

The internet is the most widely used source of information, news, services, advice and entertainment in the world, with something for people of all ages and interests.



## Searching

The most useful feature of the internet is the way you can search 'instantly' for information on any topic using 'search engines' like Google (see Getting Started sheet).

Use Google and other special websites to find information, news, services, travel, entertainment and people in your local area and anywhere worldwide.

## Do it online

The internet has much more than just information. You can go online to carry out transactions, from banking to sending flowers or home shopping to email.

Our website (see below) will also show you how to stay safe online when carrying out transactions.

Some of the things you can do online include:

- **Shopping** - whether you're looking for a special present for someone, fancy a treat, or want to have the weekly food shop delivered to your front door.
- **Banking** - check your accounts, transfer money, print statements to help you keep control of your finances without visiting your branch.
- **Reading the news** - read your favourite newspapers online to keep up to date with the news as it happens, without spending money on papers or delivery.
- **Research your family tree** - find out about long lost relatives and where people lived and worked, our website (below) has links to special sites to help you.
- **Keep in contact with friends and family** - use email, instant messaging, free internet phone calls and even video calls, our website will show you how.



Learn more at: [www.hants.gov.uk/computer-skills/using-the-internet](http://www.hants.gov.uk/computer-skills/using-the-internet).



# Some internet websites

## Hantsweb for Hampshire County Council services

For example, find your nearest recycling centre:

1. Go to [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)
2. See the section called 'Find my nearest', click on **Recycling centre**
3. Enter your postcode and click **Go**.

You will then see a map with your local recycling centres.

For more information, such as directions, click on the links below the map.

## BBC news and other services

The BBC website is a great source of local, national and international news, weather and programme information on TV and radio.

1. Go to [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) (see below \*)
2. Either click on one of the feature articles or click on a heading to go to News, Sport, Weather, TV, Radio or one of the other topics.

There is a lot more information on the BBC pages. Have a click around and see what you can find.

Find out more (on our website below) about using the BBC website to listen again to radio programmes you may have missed or to watch recent TV programmes using BBC iPlayer.

## Food shopping

Find out if a supermarket delivers in your area, for example do Sainsbury's deliver to you:

1. Go to [www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk) (see below \*)
2. Click **Start shopping**  
  
A new page will open
3. Type in your postcode in the 'Do we deliver to you' box and click **Check postcode**.

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Do we deliver to you?' in red text. Below the title, it says 'Enter your postcode to check we deliver in your area.' There is a white text input box and a yellow button with the text 'Check postcode' in black.

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