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**A message from the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán Woodward**

This may be the last printed edition of Fareham Today that you receive as we prepare to move the magazine primarily online. We've decided to go digital and will now be publishing more frequent, shorter editions of the magazine on our website. As more and more people use their phones and tablet computers to read news we think this is the best way forward for the future of Fareham Today. Don't worry though, if you would still like to have a copy posted through your door or would like to receive email alerts you can sign up on page 5.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of flying at Daedalus. We've been looking at the interesting history of the site and will be holding an event in the summer for the community to help us celebrate this important milestone. More details will be available nearer the time, so keep an eye out.

School children are looking ahead to the future as they get ready to bury a time capsule at the site of the new Holly Hill play area. Students from Sarisbury Infant and Junior Schools and Park Gate Primary are collecting items to put in the capsule and will bury it, where it will stay for 25 years. Exciting plans are well underway for the brand new Holly Hill play area which is due to open later in the year!

You may have heard that Welborne was confirmed as one of 14 new English garden villages. This gives us access to a £6 million fund over the next two financial years which has been put in place to support delivery as well as far more significant funding for infrastructure. The money will be used to unlock the full capacity of sites, providing funding for additional resources and expertise to accelerate development at Welborne.

It's an exciting time for Fareham as we welcome plans for a well-known hotel chain to come to the town centre. This will help to attract visitors and business and it sends a clear signal of the Council's commitment to the future of the centre. Westbury Manor Museum will also be transforming into a vibrant new 'culture shop' which will see new interactive exhibits, creative studios, a remodel of the front and garden entrances and more.

As part of our commitment to ensuring the town centre is a vibrant place for future generations, we have put together some draft plans. We have a few ideas about how we think we can improve the centre but we want you to tell us what you think. Find out more on page 20.

Entries for the Community Gardening Challenge are now open. Residents' gardens and businesses are judged through a range of categories and the awards are given out at a ceremony later in the year. The Challenge is getting more and more popular so fill in the form on page 19 and send it back to us if you would like to get involved.

And finally, don't forget that I always welcome questions, comments or ideas from residents about how we can continue to improve the borough so please do get in touch.



*Seán Woodward*

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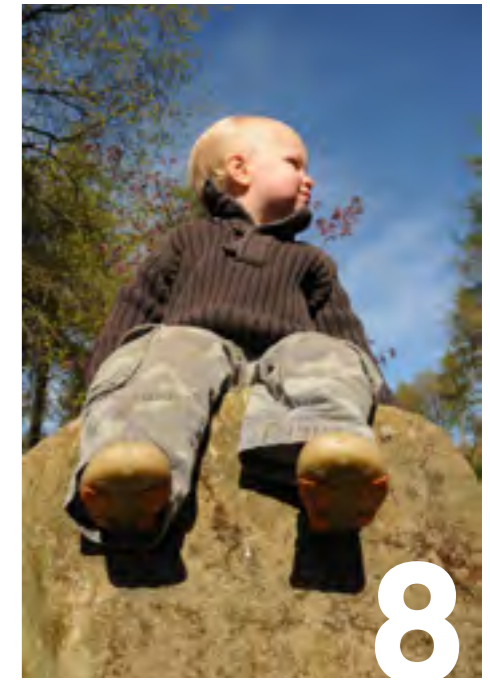
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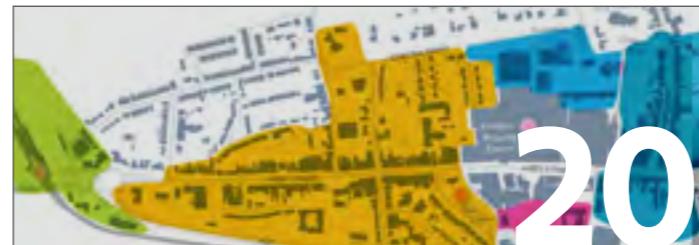
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# Fareham TODAY OVER THE YEARS

For more than 30 years this magazine has been keeping residents informed of the latest news and developments around the Borough.

