

ABOUT ME

Journalist & Reporter. I am currently training remotely for the NCTJ qualification at News Associates. I specialise in women and gender equality, international relations, local news and entertainment.

Bylines include the Farnham Herald and associated newspapers, the Gosport and Fareham Globe, Southern Daily Echo and Hampshire Chronicle.

Ankhä Azzura Magazine and Empoword Journalism. ACYA and Country to Canberra.

Based in Hampshire

CONTACT ME

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of International Relations, Bachelor of Arts

Flinders University

2018 - 2022

- Majored in Women's Studies
- Minored in Creative Writing
- 5.88 GPA
- Studied abroad at Stirling University, Scotland (Sep 2019-Dec 2019)

SKILLS

- News reporting
- Finding stories and contributors
- Social media knowledge and engagement
- Microsoft, Google Docs and Wordpress
- Canva
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Research and analysis
- Global affairs knowledge
- Features, entertainment and personal essay

MICHELLE MONAGHAN

WORK EXPERIENCE

Reporter

Oct 2023–Present

Farnham Herald and associated newspapers

Working independently using what I've learnt from prior experiences to source local news stories and arrange to meet up with people in-person or over the phone for these stories. Keeping an eye on social media and the local councils for any immediate news that needs to be given priority and receiving articles from the Head of Content to follow up and see if there is any story or news potential. Have accompanied a reporter to a meeting with the Mayor regarding his upcoming engagements and taken notes from a council meeting to stay informed of certain developments.

Reporter & Journalist

Jan 2023–May 2023

Gosport and Fareham Globe

The role allowed me to gain experience researching and writing about local stories and the UK such as 'Gosport Council encourages local climate change initiative' and 'local students support Ukraine through their art'. I was able to incorporate unique angles on stories that stemmed from my interest in women's empowerment and gender equality but keeping it to a UK perspective.

For the coronation I wrote about 'Women making history at royal coronations' that related to the coronation of the current King's great-grandfather. On International Women's Day, I delved into the life of Beatrice Shilling a local woman from Waterlooville who achieved incredible feats for women in engineering and in WWII.

Jul 2023 (5 days)

Work Experience

Southern Daily Echo

I wrote stories and kept a regular watch on social media for any local breaking news and relevant content that the Echo could cover. I sourced quotes for a story regarding a possible housing development, obtaining a comment from the Director of the Solent Sky Museum. I read through a copy of a previous paper and highlighted possible leads for follow-ups and new stories. For example, the Dai Lama's 88th birthday was in the World News section. I interviewed a Buddhist member who is involved in the Buddhist Centre Southampton which kept it local but interesting.

Work Experience

Sep 2023 (4 days)

Hampshire Chronicle

I researched and wrote stories from local sources such as Winchester Cathedral and the local council while incorporating news I found on social media. I was given pieces to investigate further and follow up to turn them into stories. For example, a free charity bookshop that had closed in 2022 was set up in a new location, and I went out to see the new shop and talk to the staff. I accompanied a reporter to the local railway station to find people for comments regarding bike theft at the station's bike storage. I was then tasked with transcribing the quotes that we had gathered.

REFERENCES

Robin Young

Gosport and Fareham Globe/Founder & Director

Daniel Gee

Tindle Newspapers Ltd/Head of Content at the Farnham Herald

Lisa Hanley

Ankha Azzura Magazine/Founder & Editor