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INTRODUCING

Fareham Borough Council's
new Garden Waste Collection Service



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Free garden waste
collection ends in
Fareham in
December

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

Welcome to the Autumn issue of Fareham Today. As you can see from the cover, this issue has news about our new Garden Waste Collection Service. This fantastic new service will offer residents a much more convenient way of disposing of their garden waste, no more bags getting mucky or blowing down the street! I'm pleased to say that we have a special offer for early bird sign up, turn to pages 4-5 for the details.

It has been a pleasure over the summer to see shoppers returning to our town and village centres, as businesses opened up after the lockdowns. We know the pandemic has been very difficult for the local economy and throughout we have been working to support them. This support will continue into the future and on page 6 you can read details of our fully funded business support scheme. This has been developed in response to feedback from businesses who said that, alongside grants, they wanted help to grow and diversify following the pandemic.

Also in this issue, I'm delighted to share the latest news on the exciting improvements being made at the Borough's leisure centres. Take a look at the pictures on page 7 for an advanced peek at the new facilities. The works will be finished this autumn, so not too long to wait.

As the nights start to draw in, it will soon be the season for fireworks. While they can be fun for some, we know that for others, such as pet owners, they can cause stress and anxiety. The Council recently agreed a motion regarding the use of fireworks in the Borough, which includes encouraging local public firework displays to be advertised in advance so that residents can take precautions for their pets or those who may be vulnerable. We will also encourage local fireworks suppliers to stock 'quieter' fireworks - see page 8 for more details.

Finally, something I'm really excited about - the switching on of Fareham's Christmas lights! Last year, due to the pandemic, we were not able to have our annual festive town centre celebrations. This year, I'm so pleased to say that we are once again planning a day of family fun to mark the countdown to Christmas and illuminate West Street. Please turn to page 10 for more information - I can't wait!

I hope you will find this issue of Fareham Today useful and interesting. I always welcome questions, comments or ideas from residents about how we can continue to improve the Borough that we share, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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FAREHAM'S SUMMER OF FUN!

After a summer of cancelled events last year, we were delighted to be able to organise family activities once again during the summer holidays!

Our free pop-up sandpit in Fareham Town Centre proved to be very popular – so much so we decided to extend it for an extra week!

Meanwhile Westbury Manor Museum hosted Family Fun Fridays throughout August, with activities including circus skills, a wildlife display and crazy golf on offer. Hundreds of local children enjoyed these free sessions.

There was also plenty for the older children to enjoy over the summer, with the return of our Access All Areas scheme for 11-16 year olds. Activities included motorbiking, trampolining, sailing and fun pool sessions. We worked with some fantastic organisations to put on these activities, which offered teenagers something fun and exciting to do in a safe environment.



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The sandpit and Family Fun Fridays activities were both funded from the European Regional Development Fund. Events like these help to increase footfall to Fareham Town Centre, giving an important boost to local trade.

Get Clipping

with our new garden waste subscription service!



For a small annual fee, plus the one-off cost of a new brown lid wheelie bin, we will collect your garden waste every two weeks. No more messy garden waste sacks!

- Choose from two bin sizes
- Three times larger than current garden waste bags, dispose of more in one go!
- Keeps your waste contained so less messy
- Option to share with a neighbour
- You can have up to five bins

240 litre Wheelie Bin

- Annual Subscription **£60**
- One-off bin purchase **£36**



140 litre Wheelie Bin

- Annual Subscription **£50**
- One-off bin purchase **£34**

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BIRD
DISCOUNT**

Sign up for the scheme by 31 October and purchase your choice of wheelie bin for half price

140 litre bin – £17 instead of £34
240 litre bin – £18 instead of £36

How do I sign up for the new service?

To sign up for the new service and order your new brown lid bin, head to www.fareham.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call **01329 236100**.

How do I pay?

You can pay online or over the phone. Your subscription can be set up as a recurring annual payment.

When does the new service start?

The new service will start from February 2022.

Can I continue using my garden waste sack instead?

