

Registration Service Update

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“Goldings”, Basingstoke Register Office

Countywide coverage







A potted history...

- **1538 - Henry VIII & Reformation**
- 1640 - 1662 Execution of Charles I, Civil War, Oliver Cromwell
- Restoration of Charles II
- 1665 - The London Gazette first published
- 1690 - 1750 Religious tolerance leads to Nonconformist registers
- 1753 - The Marriage Act
- 1813 - Printed registers were produced for use in recording baptisms and burials
- 1834 - Poor Law Act
- **1837 - Civil registration starts 1 July 1837**
- 1875 - Penalties enforced for failing to register births, deaths and marriages
- 1906 – 1927 Acts Marriage with Foreigners, WW1 British Facilities, Registration of stillborn children
- 1949 – The Marriage Act (in use today)
- **1953 – Births & Deaths Registration Act**
- 1970 – Registrar General's Licence
- 1975 – Children's Act allows adopted persons access to original birth certificate
- 1983 – Detained or housebound marriages
- 1990s – Computerised records begin
- 1995 – Marriage Approved Premises Act
- 2001 – Reporting of suspicious Marriages Act
- **2004 – Civil Partnership Act**
- 2014 – Immigration Act to combat sham marriages

MARRIAGE TIMELINE

#equalmarriage

1753

CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE ACT
First time the state regulated marriage.

1836

MARRIAGE ACT INTRODUCES CIVIL MARRIAGES
Marriage becomes a civil institution as well as a religious one.

1949

MARRIAGE ACT
The main piece of legislation regarding marriage.

2004

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT
The first legally recognised relationship for same sex couples.

2011
DECEMBER

Law changed to allow same sex couples to register their civil partnership on religious premises on a permissive basis.

2012
15 MARCH
– 14 JUNE

Public consultation on proposals to enable same sex couples to marry.

2012
DECEMBER

Government's response to consultation published announcing commitment to legislate to enable same sex couples to marry in civil ceremonies and to enable those religious organisations that wish to conduct same sex marriage ceremonies to do so on a voluntary basis.

2013
JANUARY

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill introduced into Parliament.

2013
JULY

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act becomes law making equal marriage legal.

2014
by SUMMER

First same sex weddings to take place.



2020 - 2021 acceleration...

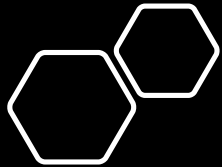
2020

- Births and marriages postponed
- Covid easements introduced

2021

- January - Medical Examiner to validate medical causes of death
- May – Marriage Schedule System
- July – Brexit changes to immigration rules
- July – Government Covid restrictions lifted, time to catch up!





What the numbers say...