As you can see the look and feel has changed over the years (as have fashion trends!). The magazine has evolved from a 12 page newspaper style publication of the early editions into a 24 page full colour magazine of today.

#### A new online magazine for you

As times change, so too does the way we like to find out about things, with many more people now receiving their news online. We recognise that the world of communication is changing, so to keep pace, Fareham Today will soon be launching in an online format, hosted on the Council's website. Many of the features you'd expect from your council magazine will still be there e.g. dates for your diary, meet the Mayor and updates from various departments.

#### Printed copies will still be available

We know that some people will still prefer to have a hard copy of Fareham Today and so printed copies will be provided on request. To register to have it sent directly to your home please fill in the form on page 5 (you can also sign up here for the online version). There will also be printed copies available in libraries and community centres around the Borough and at the Civic Office.

#### Saving money

Fareham Today is distributed to around fifty one thousand homes, as well as businesses and public buildings. Each issue costs the Council more than £10,000 to produce, including design, printing and distribution. By moving the magazine to an online format we will be making much needed efficiency savings of more than £30,000 a year. This in turn will help protect vital Council services in the future.



Above: One of the first Fareham Today magazines from 1986

## FAREHAM TODAY THROUGH THE AGES...



Above from top to bottom: Fareham Today 1993; Spring 1997; Winter 2005; Summer 2016

If you'd still like a printed copy of Fareham Today posted through your door or would like an email alert to let you know when the latest edition is published online please let us know. You can:

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Sign up at [www.fareham.gov.uk/farehamtoday](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/farehamtoday)

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# 100 YEARS OF DAEDALUS



Aerial view of Daedalus

It's an exciting year for Daedalus as July marks the 100th anniversary of its opening. Now known as Solent Airport at Daedalus, the site has been used for a range of different things over the years and played a key role during the Second World War. We have delved into the interesting history of the site to mark this important milestone...

## It all started 100 years ago

On 30 July 1917 Daedalus airfield opened as the Naval Seaplane Training School. At the time it was known as Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) Lee-on-Solent. It was originally intended as a temporary measure which consisted of a slipway and hangars but was made permanent in 1918 and later renamed the RAF Seaplane Training School. In 1934 a new land based airfield immediately to the north east of the slipway opened. Eventually in 1939 'Lee', as it was known, was transferred to the Admiralty as HMS Daedalus.



Fairey Barracuda torpedo bomber, 1943 © IWM (A 19278)

## D-Day

The start of the Second World War brought the threat of air raids, so the station's buildings were camouflaged and anti-aircraft gun defences and shelters were constructed to protect the airfield. By 1941 the variety of naval aircraft flying from HMS Daedalus had increased dramatically.

HMS Daedalus was the busiest airfield on the South Coast during D-Day as the RAF were joined by Canadian Typhoons and Mustangs. The US Navy Squadron VCS-7 also used the airfield as the base for their Spitfire.

On 6 June 1944, many of the aircraft to take part in Operation Overlord took off towards the Normandy beaches from Lee-on-Solent. The aircraft worked in pairs, with one plane targeting naval gunnery targets, while the other provided protection against air attack. The number of units deployed from HMS Daedalus for Operation Overlord was 435; the largest achieved by any UK airfield on D-Day.

## The war is over

Following the Second World War, Daedalus continued to play a significant role for the Royal Navy. Some of you may remember it being renamed to HMS Ariel in 1959 to reflect its electrical, radar and ground training emphasis; however it reverted back to HMS Daedalus in 1965.

It was owned by the Royal Navy until 1996, at which point it was decommissioned and used by the Royal Navy Gliding Club, the Police Air Wing and various light aircraft.



Maintenance crew work on Supermarine Spitfire, 1943 © IWM (A 19283)

## The future of Daedalus

Today, most of the land is owned by Fareham Borough Council and has seen some significant developments over the past couple of years. The runway has been refurbished; significant road improvements have taken place and new hangars are planned. The site has also seen the huge success of Fareham College's CEMAST, as well as Fareham Innovation Centre, an expansion of which is planned for 2018.