The existing garden waste bag collection service will end on your regular collection day between 6–17 December 2021. After this, garden waste sacks and paid-for disposable bags will no longer be collected.

Can I share a bin?

Yes, you can share a bin with a neighbour if you wish to share the cost, however the service will need to be registered under just one person.



Your waste isn't wasted!

Garden waste is taken away to be composted into soil conditioner called Pro-Grow. Bags of this can be ordered online.

See:

veolia.co.uk/hampshire/recycling-recovery/composting/pro-grow

If you would like to make your own compost at home using waste such as peelings, uncooked vegetables, tea bags, straw and pet bedding, a composter will make a useful addition to your garden.

You can find out more about home composting at www.fareham.gov.uk/gardenwaste



By having your bin collected you are helping reduce carbon emissions – every bin collected is one less trip to the tip

#clipandcollect
01329 236100
www.fareham.gov.uk/gardenwaste



FAREHAM'S WIDER BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME

Fully-funded training and voucher scheme for advice

We know the last 18 months have been tough for our local businesses. Throughout the pandemic the Council has worked to support businesses, whether this be through Covid-19 grants, help with introducing hygiene measures or work to attract visitors back to the Town Centre.

Feedback from local businesses has told us in addition to this, they wanted help to grow and diversify following the pandemic. That's why we have established a new framework of training providers to offer free support to Fareham businesses.

Our innovative 'Wider Business Support Scheme' offers businesses access to fully-funded training on topics such as:

- General business advice
- Advice on business growth, scaling up and diversification
- Digital support
- Support for high street businesses
- Support for the key sectors of marine, advanced manufacturing and aviation.

Businesses can take part through a range of learning tools such as webinars, face-to-face events (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) or one-to-one support, either as a one-off or over a period of time.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website at www.fareham.gov.uk/WBSSmain

New voucher scheme

We have also just launched a voucher scheme to assist businesses with the costs of legal and/or financial advice related to the impact of the pandemic and the need to adapt to changing economic demands. Following a short application process and eligibility check, the business would be able to claim up to £1000 towards costs for advice from a Professional Legal Expert or Professional Financial Expert.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website at www.fareham.gov.uk/WBSSvoucher



CGI images of the new Top Rock climbing wall and soft play area at Fareham Leisure Centre

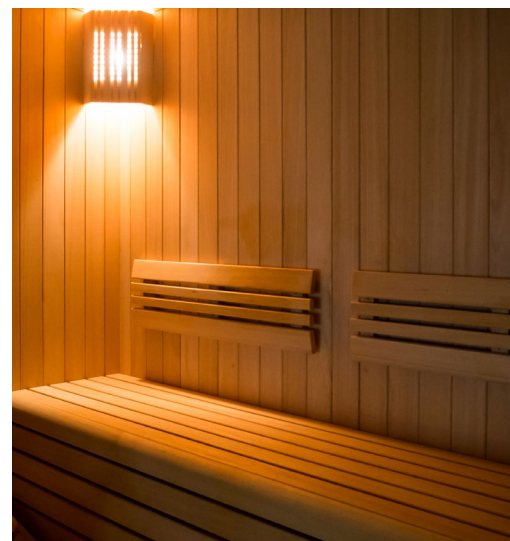
COMING SOON... EXCITING NEW LEISURE FACILITIES!

A multi-million-pound project to improve the Borough's two leisure centres is well underway, with fantastic new facilities set to be completed this autumn.

At **Fareham Leisure Centre**, where some of the facilities are 40 years old, a £6m investment will bring a large extension to the gym and improvements to the café, changing rooms and reception. These areas will be brought right up to date, making it the perfect place to work out, recharge or relax.

There will be lots of new equipment at the centre for younger residents too, as a brand-new Top Rock climbing wall is being installed, along with a soft play area and indoor splash pad.

At **Holly Hill Leisure Centre**, which marks its fifth anniversary in October 2021, there will be a brand-new steam room and sauna.