Deaths registered 10,000

Births registered 8,000

Notices of Marriage/Civil Partnership 9,700

Ceremonies 3,350

New British Citizenships 800

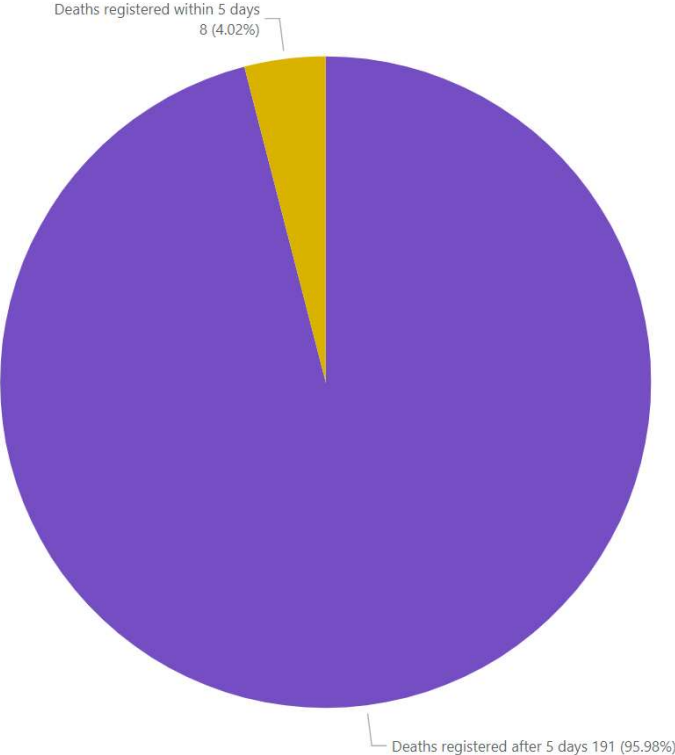
Approx. 01.01.2021 – 01.12.2021

Births inclusive of c.3,000 for partnership districts

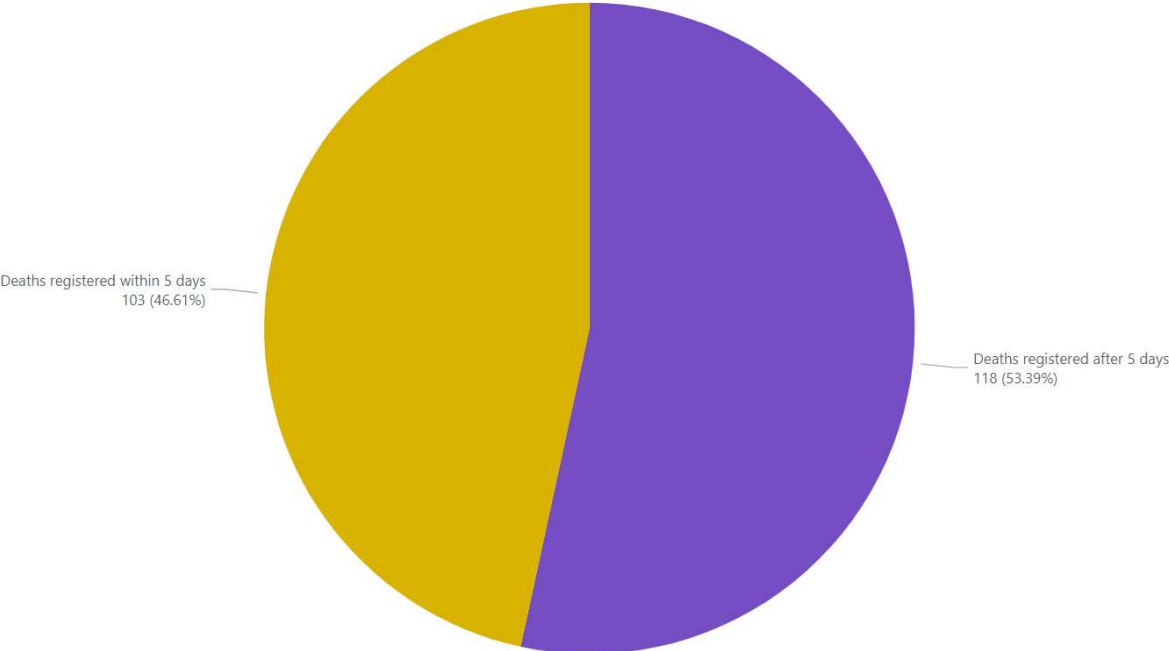


Data snapshot – deaths registered within 5 days

Week Beg: 04/10/21



Week Beg: 29/11/21



@theelvetham : you need a venue right? This was the first venue we visited but I fell in love straight away and could envision getting married there! I lost history, especially the tudors which made this venue even more special! The wedding team were great. I had thousands of questions but was never made to feel I was being a nuisance, and when COVID hit and we had to postpone and rearrange it was all made so easy and they bespoke to what we could and wanted to do.

@tietheknothampshire : with all the changes COVID had brought with it I was most nervous about the ceremony not feeling 'normal' but our registrars made us feel so comfortable and we're just as excited as we were and they made the ceremony feel so special!! Thank-you x

@chirocoversofhampshire : I wanted to personalise the ceremony and they did with a couple of small but effective details. They dressed the ceremony room perfectly and can do just about anything you could ask.

@odihamcakecompany : yum yum YUM!! their cakes are delicious and beautiful. We had to downsize our cake from what we had originally booked but I feel they were more than generous with what they produced on the day (and I'm grateful cos it was delish 😊)

@moutanflowers : these guys are pros! They brought to life exactly what I had envisioned. I couldn't believe the transformation of the rooms when I went down stairs and saw the arrangements...so beautiful!

LEGAL AND PERSONAL ❤️

The Hampshire Ceremonies team were so good, bless them. We made sure to tell them what I do for a living and that I wasn't sure how to make our little ceremony not feel like work. Well bless 'em, our lovely registrars changed as much of the ceremony wording as they legally could in order to make it personal for us. I'm so grateful!