**From a small naval airfield to a successful enterprise zone, the future is bright for Solent Airport at Daedalus.**



**DAEDALUS**  
**100**  
**YEARS**

**COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF DAEDALUS**

**We are busy planning an exciting event to commemorate this important anniversary. It's in the very early stages at the moment, but we expect it to take place in September.**

**Keep an eye out on our social media pages and our website nearer the time to find out what's going on!**



Barracuda bombers in formation, 1943 © IWM (A 20172)

# IT'S PLAYTIME!

It's a busy time for our Leisure and Community team with a brand new play area being built and existing ones being made even better – **great news for kids!**



**HOLLY HILL PLAY AREA**  
Exciting new play and recreational facilities to suit a range of ages are being built opposite the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre. This will be a brand new play area like no other in the Borough, with a natural woodland feel. For the older ones there'll be a multi-use games area, plus an outdoor gym so the grown-ups can have some fun too! The new facilities are due to open later this year.

**A MESSAGE TO THE FUTURE**  
We're so excited about our new play area at Holly Hill we want to preserve this moment for years to come! That's why we have decided to bury three time capsules at the site. Pupils at Sarisbury Infant and Juniors and Park Gate Primary will fill the capsules with interesting objects to be discovered in years to come. The capsules themselves have been designed by students at Fareham College and manufactured at CEMAST so it's been a great local team effort. The capsules will be buried within the play area where they will stay for 25 years. Don't worry, we'll put up a commemorative plaque to mark the spot so future generations can find them!



Scott Heelas from CEMAST with a prototype of the time capsule



Newtown play area



Sarisbury Green play area

## PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

As part of our on-going play area improvement programme we will be installing some additional equipment at Sarisbury Green play area and Newtown play area.

At Sarisbury Green there will be a new roundabout, inclusive swing and a climbing unit for younger children, while the existing equipment will get a fresh coat of paint. At Newtown play area we will install a new junior climbing unit, new floor graphics and an inclusive swing. These improvement works should be done by the summer.



## WESTBURY MANOR MUSEUM

Work to transform Westbury Manor Museum into a vibrant new 'culture stop' is underway.

The £650,000 plans will see the current exhibitions modernised so that there is a mix of interactive exhibits and digital media.

The reception area, café experience and shop on the ground floor will all be enhanced. The second floor will be converted into creative studios and outside the railings will be removed to make the museum more welcoming. Both the front and garden entrances will be remodelled. The museum is set to re-open in June 2017 and will be managed and operated by Hampshire Cultural Trust.

There will also be some volunteering opportunities during and after the refurbishment. If you'd like to find out more please visit [hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](http://hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk)





# INVESTING IN THE BOROUGH

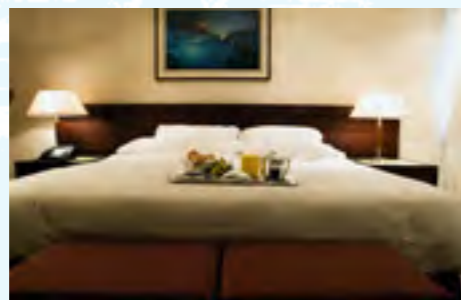
A number of large scale investments will be coming to fruition across the Borough this year, bringing much needed new housing, new business facilities and boosting our local economy.

## Good news for first time buyers in Fareham

At the beginning of the year the Government announced that thousands of new starter homes will be built across the country this year. They will be built exclusively for first-time buyers aged 23-40 and available for at least 20 per cent below market value. Fareham Borough Council is one of 30 local authorities selected to work with the Homes and Communities Agency to deliver a share of these homes. Possible locations for these new homes include brownfield sites across the Borough in Fareham Town Centre, together with any early phases of Welborne Garden Village. The new starter homes will draw funds from the Government's £1.2 billion Starter Homes Land Fund.

