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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Summer is always an exciting time with lots going on across the Borough and this year is no different. In this issue you can read about a number of projects Fareham Borough Council is working on to improve facilities for our residents, with a focus on leisure.

We have invested £1.5m in a project to refurbish and modernise Fareham Leisure Centre which will see our brand new pool opening in September. The gym and changing areas are also being improved and the front of the building is being given a much-needed facelift.

Looking to the future, exciting plans to build a completely new £7m swimming pool and fitness suite in the West of the Borough have now been agreed. This will be built on the Coldeast site in Sarisbury. We're hoping it will be ready to open in 2016 so watch this space for further updates.

Another project already underway is the re-landscaping of Park Lane Recreation Ground and creating better play and skate areas. We've been asking users of the park to contribute to the design of the new facilities to make sure the new space is right for everyone.

Our Parks team will be busy again this Summer preparing for the Fareham In Bloom awards. We're hoping to repeat last year's success, when we won a 10th successive Gold!

Once again this Summer we're working hard to provide a range of free activities for young people to take part in. Access All Areas will be returning to locations across the Borough. Last year over 1,000 young people attended these and this year promises to be bigger than ever, with new venues added.



And finally, I sincerely welcome all of your constructive comments and suggestions on how we can improve the Borough, so please do let me know your thoughts and ideas and I promise that we will consider each of them.

Seán Woodward

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Join our e-panel and help improve services!

If you live in the Borough and are aged 18 or over, you can comment on topics relating to Fareham Borough Council and our partners online. Just click on the e-panel link on www.fareham.gov.uk/consultations



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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

July

Craft and Gift Fair

Saturday 5 July (9.30am – 4.30pm) In Fareham town centre

Vintage Fair,

Saturday 12 July 9.30am-4.30pm
Fareham town centre

Charity Barn Dance

Saturday 12 July (7.30pm – 11pm) Mayoral Charity Event at Portchester Community Centre, Westlands Grove. Tickets, £15.

Garden Party

Sunday 20 July (3pm-4.30pm) Mayoral Charity Event at 230 Botley Road, Burridge.

Fareham in Bloom: Finalists Open Garden Day

Sunday 27 July (11am – 6pm) Call 01329 314808 for locations and tickets, £5.

Common Knowledge

Monday 28 July (10am – 12 noon) Ramble with a ranger. Portchester Common. Tickets, £4 from Fareham Tourist Information.

August

World War Centenary

Monday 4 August - Various events to commemorate the start of the First World War, in Fareham town centre.

Tea in the Town

Thursday 21 August (2pm – 4.30pm)
Victorian themed garden party at Westbury Manor Museum, West Street, Fareham.
Tickets, £5 in advance from the venue.

Access All Areas

Cams Alders, Fareham

Monday 28 July

Locks Heath District Centre

Tuesday 29 July

Titchfield Rec, Mill Lane

Wednesday 30 July

Portchester, Castle Street Rec

Monday 4 August

Salterns, Hill Head

Tuesday 5 August

Henry Cort, Highlands Road (around community centre)

Wednesday 6 August

Stubbington Rec, Bells Lane

Monday 11 August

Locks Heath Football Club, Hunts Pond Road

Tuesday 12 August

Meadowside, Whiteley

Wednesday 13 August

See pages 15-16 for more details.

September

Craft and Gift Fair

Saturday 6 September (9.30am – 4.30pm) In Fareham town centre

Bygone Fareham

Saturday 13 September (9.30am-4.30pm) Display of over 60 classic cars, with live music and entertainment in Fareham town centre.

The Big Bug Hunt

Sunday 14 September (1pm - 3.30pm)
Expert assisted Bug Hunt at Warsash Common for ages 6 years and over.
Tickets, £5 from Fareham Tourist Information.

Markets and Fairs

Every Monday (9am - 3pm)

Traditional Market

First Saturday of each month (9am - 2pm)

Fareham Farmers' Market

Second Friday and last Saturday of each month (9am - 3pm)

Fareham Country Market

Every Friday in August (10am – 4pm)

Free family fun day

Useful Contacts:

Tourist Information Centre, Westbury Manor, West Street, Fareham
Tel: 01329 221342 Email: farehamtic@tourismse.com

For information about Fareham town centre events visit www.farehamtowncentre.co.uk or tel: Town Centre Manager, 01329 824474

For information about Mayoral Charity Events contact Mayor, Councillor David Norris on 02392 614257.

October

Chestnut Challenge, Annual Conker Competition

Saturday 18 October (from 2pm) Holly Hill Woodland Park, Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.
£1.00 per entry.

999 Day

Saturday 18 October (9am – 4.30pm) Collection of new and preserved emergency service vehicles in Fareham town centre.

Tea on the Terrace at the Houses of Parliament

Monday 20 October (7.30am – 7.30pm) Mayoral Charity Event. Coach to pick up at 7.30am from RBS, West Street, Fareham.

Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 25 October (7.30pm) Mayoral Charity Event. Tickets, £10 & £8.00 concessions from Ferneham Hall Box Office. Ferneham Hall, Fareham

Twilight Terror. Ghost walk

Friday 31 October (option of 7pm or 9pm start, duration: 1hr 45 min). Each tour departs from the Sensory Gardens, Osborn Road, Fareham. Tickets, £4 from Fareham Tourist Information.

FAREHAM LEISURE CENTRE refurbishment well underway

Work to improve facilities at Fareham Leisure Centre is on track for completion in September 2014. Fareham Borough Council have invested £1.5m in the facility which is set to benefit from improved swimming and changing facilities. The outside of the building is also being modernised with a brand new look.

To keep residents swimming, a temporary pool is accommodating the existing pool programme while work takes place. The temporary pool – which is 18m long and fully covered, has its own toilets and changing facilities. It opened on 31 March and is proving popular. “Our swimmers are surprised just how good a temporary pool can be,” says Ian Cook, Contract Manager for Everyone Active who operate the facility in partnership with Fareham Borough Council. “We worked closely with Olympic Bronze Medallist Steve Parry and his company Total Swimming on the project, to ensure the temporary pool is able to cater for demand.”

The main pool has now been closed for complete refurbishment and the teaching pool was closed on 30 June. Both pools are being transformed into light and modern swimming facilities. Work is also underway to create a brand new and enlarged changing village, which will have direct access to both pools. The health suite and relaxation area which is situated on pool side is also being improved and extended. There will be a brand new steam room, a refurbished sauna and a new cold water drench shower. All other facilities, including the gym and studios, will remain fully operational for the duration of the work.

“Over the last few years Fareham Leisure Centre has benefited from a refurbished and extended gym, refurbished exercise studios, dry side changing areas and a brand new dance studio,” says Ian Cook. “The new pools and other improvements will further enhance the centre, providing the local community with a first rate facility for all their leisure needs.”

Fareham Leisure Centre’s swimming pools were opened by the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor E J Barber, on 30 July 1979 and are now 35 years old. This £1.5 million investment project will ensure that Fareham Leisure Centre can continue to service the local community to the highest standard for many years to come.

To keep up to speed on the latest developments at Fareham Leisure Centre visit www.everyoneactive.com



Unwrapping the Vision for Park Lane

Park Lane Recreation Ground in Fareham will soon be undergoing the first phase of its makeover as part of our exciting vision to improve leisure and recreational facilities. Over the next two years the site will be landscaped adding a new woodland walk, wild flower meadow and arboretum. The entrances to the park at Park Lane, Leigh Road and Miller Drive will each be made more attractive, while some of the park’s pathways will be improved and extra seats and bins will be put in.

Later on this year a new children's play area will be built in a better location, with more equipment and a dedicated area for picnics. Alongside this, several pieces of outdoor gym equipment will be installed and a brand new skate park, for both beginners and experts, will be built. Plans are also being worked on to include an all-weather multi-sports facility for tennis, netball and football. This project is still in the early stages and won't be carried out with the other improvements. We will continue to keep residents informed as progress is made.

To help make sure the improvements we make are the right ones, we have carried out a series of consultation activities, providing residents with the opportunity to get involved, make suggestions and comment either online or by coming along to a consultation session. In addition to this we have been working closely with both Harrison Primary and Uplands Infant Schools' Youth Councils in the designing of the new children's play area. We have formed a working group made up of dedicated and talented local skateboarders and BMX riders to help us with the design of the new skate park.

If you would like to get involved, view the designs for the children's play area, skate park and gym equipment, or to take a closer look at some of the other site improvements we are proposing, please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/parklanevision alternatively contact Emma Watts, Leisure Projects Officer on 01329 824440 or email ewatts@fareham.gov.uk



Bringing People and Parks Together

Some Like it Hot

Spring came alive with a palette of bright, crisp and contrasting colours, woodland bulbs and herbaceous borders. This will carry through into the summer schemes with a host of delightful wild flower meadows and cottage garden perennials.

The new theme for seasonal planting this autumn will be 'Some Like it Hot', taking on a fiery twist of warming orange, red and yellow shades. Once again we will be spreading the colour scheme across the Borough with the help of the community.



Beautiful bulbs

An unusual bulb, Daffodil 'Jet Fire', with its fiery orange cup is available for resident groups, community organisations and schools to plant in public green spaces where others will enjoy them. You can collect up to 2 sacks for your group, each containing 150 bulbs, from St Margaret's Nurseries, St Margaret's Lane, Titchfield, PO14 4BL between 8 - 14 September. Simply turn up with proof of residency: a utility or council tax bill. On collection you will be asked to list details of community spaces where the bulbs are to be planted.



FOR THE LOVE OF TREES

Over the last 15 years the 'Tree Adoption Scheme' has seen hundreds of trees planted across the Borough and cared for by local residents.

