

Update from Hampshire County Council – July 2024

£3.8 million awarded to Hampshire for even more fast-track employment training

Hampshire's Skills Bootcamp training is to run again for a further year, thanks to an award of £3.8 million from the Department for Education (DfE)

This free, fast-track training programme is offered to Hampshire residents and employers, enabling both those in work and job seekers to gain further training and secure higher paid roles, with employers benefitting from upskilled employees.

Skills Bootcamp training will boost Hampshire's economy and increase productivity by helping businesses fill specific vacancies which require skills that currently are in short supply.

The courses are flexible with learning planned to fit around professional and family commitments allowing people in different circumstances to gain the skills employers are looking for.

For most Skills Bootcamp courses, no previous knowledge in the subject is needed. Courses can be classroom-based, on-the-job or online and unemployed participants are guaranteed a job interview at the end of their course.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/24052024employmenttrainingPR>

Let's show domestic abuse the red card

With the UEFA European Championship underway, Hampshire County Council is reminding everyone that there is help available for anyone who may be subjected to domestic abuse and for those needing support to reduce their abusive behaviours. Making a single phone call could make all the difference to someone's safety and wellbeing

While a major sporting event like the Euros is an exciting time for many, during these events the number of incidents of domestic abuse and violence often goes up. Research shows that domestic abuse incidents increase by more than a third when England loses a game and by around a quarter when they win.

Anyone concerned that domestic abuse may be impacting the welfare of a friend, family member, neighbour or colleague, or concerned about the behaviour of someone they know, should contact [Hampshire Domestic Abuse](#) services. People subjected to domestic abuse and those using abusive behaviours often struggle to reach out and get the help they need, so it is vital that others speak up, if they can.

How to get help

- If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse, seek help. Call the [Hampshire Domestic Abuse](#) advice line on 03300 165112.
- If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police. Find out [how to call the police when you can't speak](#).
- If you're concerned about your behaviour towards someone else, help is also available. Call the [Hampton Trust](#) on 023 8000 9898.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240614noexcuseforabuse>

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Free activities and food for children this summer!

Don't miss out on a summer of free fun and food! That's the message to parents and carers of children eligible for benefits-related free school meals

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Hampshire County Council is reminding families to sign up now to avoid missing out on the many Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) schemes on offer during the school summer holiday (24 July to 30 August 2024).

There is a wide range of fun and interesting crafts, sports and outdoor activities for all ages to choose from, which also include a nutritious meal. Free spaces are available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals and vulnerable children who may benefit from the programme. Many schemes also have paid-for places available.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme makes free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year. This covers four weeks in the summer and a week's worth of activities in the Easter and Christmas holidays.

Parents and carers who want to find out what is on offer locally can search the [Family Information and Services Hub](#) and then [register online](#) to be able to book a space.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240620HAFsummer>

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