## A new hotel in Fareham Town Centre

Fareham Borough Council has agreed to work with the owners of Fareham Shopping Centre, to attract a well-known hotel chain to the town. Plans will be developed for a four storey 83 bed hotel, overlooking the civic gardens and built on top of the shops to replace long term empty office space. This exciting development will help attract visitors and business to the town. Following progression of the scheme through the planning process, it is hoped work will start on site towards Autumn 2017.



## New homes for older people

£5.5m has been spent building 36 new flats especially for the over 55s at Park Gate. Sylvan Court, at the Coldeast site, is a sheltered housing scheme comprising 25 one bedroom flats and 11 two bedroom flats. Each flat is wheelchair accessible and residents can make use of the communal lounge, activity room, and scooter store. The new homes are set to be ready for the first tenants in Spring this year.



## IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT DAEDALUS

A number of major developments are underway or in the pipeline at Daedalus. Building work has begun on 11 new hangars, a £4.5m project which will enhance the site for leisure flyers and attract aviation and aerospace businesses there. Fareham Borough Council also has plans to expand the Fareham Innovation Centre, and has successfully secured £2m of government funding towards the £7m project. This is hot on the heels of the success of the first phase which reached 100% occupancy within a year of opening its doors. Another new development at Daedalus is the construction of a new radar facility for NATS (National Air Traffic Services), where training and testing of new technology will take place.

Plans are being prepared for roads, services and airport facilities to open up Swordfish Business Park on the western side of Daedalus, to unlock the employment potential on the remaining part of the Enterprise Zone. Forward funded by the Council but repaid through business rates, work should start on site in the latter half of 2017 so that businesses can start developing plots in 2018.

**These developments cement Daedalus' reputation as the Solent's top destination for aviation, marine and advanced manufacturing. For more information visit [www.solentairport.co.uk](http://www.solentairport.co.uk)**

# Events for your diary

You can view details of these and other events taking place in Fareham Borough by visiting our 'What's On' page at [www.fareham.gov.uk/whats\\_on](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/whats_on)

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE**

Don't forget to check our social media pages too!

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 [facebook.com/FarehamBC](https://www.facebook.com/FarehamBC)

## REGULAR

Mondays weekly, 9.00am – 3.00pm

### Traditional Market

In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

First Saturday of the month, 9.00am – 3.00pm

### Fareham Farmers' Market

Saturday 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July.

In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.



Traditional Market

## MARCH

Wednesday 22 March, 9.00am-2.00pm

### Spring into Action!

Volunteering event with One Community. Come and talk to charities and services that are looking for volunteers.

Fareham Shopping Centre, in the space outside Debenhams.

More info [www.1community.org.uk](http://www.1community.org.uk)

Friday 31 March, 7:00pm for 7:30pm

### Mayor's Charity Masked Ball

Get your glad rags on and enjoy a night of food and dancing.

Ferneham Hall

Tickets: £45 (£400 for table of ten)

Call 01329 824303.

## TICKETS

Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road,

Fareham, PO16 7DB

[fernehamhall.co.uk](http://fernehamhall.co.uk)

01329 231942

## APRIL

Saturday 1 April, various sessions

### The great Easter Eggstravaganza

Search for Easter eggs through the woodland with an Alice in Wonderland theme. Fancy dress optional!

Holly Hill Woodland Park.

Sessions at 11:30am, 12 noon, 12:30pm.

1:00pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm

Tickets: £6 per child. Call 01329 231942 or visit Ferneham Hall. Tickets must be booked in advance. Please be aware spaces get filled very quickly.

Saturday 8 and Monday 10 April,

10:00am-3:00pm

### Bloom Seed launch

Pick up your free seed packets with a 'Totally Tropical' theme.

Council Connect in Fareham Shopping Centre.

Thursday 13 April, 9:00am-3:00pm

### Additional Market

West Street, Fareham.

Thursday 20 April, 9:00am-3:00pm

### Additional Market

West Street, Fareham.



Totally tropical!

## MAY



Exotic explosion!