If you have a suggestion for a place in your local community where you would like to see new trees planted then please let us know. Trees are available to residents, schools, community groups or businesses within the Borough and must be for a location that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

For further information on 'In Bloom', community horticulture and events please contact:

Matt Wakefield,
Horticultural
Development Officer
Tel: 01329 824543
E-mail:
parks@fareham.gov.uk

Salt Café

Opening hours Tues - Sat 10 - 4
Cranleigh Road,
Portchester, PO16 9DR
hello@saltcafe.co.uk
www.facebook.com/saltcafe66



If you're out strolling along Portchester shoreline, there is now a new place to stop for a cuppa or light lunch. Already popular with walkers, the Salt Café at Wicor Marine Yacht Haven opened in November. The café is owned and managed by Portchester mum of three, Imogen Waddington, whose husband runs the boatyard. It was always Imogen's dream to have a tea shop. We went to meet her (and café mascot, Lady the Pug) to find out more:

Why did you choose WicorMarine to set up the café?

I've been playing with the idea for a couple of years now. There was a room at the Yacht Haven facing the water that wasn't really being used, so I thought it was the perfect place for a coffee shop and café. I wanted something that was unique, of good quality and value for money and I think we definitely fit that.

Are there any challenges because of your location?

We don't have a regular footfall of customers. It's right on the shore which means you're either walking past or coming in from the road, and it's quite tricky to find but everyone is welcome.

The weather also plays a part. It can be very blustery down here! However, when it's sunny we do get busy and you can sit on the deck, looking out at the sea with a drink, which is lovely.

Tell us a bit more about your background...

I actually used to be a graphic designer and have never worked in the catering industry before.

However my mother's side of the family are Italian so cooking and baking with them has always been part of my growing up. There were always lots of lovely smells coming from the kitchen. Having 3 children, I also spend a lot of time cooking and baking, although it's not always appreciated by them!

What type of food and drink do you serve?

We have an excellent range of coffees and teas. I make fresh sandwiches using artisan bread which is healthier than normal bread, and I use eggs from my own chickens in some dishes. I also do specials, which is basically whatever I feel like cooking on the day!

Most of our cakes are homemade. I've overheard the customers say that we have the best brownies they have ever tasted! We also have gluten free bread and offer soya milk.

We're licenced as well so people can have a glass of wine or a cider while sitting on the deck.

What type of people visit the cafe?

We get quite a lot of dog walkers. We also have lots of ramblers, as well as local people out walking with their children. People who work in the Yacht Haven come in for their lunch too.

You have a café mascot, Lady the Pug. Are other dogs allowed in?

Absolutely! They are welcome inside and outside, as long as they are well mannered (which most of them are!)

We see you held an Easter Egg hunt earlier this year - Have you got any events coming up through the summer?

Yes, that was very popular. I am going to sell crabbing kits for the children as it's great for that down here. I'm looking at setting up an ice cream shack on the pontoon, which we have access to.

We may also hold 'Paella' nights and BBQs on the pontoon, and open later in the evenings if we get warmer weather.

Do you have any plans to expand in the future?

There is potential to make the place bigger, but we will see how it goes.



Bursledon Brickworks

History hits you like a ton of bricks!

As historic buildings go this is not one full of ornate features, nor is it pretty. You may then be wondering then what is so special about it? There are few places where you can step back in time in quite the way you can at Bursledon Brickworks. Visitors get a real sense of the life of a local brickworker, from Victorian times right up until the 70s when production stopped. Through the prevalence of the Bursledon Brick, you could argue that the blood, sweat and tears of these workers has gone into many of the local buildings we see around us today.

National importance

Bursledon Brickworks is the last remaining steam driven brickworks in the country, possibly in Europe. Opened in 1897, the site employed 150 workers and, when in full production, produced up to 20 million bricks a year. The original Victorian machinery was used for production throughout its 77 years. Today the Brickworks has a Grade 2* listing and is recognised as a site of high significance, because of this glimpse it gives into Victorian industry.

Journey of a brick

The site is made up of several red brick buildings, each with a job to do in the creation of a brick. Situated on deep clay beds adjacent to the River Hamble, the location was perfect for making bricks.

The tour begins at the clay store, the beginning of the production process. When the factory was operational

hundreds of wagon loads of clay, dug from surrounding pits, would have entered here.

As you progress through the Brickworks, highlights include the original steam powered brick making machine, into which the raw clay was fed, which I'm told still works. There is an extensive collection of bricks (obviously!) including some of the more unusual shapes for architectural features. The large kiln, with its impressive chimney and 10 drying sheds, burnt for 80 years without going out, at temperatures up to 1100 deg c. Outside, bricks were moved around the site by a narrow-gauge railway line, long conveyor belts and an aerial rope way – the remains of which you can still see.

Ghosts

Throughout the museum much is made of what life would have been like for the workers. Many of these local workers would have done ten hour days, often in hot and dusty conditions. It's easy to see now how the Brickworks is a popular venue for ghosts hunts – the large barns, aged machinery and the echos of generations of workers. Visitors have reported paranormal activity such as knocking, strange footsteps and figures in the shadows.

The Brickworks is managed by Carolyne Haynes. Asked how she would sum up the atmosphere of the Brickworks she told me:

"It is the most fascinating place to work. Old, ugly and full of character, it was designed for a function and was very successful in its time. Sometimes you walk through the buildings and feel that the men have only just stopped work – not over thirty years ago."



