

Chief Executive invited to join Front line services

Sandy Hopkins, Joint Chief Executive for Havant Borough Council and East Hampshire District Council rolled up her sleeves and got stuck in recently when

she spent time working with front line staff.

Sandy donned her work boots and hi-viz vest to help the teams who were out cleaning the streets and dealing with customer's recycling materials, following an invitation to join. Sean Blake from Havant Borough Council's Operational Services

The invitation by depot staff for the Chief Executive to join them will also see Sandy working with the Cemeteries Team to prepare for a burial.

Sandy said, "I really enjoyed working with Havant's operational services team and meeting members of staff who do a fantastic job – it certainly opened my eyes to how they work well as a team and are enthusiastic about their jobs. I think going 'back to the floor' is important to get a clear picture of what staff do across all areas of the organisation. I was immensely impressed with their professionalism, passion, dedication and hard work."

Pictured below: Sandy Hopkins, Joint Chief Executive for Havant Borough Council and East Hampshire District Council



From a bungalow in Australia to a caravan in the New Forest

That sums up the childhood of New Forest artist Alan Langford in a nutshell.

In the early 1950s British residents were encouraged to emigrate to Australia for £10 an adult. "My mother and father grasped the nettle and took the entire family to start a new life in Elizabeth,

near Adelaide, South Australia where they rented a bungalow that had a fridge and even a television, which was quite something for a working class family at that time."

But Alan's father was homesick and so three years later the family returned to the UK. But house prices had risen and so the family

lived in a small caravan on a campsite in Blackfield and then moved to the New Forest. "This introduced me to my first gypsies and went on to inspire my artwork." This interesting story of Alan's life can be read in more detail in *Welgora* (meaning Romani horse fair), his new book published by Little Knoll Press.

On the Way Home by Alan Langford



BBC Radio Solent announces Big Christmas Cuppa inspired by local man's story

The Big Christmas Cuppa, 10am – 4pm, Wednesday 9 December, Southampton Guildhall.

Following the nation's overwhelming and heart-warming response to Bill Palmer's story, BBC Radio Solent announces The Big Christmas Cuppa on Wednesday 9 December at Southampton Guildhall. Join presenters Alex Dyke and Katie Martin for a mince pie and a cuppa as they host their shows live from the event.

Bill Palmer called the Alex Dyke show on BBC Radio Solent earlier last month when the topic of 'Love Later in Life' moved him to pick up the phone. Bill, who is now a good friend of the





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