Sunday 7 May, sessions at 10:00am,

11:00am and 12 noon

### Exotic Explosion!

Learn how to create the perfect exotic container at this workshop. First 90 people to book get a free fuchsia cutting and a 20% discount on the day.

St Margaret's Nurseries

Tickets: This is a free event but you must book your place in advance.

Call 01329 846006.

Thursday 11 May, 10:00am-2:00pm

### The Four Seasons Willow Weave workshop: the Obelisk

The first of four seasonal workshops: Summer. Learn how to make an obelisk from scratch using willow.

United Reform Church, 18 Osborn Road South, Fareham, PO16 7DG

Tickets: £15 per person. Call 01329 231942 or visit Ferneham Hall.

Saturday 13 May, 9:00am-3:00pm

### Fareham Spring Fayre

Street food, arts and crafts, local produce, gardening goods, plants and free activities for children! In partnership with Bert and Gert's Markets.

West Street, Fareham.

Friday 26 May, 7:00pm-10:00pm

### SNAP Silent Disco

Dance the night away at the silent disco.

For 11-16 year olds.

Ferneham Hall. Tickets: £6.

Call 01329 231942 or visit Ferneham Hall.



Spring Fayre



Fareham Town Centre Market




## Fareham Neighbourhood Watch

## Fareham Neighbourhood Watch – stay up to date!

Fareham Neighbourhood Watch has a fresh look and has launched a new website to help keep you up to date with local policing issues.

Newsletters will no longer be posted through your doors; instead it will be available online via email, Hampshire Alert and on the new website. Printed copies will still be available at libraries and community centres, as well as Fareham Police Station and at the Civic Office.

To learn more about Fareham Neighbourhood Watch, to start a scheme, become a member or to support the scheme, please see the contact details, right.

 [info@farehamnhw.co.uk](mailto:info@farehamnhw.co.uk)

 07919015083

 [www.farehamnhw.co.uk](http://www.farehamnhw.co.uk)

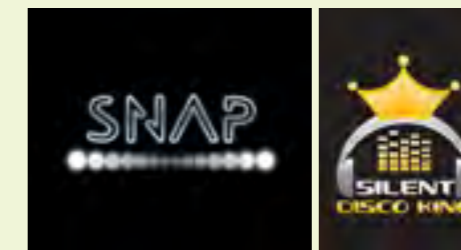
 @NHW\_Fareham

 [facebook.com/FarehamNHW](https://www.facebook.com/FarehamNHW)



### Thumbs Up Thursday

Every Thursday from 27 July – 31 August, 11am-2pm. Free, fun activities for children and young people. West Street, Fareham



Dance the night away at Fareham's first ever silent disco! Visit [snapdc.co.uk](http://snapdc.co.uk) for more info



Access All Areas will be back in the summer offering free activities for 11-16 year olds. Check our website and Facebook and Twitter for more info nearer the time!



# CONSERVATION AROUND THE BOROUGH



Volunteers clearing at Holly Hill

## Fareham Borough Council's Countryside team has been hard at work looking after our open spaces and their wildlife.

**Traditional practices at Warsash Common**  
At Warsash Common we have worked with volunteers on an unusual project, to create a new home for wildlife and an education tool for the local junior schools.

Organic material created as a result of the clearance of excess laurel and silver birch was stacked in a hedge-like format, known as a dead hedge. Work then started on creating a perfect habitat for insects, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals

using Anglo-Saxon building techniques. Wattle panels made from local hazel, were secured to the front of the dead hedge and a thick layer of daub (horse manure, horse hair and clay), was applied, allowed to dry and then painted with lime wash. A roof made from sections of turf, sedum and thatch was also added. If you would like to visit the project or arrange a talk with the ranger, please call **01329 824843** or email **countryside@fareham.gov.uk**.