The end?

Brickmaking stopped in Bursledon in 1974, due to a combination of factors. The building of the M27 split the site in two, there was also a decline in the supply and quality of clay. Additionally the introduction of the Health and Safety at Work Act, meant the original Victorian machinery and production methods didn't conform to modern standards.

Half of the site was then sold to form the Air Traffic Control Centre and Swanwick Nature Reserve, with the remaining site left to decay for 20 years. At this point the future of Bursledon Brickworks seemed uncertain...

Future

In the early 90s the Brickworks was sold to Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust for £1, which signalled an upturn in fortune. Now the Brickworks is benefiting from £666,000 in lottery funding, which is being used to improve its exhibits, make it more appealing to visitors and increase the number of days they open. The site is largely run and maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers, who preserve the life and works of the equally committed workers who went before them. They're aiming to more than double their visitor numbers over the next few years. This means even more people will get to see what Bursledon Brickworks has to offer – its collections, human history exhibits and the sight and sound of that old machinery switched on once again.



Improving Access to Fareham and Gosport

Work is underway at Newgate Lane

Work is underway to improve the northern section of Newgate Lane. This marks the first phase of a package of highway proposals to improve access to Fareham and Gosport. Costing £6.5M, the scheme aims to increase traffic capacity and make journey times more reliable for drivers and improve access for cyclists and pedestrians.

The contractor, Dyer and Butler Ltd, a south Hampshire based company, will be working on the improvements until the spring of 2015. The County Council and the contractor are working together to reduce traffic disruption by maintaining the capacity of the existing road as far as possible during the working day, which will mean completing some of the work at night.

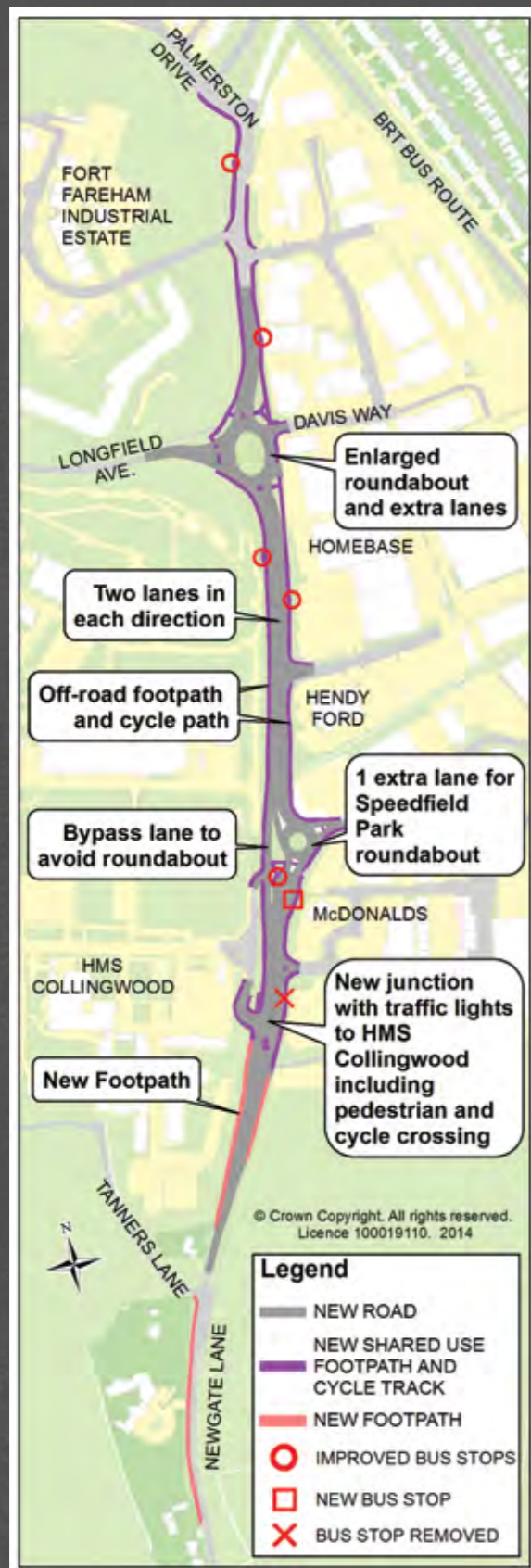
The County Council is also working with Fareham Council and Gosport Council and local businesses. The aim is to maintain 'business as usual' during the works through the provision of timely and accurate travel information.

Information is available at the County Council's website, which can be found at; www.hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index

You can also keep up to date on Hampshire County Council's Twitter page @Hantsconnect

The work is being funded jointly by Hampshire County Council and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

Further improvements are planned at the Peel Common roundabout, including the provision of traffic lights, additional traffic lanes and new pedestrian and cycle facilities. More details of these improvements will be available at the public consultation planned for June and July 2014.