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@TIETHEKNOTHAMPSHIRE

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for sharing your special day
with us
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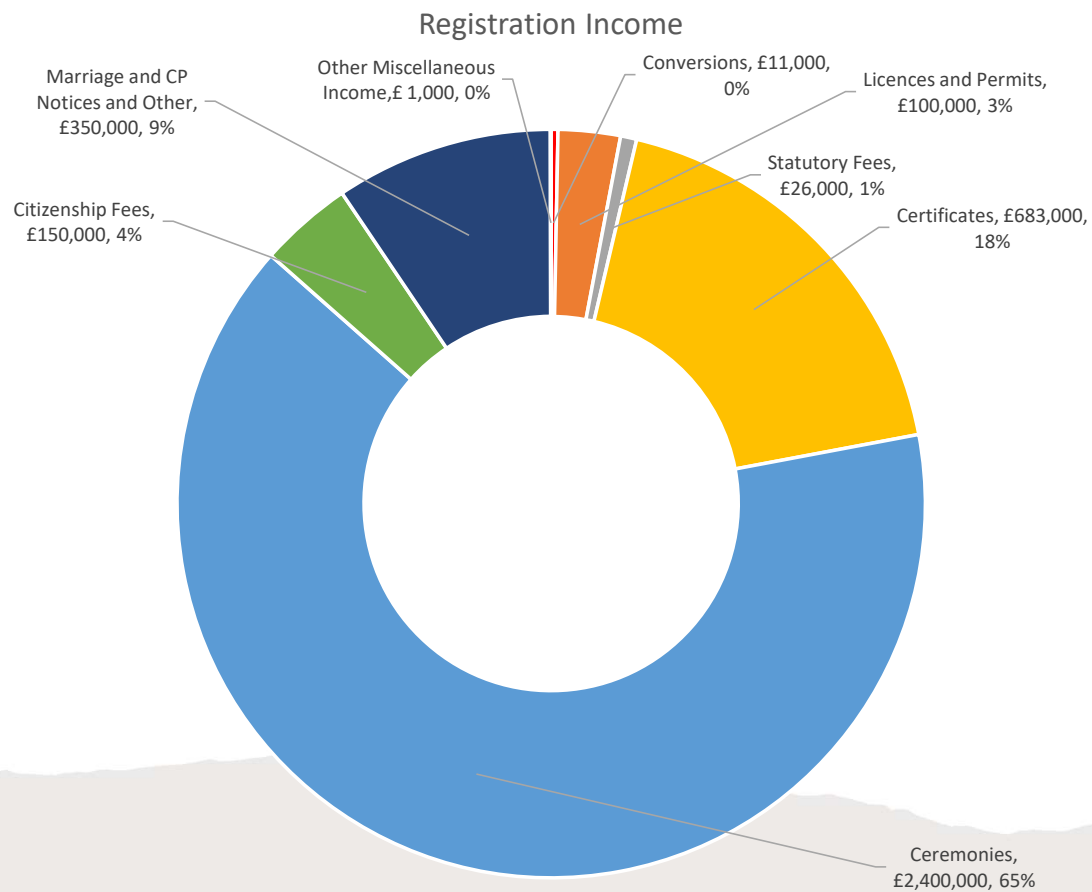
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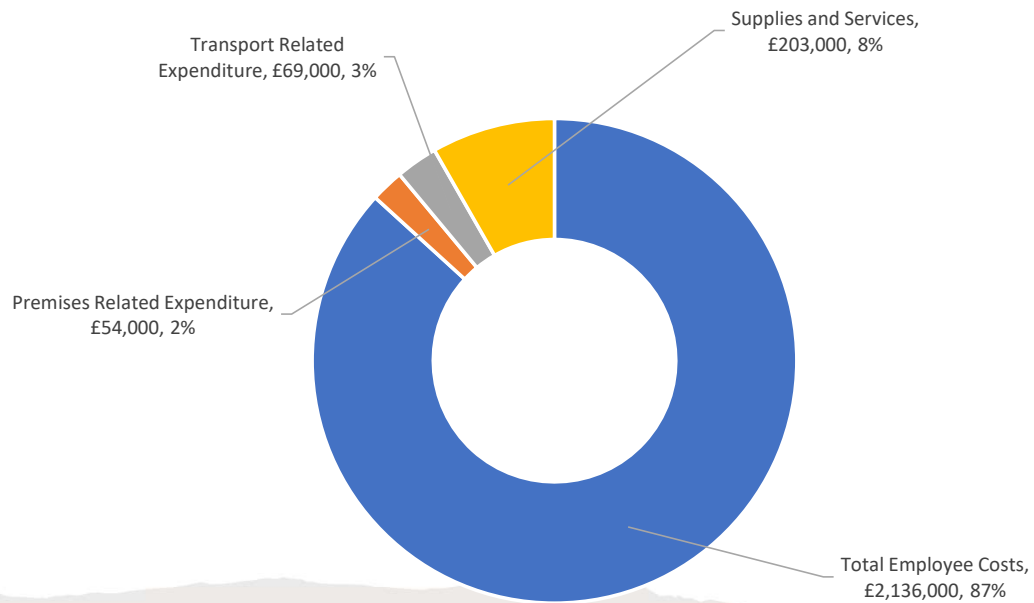
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Total Income Budget
Period 8 Forecast
21/11/2021
£3,721,000



Registration Service Expenditure

Total Expenditure Budget
Period 8 Forecast
21/11/2021
£2,462,000



Total Net Income/Net Expenditure

	Annual Budget
	£
Net Current Expenditure	(1,259,000)
Expenditure	2,462,000
Income	(3,721,000)



Protecting our income



Risks

- Law commission review of marriage reforms
- Independent celebrants
- Recruitment and retention

Opportunities

- Marketing our profile
- Approved celebrants
- Online ceremony management system
- Develop approved venues portfolio
- #notjustawhitewedding
- Hampshire as a training provider
- Review fee setting processes

Back to business



Returning to face-to-face appointments

General Register Office transformation programme

Civil Partnerships for heterosexual couples

Relationships with Funeral Directors and Medical Examiner

May 2022 annual performance and compliance review

In summary



We have a long and rich history of registering life events in Hampshire



We have supported communities throughout the pandemic



We are still in recovery but making good progress



We understand our opportunities for change and growth



We are ready for legislative change

Questions?