A new home for wildlife at Warsash Common

### Conservation at Holly Hill

At Holly Hill Woodland Park, work has been taking place to clear laurel and rhododendron as these are non-native species which out compete our native species. Some of the wood from this clearing work has been used to create dead hedges which is a great habitat for invertebrates. The cleared areas have now been planted with native species or exotic (non-invasive of course!) species, such as ginkgo and giant redwoods, to maintain the arboretum feel of the original Holly Hill gardens when the land was an estate. Looking ahead to the summer, we will be maintaining pathways, fences and bridges for public use, as well as tidying up the areas around the lakes to keep the Park at a Green Flag standard.



# WASTE LESS, SAVE MORE!

**Do you waste food or know someone who does?**  
The average family could save **£700 a year**, simply by throwing away less food.

We throw away 7 million tonnes of food and drink from our homes every year, costing us £12.5bn a year. The good news is you don't have to be a candidate for Masterchef to cook up a storm and reduce your waste – by just doing a couple of small things you can make all the difference to rescuing food from the bin and saving your cash.

#### Here are five quick wins that you can do today:

- 1. Check the date** – find out about different date labels. You can freeze food right up to the use by date; freezing on day of purchase is just a myth.
- 2. Plan your meals** – check the fridge and cupboards, and write a list to take to the shops. People who use a shopping list waste less food (and spend less!)
- 3. Store your food correctly** – keep it fresher for longer. Apples go in the fridge, potatoes in a cool dark place, and store bread in the cupboard or freezer. Most foods are freezable, so you can save it to use at a later date.
- 4. Many of us often cook too much** – particularly rice and pasta. It doesn't look like much in the pan, so we add more, and it ends up being thrown away. Get to know how much is right for your family; it doesn't matter if you measure it using a tablespoon, cup, mug or scales. Make a note for next time. You can also check out the portion planner at [lovefoodhatewaste.com/portions/everyday](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com/portions/everyday)
- 5. Last night's leftovers could be tonight's feast** – check out recipes at [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com) and if you've got any great ideas to use up extra food, send them to us at [loveleftovers@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:loveleftovers@fareham.gov.uk) and we'll share them on our social media pages!



[lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com) has loads of great tips and tricks to help you waste less and save more!

Help the community waste less!

We are working in partnership with Sainsbury's and the local community to raise awareness of how much money we could save by using all the food we buy.



We are looking for volunteers to work with us to take a good look at this issue. We would work with you to identify what type of food is wasted and when. Following help and advice from chefs and other experts, you will be able to make the most of the food you buy, and we will help you to share your experiences online. Over the course of a year, different events and celebrations, and also different seasonal foods would be covered.

If you work at a local school or Housing Association, run a local business or are just interested in working with us on this initiative, please get in touch at: [loveleftovers@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:loveleftovers@fareham.gov.uk)





**The Council's vision for Welborne is for a self-contained Garden Village with thriving new district and local centres, new jobs, schools, shops and community facilities.**

Welborne will be well connected with a carefully designed transport network enabling people to get around quickly and easily. Footpaths, cycle lanes and new bus services will encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

Developing Welborne will encourage investment from businesses – making it an even more desirable area in a key location on the south coast.

On 2 January 2017 Welborne was identified as one of fourteen English garden villages as part of a landmark initiative by the Government's Homes & Communities Agency. We think this is great news for Fareham because the new community will follow Garden Village principles.

**BUT WHAT DOES THIS ACTUALLY MEAN?**

In 1898 an urban planner, Ebenezer Howard, published a paper entitled Garden Cities of Tomorrow. This paper led to the founding of the garden city movement and was based on ideas of creating planned communities with space for employment, green living and new homes all designed in from the outset.

The new garden villages are designed with all of these elements in mind, brought up to date for the 21st century. Taking inspiration from and enhancing its natural rural setting, Welborne Garden Village will be made up of four distinct character areas: woodland, meadows, downland and parkland.

Open space and outdoor living are all vital components of a masterplan that has been carefully designed to create and support a healthy and happy community, well equipped to enjoy a relaxing lifestyle with space to live, work and play.



**A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

Welborne Garden Village will be a distinct new community set apart from, but connected to, Fareham. It has an important role to play for the Borough of Fareham for a number of reasons. It will provide new homes to meet local needs, generate a significant number of local jobs and bring major improvements to the M27 motorway.