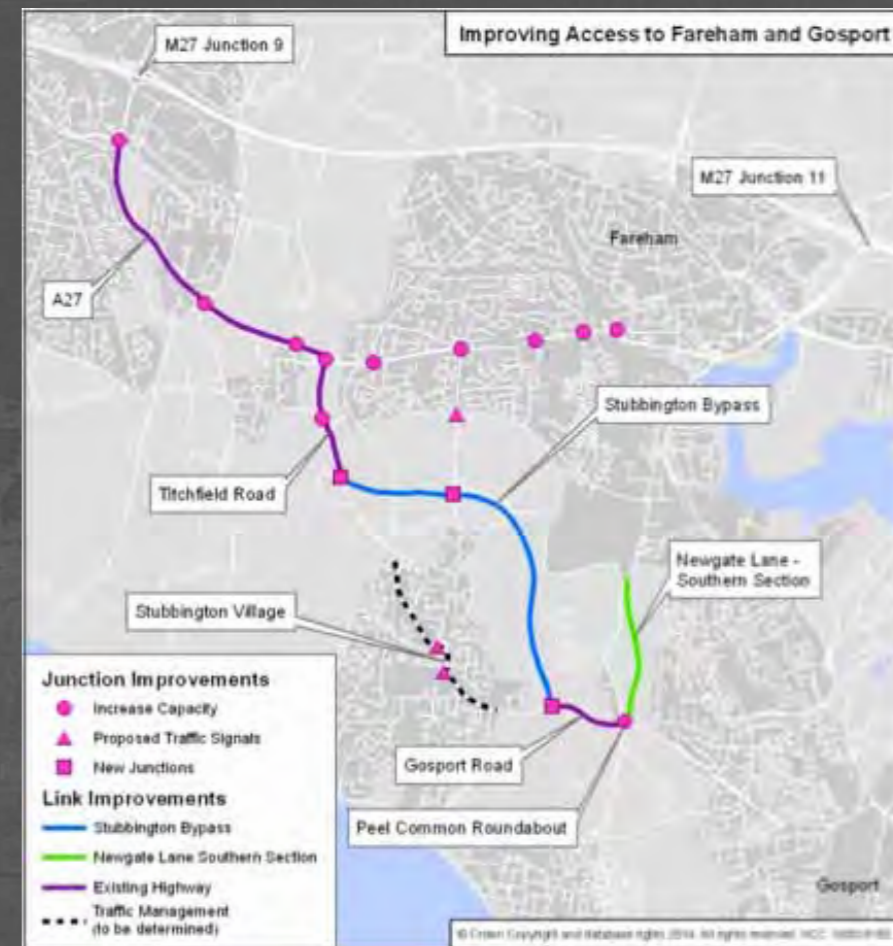
Have your say

Hampshire County Council is developing an ambitious programme of highway schemes to improve access to Fareham and Gosport. This is required to:

- Relieve congestion and unblock existing traffic bottlenecks;
- Make it easier for residents and businesses to get about;
- Encourage investment to help create local jobs for local people;
- Help remove transport barriers to growth, particularly at important sites including Welborne and the Solent Enterprise Zone;
- Provide the necessary transport infrastructure to help bring more investment and economic growth to the Solent area.

In addition to the schemes at the northern section of Newgate Lane and at Peel Common roundabout, we will be asking you for your views about possible further improvements including:

- A new route for the southern section of Newgate Lane;
- A new bypass for Stubbington along with improvements to Titchfield Road, Gosport Road, Peel Common roundabout and Stubbington Village;
- Improvements to the A27 between Titchfield Gyratory and Segensworth including improvements to St Margaret's roundabout.



Unmanned exhibition material can be viewed until the end of July at the libraries in Fareham, Stubbington, Locks Heath, Le-on-the-Solent and the Gosport Discovery Centre.

You can also view the material and have your say online at: www.hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index

The public consultation closes on Monday 4 August 2014.

Do you have time on your hands and would like to get involved in conservation? The Countryside Service is looking for volunteers!

The Countryside Service manages a variety of parkland, woodland and grassland sites across the Borough which require year-round work to maintain wildlife habitats.

Currently, around 25 volunteers contribute 3,500 hours a year and are involved with work ranging from coppicing and scrub clearance, to hedging and path building. Everyone works at their own speed and joins in when they can.

It's a hugely rewarding group to be part of with opportunities to learn new skills, share interests and gain experience. There is also the satisfaction of knowing your contribution is making a positive difference to our environment. We supply all the tools and provide any necessary training. Most tasks start at 10am, finish at lunch time and are mainly held during the working week. There are a series of monthly tasks held on a Sunday. We also work with businesses and their employees.

There is a calendar for the tasks organised for 2014 which can be sent to you or it is available on our website at <http://www.fareham.gov.uk/countryside-service>

If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the Countryside Officer on **01329 824343**.



Fareham Leisure Card – Have you got yours yet?

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts from between 5% and 50% on a whole range of leisure activities, now from 42 outlets in and around Fareham.