Both leisure centres are managed on the Council's behalf by Everyone Active. For more information visit www.everyoneactive.com/news/everyone-likes-to-make-improvements/

FIREWORKS IN FAREHAM

During firework season it's easy to get caught up in all the sparkly, whizz-bang fun of it all.

However, fireworks can not only be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly, but they can also be extremely distressing for vulnerable people and our beloved pets.

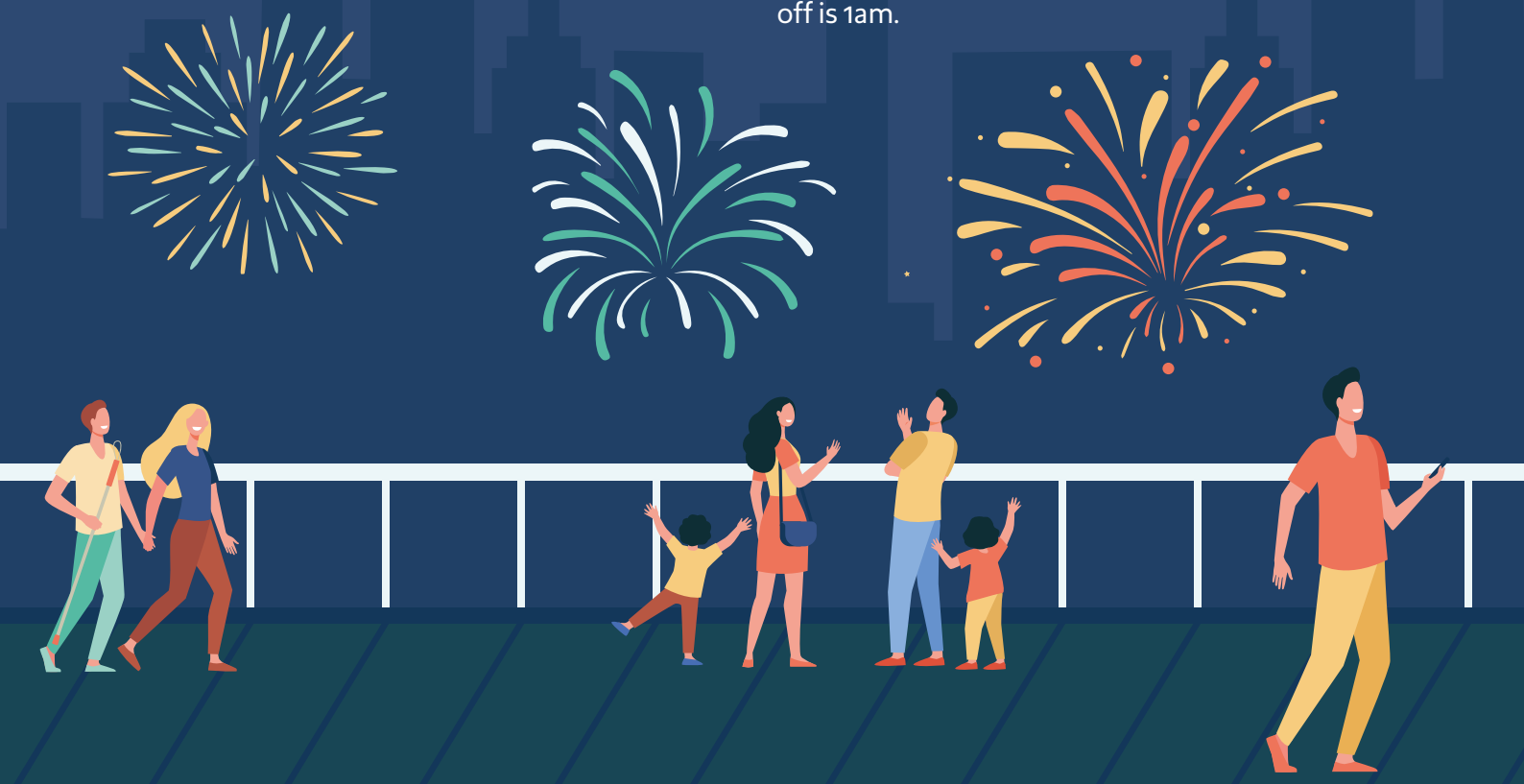
Here is our advice for keeping fireworks fun for all.