**WELBORNE GARDEN VILLAGE WILL BENEFIT FROM...**

**Beautiful new homes for Fareham**  
The Council has ambitions to help build more new housing and help more people realise their dream of owning their own home through a variety of new homes and associated initiatives. Over the next 20-25 years the new homes at Welborne will meet the needs of more than 13,000 people, helping to address the local under-supply of family homes.

- Benefits include:**
- Beautifully and imaginatively designed homes with gardens will combine the best of town and country living to create healthy communities
  - Mixed-tenure homes and housing types with 30% genuinely affordable homes
  - At least 60 self-build homes
  - 10% of homes built to Passivhaus standard
  - Homes will be carbon neutral



**Building for business**  
Working closer to home is a priority for many and new development will bring many new job opportunities both throughout construction and on site with provision of business space a key benefit. Delivering jobs for existing and future residents is a key priority and Welborne Garden Village will create around 5,735 new jobs in easily accessible locations for local residents.

**Enjoying the great outdoors**  
A true Garden Village with a large central park at its heart, Welborne will provide around 270 acres (108 hectares) of natural green space, play areas, allotments and sports facilities for residents to explore and enjoy. Led by a desire to complement and enhance the existing landscape and encourage a healthier lifestyle, green paths and walkways, together with integrated and accessible transport systems will be designed in so that walking, cycling and public transport are an easy option.

**WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**  
Welborne Garden Village is a long-term project so, as well as continuing with all our usual means of communicating with residents, we have set up a new website. This means you can find everything in one place and stay up to date.  
**See [welbornegardenvillage.co.uk](http://welbornegardenvillage.co.uk)**





# BRINGING PEOPLE AND PARKS TOGETHER

# TOTALLY TROPICAL!

It's time to get ready for the summer season and as ever we have some great new ideas lined up for people to get involved in our hugely successful Fareham in Bloom initiative.

The Borough was once again recognised last year with nine Gold awards from the regional South and South East England in Bloom.

For 2017 we are going 'Totally Tropical!' This new theme will pick up on the history of our great plant collectors and the exotics that have been brought from far flung corners of the world and can be grown in the UK. Impressive foliage and floral treats will be showcased in the planting schemes and reflected right the way through into the events planned for the season.

### Try something new

Whether new to gardening or an old hand there is always more to learn when it comes to plants. Amongst the many events planned, some are aimed specifically at the Totally Tropical theme to help get you inspired and they are sure to attract a lot of interest.

As ever, the annual Gardens Open Day will give you the opportunity to visit

private gardens as they showcase their award winning blooms and designs. The event will take place on Sunday 23 July from 11am-6pm and money raised will go to charity. Check online for more details nearer the time.

New to this year is the Paradise and Palms event! You will get the chance to take part in a workshop in the exotic, private garden at 8 Birdwood Grove and learn how you too can create a similar look.

All of the events are run in partnership with our dedicated Fareham in Bloom volunteer team and you can find the spring and early summer events listed on pages 12 and 13. More events will be posted on the website and on the Council's social media pages.

Keep an eye out for the Jungle themed children's Colouring Competition organised by Fareham Shopping Centre in the summer. There will also be a free seed giveaway in the shopping centre to help you grow your own tropical blooms.



# COMMUNITY GARDENING CHALLENGE

As well as the range of activities that take place as part of the Fareham in Bloom initiative the Community Gardening Challenge has always been at the heart of what we do, attracting more and more participants each year.

Entries come from across the Borough and include residents' own gardens, businesses and allotments, through to schools and community gardens. Some of our entrants have been involved since we began in 1996! We would love to see even more entries so whether you are a budding gardener or a passionate plantsman we have a choice of 21 categories you could take part in. Simply complete the application form and return to us.

Judging will take place from 3 – 14 July with each entry judged on individual merit. It is not intended to be competitive but does recognise individual effort or the difference that it makes to others within the community. Awards range from Bronze and Silver to Silver Gilt and Gold. All participants will receive discounts and promotions at St Margaret's Nurseries in Titchfield and will be invited to a celebratory gala evening which will be held in September at Ferneham Hall.

