pay no Business Rates for the 202/21 financial year. In addition to this, there is also the Test and Trace Payment and discretionary payment, which was introduced on 28th September, to help citizens who must self-isolate and are unable to work. If someone has been contacted by Test and Trace and told to self-isolate, they may be entitled to a payment of £500. As at 3rd November EHDC had received 37 applications. This work is being delivered by the EHDC Benefits Team.

Whitehill and Bordon

The regeneration programme continues apace with construction work progressing across all sites, with a total of 724 new homes completed across three major development sites in the town.

The new Leisure Centre with its 6 lane 25 metre swimming pool, learner pool fitness studio and 80 station gym, has been built, and would have been opened last week had it not been for the second lockdown. The Makers Market has now begun, which is an indoor market housing up to 17 permanent indoor shops, including a microbrewery, bakery, delicatessen, and stalls for street food. The EM3 LEP awarded funding of £4.8m for town centre infrastructure and the Arts Council Emergency Response fund gave £85,000 to ensure that the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre is able to continue its valuable work.

Communities and Welfare

EHDC continues to liaise with all voluntary groups, including food banks, to ensure delivery of support and maintenance to all sectors. Community First are the lead in terms of supporting the voluntary sector.

EHDC Sports Awards

These will take place via Twitter, on Tuesday evening, which will be a different occasion compared to the usual evening held at Old Thorns. However, we still have Roger Black officiating, and this different format will not detract from the awards so justly gained by individuals, schools and teams across the District.

Longmoor Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Team which covers Whitehill, Bordon, Grayshott, Headley, Liphook and Liss, has moved to new Premises at Unit 7, Highview Business Park, GU35 0AX, in Bordon. This modern, fit for purpose accommodation is close to the High Street and easily accessible, from where high visibility patrols will continue to work.

Residents can still contact their local policing team in the same way, which is to:

Report a Crime, Call 101,

Report incidents including ASB, online at www.hampshire.police.uk, or

In an Emergency, phone 999.

To pass on a message, but not report a crime, you can e-mail the team on

East.Hants.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk