



Living in Hart

Hart district is in the North East of Hampshire, with excellent transport connections by road and rail to both the South Coast and London. Hart is centred around the town of Fleet and Court Moor School is one of two secondary schools in the town. Hart was recently rated as the best place to live in the country for the fifth time. This is based on the quality of life, transport connections, access to countryside and, crucially, the quality of education. However, whilst Hart is consequently fairly expensive to live in, neighbouring Rushmoor, with the towns of Farnborough and Aldershot are far more affordable to both rent and buy property.

Fleet has a mainline station to London and the direct train takes 38 minutes to get to London Waterloo, meaning it's possible to finish school, run a club and still have enough time to meet someone in London for dinner. Fleet itself has plenty of leisure facilities, a brand new sports centre, a well-stocked library, a civic theatre and various community facilities. At night Fleet comes alive with a wide range of restaurants, pubs and bars, it takes on a different flavour. With a cinema in nearby Aldershot and Farnborough and professional theatre in both Aldershot and Camberley, the area is well served by arts opportunities. For the more outdoor type there are lots of walks and open ground for activities such as mountain biking and hiking. The Basingstoke Canal runs through Fleet and actually borders the school site. Whilst Fleet has a range of shops for everyday needs, larger shopping centres are half an hour away in Basingstoke, Reading and Guildford.

Hampshire Education Authority was recently cited in the Ofsted Chief Inspector's Report as one of the best in the country and it provides an excellent back up for the school and the staff working in Hampshire schools. The County organise various training opportunities for staff and have a pro-active approach to talent spotting which ensures that good teachers get promotion within Hampshire Schools.

So, whilst Hampshire isn't the cheapest place to live, it might just be the best! With a County that encompasses the medieval history of Winchester, the naval heritage of Portsmouth alongside various villages and pubs in 'Jane Austen country', it really provides an interesting and exciting place to live and bring up a family.