For more information about Fareham in Bloom, horticultural advice and community gardening please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Office :  
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## Community Gardening Challenge 2017

Please print in CAPITALS

Name/Organisation .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Contact tel no. ....

Email .....

Allotment site (if applicable) .....

Plot number .....

Entries must be within the Borough of Fareham and visible from the front or side (except sections 3, 4, 5 & 6). Entrants in section 6 may not enter categories 2 & 3.

### Section 1

- 1a Small floral front garden under 70m<sup>2</sup>
- 1b Large floral front garden over 70m<sup>2</sup>
- 1c Courtyard or forecourt style garden
- 1d Plantsman's front garden - mainly perennial

### Section 2

- 2 Container - a single planter, hanging or wall basket
- 3 Floral display, incl. balconies - using any baskets / containers
- 4 Garden feature - topical theme or innovative or amusing design

### Section 3

- 5a Small floral back garden under 100m<sup>2</sup>
- 5b Large floral back garden over 100m<sup>2</sup>

- 5c Small plantsman's back garden under 100m<sup>2</sup> - mainly perennials
- 5d Large plantsman's back garden over 100m<sup>2</sup> - mainly perennials

### Section 4

- 6 Wildlife garden - specifically designed for the benefit of wildlife

### Section 5

- 7a Allotment garden up to five rods
- 7b Allotment garden over five rods
- 7c Best kept allotment site

### Section 6

- 8a Council provided sheltered housing or day care facilities
- 8b Privately provided sheltered housing or day care facilities
- 9 Shop fronts, business premises and public houses
- 10 Business parks and commercial landscapes
- 11 Community gardens - including streets, community centres and volunteer groups
- 12 Schools gardening projects - including childcare facilities

Return to: Fareham Borough Council, Parks and Open Spaces, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ by 16 June 2017

Photos may be taken at these events for promotional purposes and we need your permission to use them, either in our publications or on our website. Please sign here if this is acceptable.

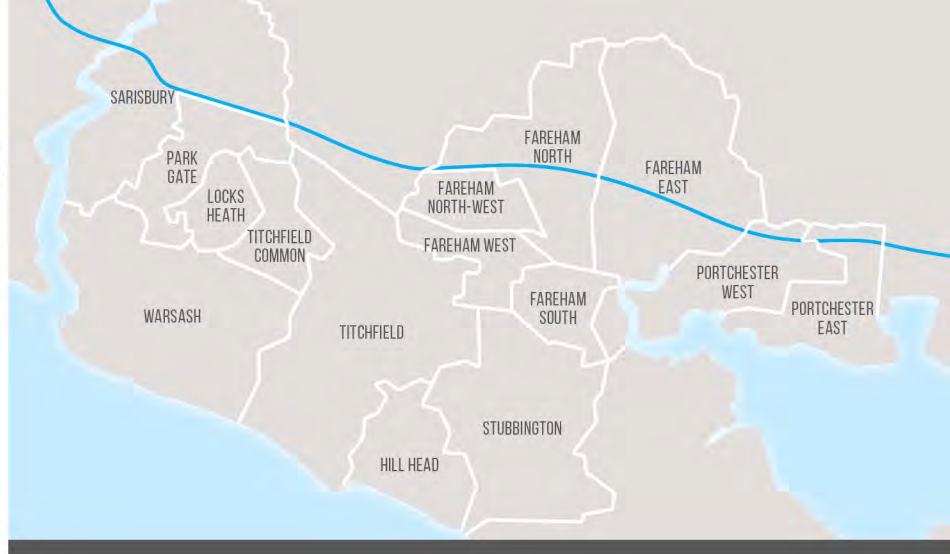
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The personal information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidence and held for a period of no more than five years for the purpose of these activities, promotion of related events and the mailing of associated material. Should you not wish to receive such information, then please tick here

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