You can use your Fareham Leisure Card at:-

- Airzone Kitesurf School
- Alexandra Sports
- Ambush Paintball and Lasertag
- Amnesia The Hair Fitness Centre
- Andark Diving & Water Sports
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- Body Fusion On-form Sports Injury Clinic
- Compass Trailers
- Crofton Shotokan School of Karate
- Cuts and Clobber
- Debut Hair
- Fareham Health and Beauty
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Ferneham Hall
- Gleneagles Riding School - **NEW**
- Go Bowling
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Hargroves Cycles
- Improvements Plus
- LBhealthcare
- Life Coach and Mentoring
- Lucketts Travel
- Manor Farm Country Park
- Motag Motorcycle Training
- Naz Indian Cuisine
- New Forest Activities Booking Centre
- Passion Flower Florists
- Phoenix Driver Training – **NEW**
- Razzamatazz
- Royal Victoria Railway
- SelClene Fareham and Southampton
- Solent Cycles
- St Margaret's Nurseries
- Team Sport Indoor Karting
- The Brewpot
- The Diving Museum - **NEW**
- The Healing Sanctuary
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- The Spirit Within Hypnotherapy
- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
- Traditional Fish and Chips
- Zebra Waste Skip Hire

Joining the Fareham Leisure Card scheme couldn't be easier, simply pick up a leaflet and application form from either Fareham Leisure Centre or Ferneham Hall.

The cards cost just £7.00 per person, £16.50 for a family membership, £5.00 for a student card (or free to some residents on a low income) and are renewable annually. (Please see the Terms and Conditions on the back of the application form).

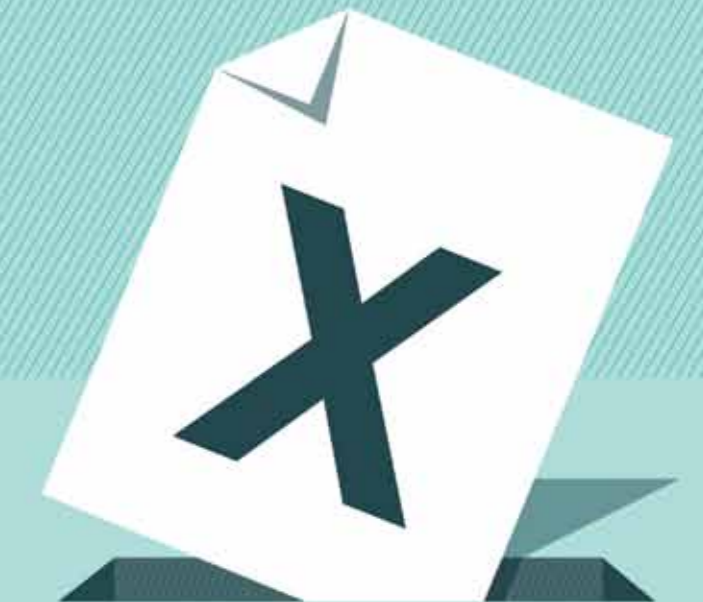
For more information about the Fareham Leisure Card or if your company would like to be part of the scheme and offer discounts, please contact the Leisure Card Officer, tel: 01329 824894 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



THE WAY WE ALL REGISTER TO VOTE IS CHANGING

You need to make sure that you're on the updated register, or you might not be able to vote in future

For more information please go to www.gov.uk/yourvotematters



YOUR VOTE MATTERS
MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



TRADITION WITH A MODERN TOUCH

Portchester Crematorium has a special place in the memory of many local families, having served the area for more than 50 years. Now as well as being a traditional choice, it is introducing new modern facilities.

The crematorium now offers secure online streaming of services, so loved ones far away can view a ceremony as it happens. Books of remembrance will also soon be viewable online, and video screens will be installed, to allow personalised tributes to be shown more easily.

Alongside this, the main chapel is being redecorated.

The crematorium and its beautiful grounds are looked after by a committee of councillors from Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Havant.

Chairman, Cllr Hugh Mason, said: "We're very proud that the crematorium is run by community representatives, for the community. We're making sure it stays up to date but keeps its traditional identity and still offers good value."

01329 822533
www.portchestercrematorium.org



FAREHAM & WINCHESTER ACCESS ALL AREAS #AAA2014



Free events and activities for 11 - 17 year olds this summer holiday

Have a go at: Zorbing, climbing, 75ft assault course, DJ skills, boxing, football, tchoukball, cycling, skateboarding, t-shirt design, driving school, photobooth to take away your group selfies, body art, nail art, cup cake decorating, quad biking, laser clay shooting, laser quest, free BBQ, and music from DJ Small Paul and local bands.

Events run daily from 11am - 3pm, Monday 28 July until Tuesday 12 August. Please see the website for events and activities taking place in your local area.

The grand finale, Whestival, takes place from 5pm - 9pm on Wednesday 13 August at the Meadowside Recreation ground in Whiteley.

Register online now for your Access All Areas Pass. Your Access All Areas Pass provides free travel on First and Stagecoach bus services to and from the events.