✔ Stick to organised public displays

Many organisations and community groups hold firework displays to mark occasions and they are a great place to enjoy a good night out. They often raise money for local charities and are well advertised so local people are aware that they are happening and can plan to look after animals and the vulnerable. You are also likely to get a much better display at an organised event filled with 'ooh's' and 'aaah's'.

✔ Only release fireworks on certain dates

If you are having fireworks at your home, stick to recognised celebration dates as your neighbours will be expecting them at these times and can plan ahead. It is against the law to set off fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places between 11pm and 7am, except for on Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight and other occasions such as New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.





✓ Be considerate

Let your neighbours know in advance if you plan to let off fireworks, so they can take in their washing, close windows, keep their pets indoors and, if necessary, make arrangements for vulnerable people that might be afraid. Quieter fireworks are also available.

✓ Keep animals safe

Dogs and cats might be scared of fireworks and should be kept inside with somewhere to hide. Give small animals lots of extra bedding and nesting material to burrow in.

Wild animals, horses and farm animals can also be distressed by the flashes and loud noises. If you live close to horses, make sure you let their owners know if you are having fireworks well in advance. Don't let off fireworks if they are likely to disturb nearby farm animals, wildlife habitats, or roosting bats and birds.

✓ Keep safe

Ensure you only buy fireworks from licenced retailers. Only category F2 and F3 fireworks can be sold to the general public. Fireworks must be stored in a cool, dry place, out of reach of children and animals, until they are needed. Always read the safety warnings on the box, particularly guidance on how far away people need to stand. If you don't understand the instructions, don't use the firework.

Do not use sky lanterns as you have no control over them once they've been let go. They can kill animals, litter the countryside and start fires.

✓ Clear up

Once any debris has cooled down, tidy it up and soak it in water. Then put it in a rubbish bag and in the bin. Do not leave firework debris to be found by animals or in public areas where they will need to be cleared away by someone else.

For more information and advice, please visit www.gov.uk and search for fireworks.





EXCITING CHRISTMAS NEWS... SAVE THE DATE!

Remember Fareham's fabulous Christmas lights switch-on in 2019?

Sadly, due to Covid, last year's Christmas countdown in the Town Centre couldn't take place...but don't worry because we've got plans to bring it back with a bang for this year!

Our Christmas lights switch-on will be a free event for all the family, with festive gift stalls, reindeer and entertainers, fun fair rides and a special finale.

Here's what you need to know:

When - Saturday 20 November, 10am – 8pm. Lights will be switched on at 5.30pm





Where – West Street, Fareham






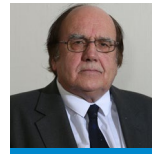

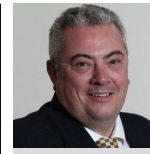




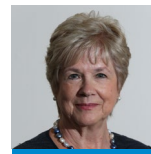
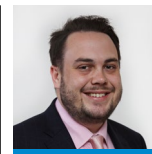



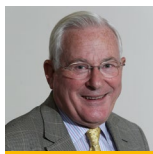


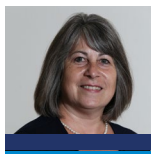
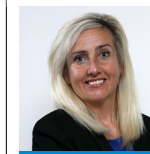



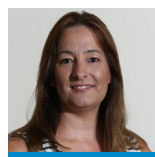
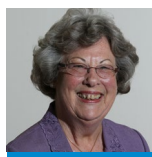


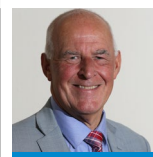
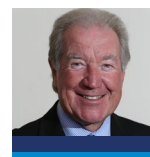









So put the date in your diary and keep an eye on the Council's social media pages for further details as the big day gets closer!



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