To find out more and to register please visit: www.saferfareham.co.uk or www.saferwinchester.co.uk

Further information is also available from your local Community Safety Team:

Fareham Borough Council:
Email: communitysafety@fareham.gov.uk
Tel: 01329 824 496

Winchester City Council:
Email: neighbourhoodservices@winchester.gov.uk
Tel: 01962 840 222

Locations

TIMES ARE 11AM – 3PM EACH DAY

VENUE	DATE
1 Cams Alders, Fareham, PO14 1DJ	Monday 28 July
2 Locks Heath District Centre, SO31 6DX	Tuesday 29 July
3 Titchfield Rec, Mill Lane, PO15 5RF	Wednesday 30 July
4 Hoe Road Rec, Bishops Waltham, SO31 1DU	Thursday 31 July
5 Stratton Bates Rec, Alresford, SO24 9HF	Friday 1 August
6 Castle Street Rec, Portchester, PO16 9QH	Monday 4 August
7 Salterns, Hill Head, PO14 3QS	Tuesday 5 August
8 Henry Cort, Fareham, PO15 6TL	Wednesday 6 August
9 King George V Rec, Denmead, PO7 6EH	Thursday 7 August
10 Winchester Sports Stadium, Winchester, SO23 9NP	Friday 8 August
11 Stubbington Rec, Stubbington, PO14 2PL	Monday 11 August
12 Locks Heath Football Club, Titchfield Common, PO14 4JX	Tuesday 12 August
13 Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley, PO15 7LJ	Wednesday 13 August

FINALE - 5PM - 9PM



A Summer stroll...

Birdwood Grove to Wallington loop

Walk duration approx. 2 hours.

This walk takes in meadows, coastal views and village scenery. It's a flat walk, much of which is on an easy access trail, with no fewer than six places to stop for refreshments. It has a good mix of cover and exposed areas, plenty of benches and picnic spots and is good for dogs.

Coastal path

This walk begins at Birdwood Grove car park, Portchester. From there a gravel pathway (Fareham Creek trail) leads you across the grassy area known as Birdwood Meadow. This area is being planted with the aim of attracting the more common butterflies.

Follow the path to the right, from where it leads you along the coast in the direction of Fareham. There are plenty of benches to stop and take in the views. Behind you, you should be able to see the chalky backdrop of Portsdown Hill. To the East, you should also be able to see Portchester Castle and the Spinnaker Tower.

As you progress, look out for a laburnum tree (bright yellow in spring), normally a garden dweller, which has seeded itself along the coast. Looking over the water towards Gosport, you often see Chinook helicopters taking off from their base at Westlands, the sound of their propellers mingling with the sound of birds foraging on the mud flats. This mix of the countryside and urban continues throughout the walk. Come the winter this area will likely be busy with Brent Geese at low tide.

At times your walk along the coast here will be more sheltered by trees and bushes either side. Look out for the three cornered leak along the side of the path which are widespread during the summer months. The Cams Estate Golf Course stretches out on your right as you continue, with views to Bath Lane Recreation Ground.



Cams Estate

As you continue in the direction of Fareham, the path sweeps round to the right leading to the Cams business estate. The Buffet Car café (open mon-fri) serves sandwiches for those needing sustenance. Further down towards the main road is the Cams Mill pub, which the path leads along the side of. It's a good spot to pause and admire the viaduct at the Delme roundabout. Also here the wild flower mud flats are busy with birdlife, including nesting swans and ducks.

Crossing the A27, there are two further places to stop for food or drink – the Delme Arms pub on the right hand side and the Roundabout Hotel.

If you continue along under the viaduct (in the direction of Fareham) onto Wallington Shore Road – you have the option of the Wallington loop, extending the walk with a loop through the village and into the meadows.

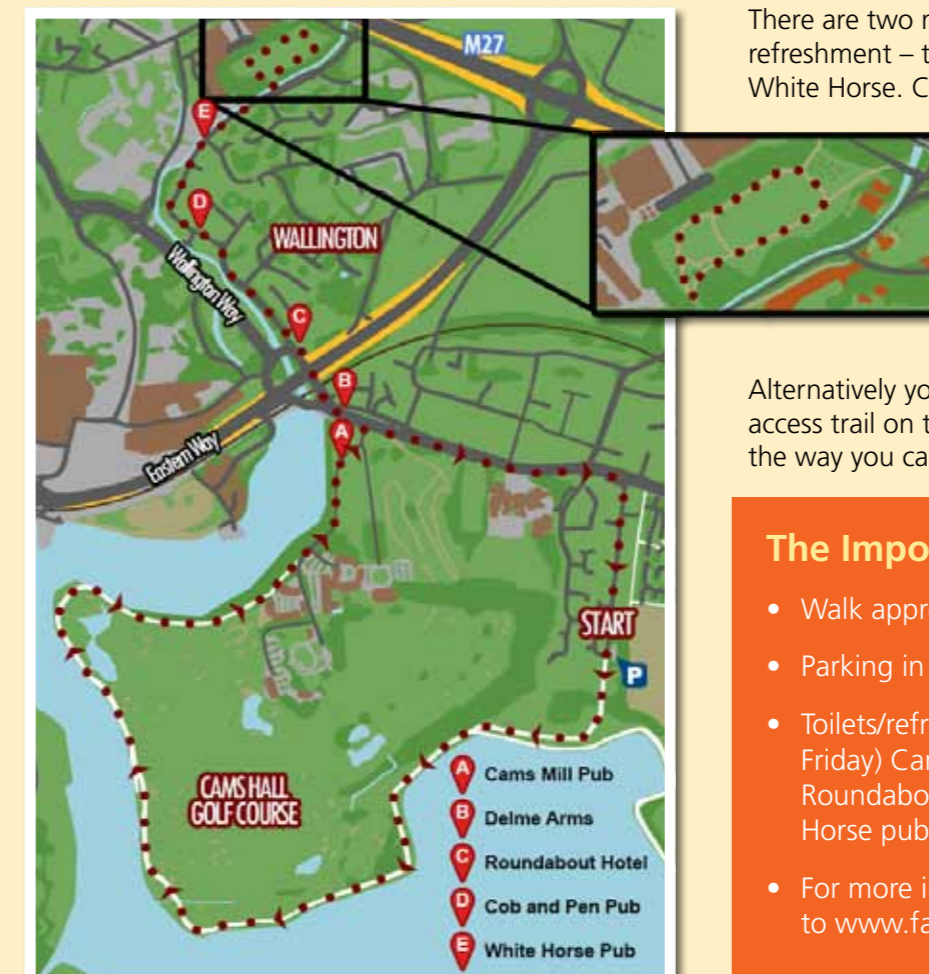
Wallington loop

If you do choose to walk through the village, which is a conservation area, you'll pass pretty Victorian cottages, remains of the old tanneries and the only remaining cast iron sign post in the Borough (note it says Fareham Urban Council). Along Wallington Shore Road there are benches by the river, where nesting swans can be seen. Looking at the river on a summer's day it's hard to imagine the same river once came close to breaking the stone bridge during winter flooding.

There are two more pubs in Wallington if you still need refreshment – the Cob and Pen, then further along the White Horse. Continuing past the White Horse along North Wallington you come to a foot bridge on your left, which leads you to the meadows. Here you'll find hawthorn, butter cup and red clover.

For the return leg of your journey you can either walk along the A27 and turn right into Birdwood Grove.

Alternatively you can cross the road and re-join the easy access trail on the Cams Estate. This will lead you back the way you came at Birdwood Grove.



The Important Stuff

- Walk approx. 3.5 miles
- Parking in Birdwood Grove
- Toilets/refreshments in Buffet Car café (Monday-Friday) Cams Mill pub, Delme Arms pub, Roundabout Hotel, Cob and Pen pub, White Horse pub
- For more info on Wallington and its character go to www.fareham.gov.uk/wallington

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July		
Saturday 5 July at 7.30pm	Havant Symphony Orchestra	£20, £17.50, £14, £8 (Students under 19 £1, students over 19 half price)
Wednesday 9 – Saturday 12 July at 7.30pm	South Downe Musical Society presents Avenue Q	£14.50 / £12.50 (Concessions available on Wednesday)
Saturday 19 July at 7.30pm	Gala Variety Night	£13 (Under 16s / Over 60s £10)
Tuesday 22 July at 7.30pm	Colin Fry	£18.50 (Fareham Leisure Card £17.50)
Thursday 24 July at 7.30pm	Rat Pack	£22
Tuesday 29 July at 7.30pm	Old Macdonald Had A Farm	£9.50 (Under 16s £8.50 / Family of 4 £8 per ticket)
Thursday 31 July at 7.30pm	Let's Hang On	£20 (Under 16s / Over 60s £18 / Fareham Leisure Card £18)
August		
Friday 1 August at 7.30pm	The Bohemians	£17.50
September		
Friday 12 September at 7.30pm	Derek Acorah	£18.50
Tuesday 23 – Saturday 27 September at 7.30pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm	Fareham Musical Society presents Sound of Music	Tuesday - £11.50
Sunday 28 September at 7.30pm	Serial Killers	£12.50
October		
Wednesday 1 October at 7.30pm	That'll Be The Day	£23 (Fareham Leisure Card £22)
Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm	Jim Davidson	£23.50 (Fareham Leisure Card £21.50)
Friday 10 October at 7.30pm	Illegal Eagles	£23 (Fareham Leisure Card / Over 60s £22)
Thursday 16 October at 7.30pm	The Travelling Willbillies	£17.50 (Fareham Leisure Card / Over 60s £16.50 / Under 16s £15.50)
Friday 17 October at 7.30pm	Nights On Broadway	£17.50 (Fareham Leisure Card £16.50 / Under 16s £15.50)
Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm	Havant Chamber Orchestra	£8 - £20 for adults, under 16s £1
Thursday 23 October at 7.30pm	Joe Brown	£25
Friday 24 October at 7.30pm	Foster And Allen	£22.50
Sunday 26 October at 7.30pm	Pam Ayres	£22.50
Monday 27 October at 7.30pm	The Nutcracker	£22.50 / £21.50 (Under 16s £20/£19)
Thursday 30 – Saturday 1 November at 7.30pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm	The Three Musketeers	£11



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