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Fareham in Bloom 2022

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CATEGORY**

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BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Welcome to the summer edition of Fareham Today.

The start of this year has been extremely busy for the Council with plenty of events and projects to keep us on our toes. We have welcomed eight new Ward Councillors following our local election in May, as well as a new Mayor. You can find out which Councillors are now representing your ward on page 15.

Our front cover features the return of our Fareham In Bloom competition for 2022. Last year we had some fantastic entries from residents across the Borough of all ages, including some very talented young gardeners. I know as one of the judges that we had a tough time choosing the winners and sincerely hope you will make our job just as difficult this year! See pages four and five to see how to enter and, importantly, how to win the prizes on offer, including a year's free subscription to our to our Clip and Collect garden waste service.

We have had two stand-out events so far this year. The first was our commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Falklands Conflict and, as you can see from the image overleaf, our veterans took centre stage when it came to unveiling the additions we have made to our Falklands Arch to mark the occasion. Our second event was held at Portchester Castle in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The afternoon was a fantastic success with thousands of people in attendance and a fitting tribute for such a momentous milestone as you can see from the article on pages six and seven.

We also have some exciting events planned for the coming months, one of which being the return of our 999 Day, which we have been unable to host in recent years due to the pandemic. I am thrilled that this has returned for 2022 and you can find out all the details on page 10. You can also find details of upcoming events on the 'What's On' page of the Council's website.

This year we have been continuing with our 'Live Love Local' campaign to support our independent shops and traders across the Borough, and also supported this using some of the funding from Government. You can find more details on pages eight and nine. We have also been moving forward at pace with our plans to become carbon neutral by 2030 and you can see what we have been doing as well as our future plans on pages 12 and 13.

As always, if you have any suggestions for how we can continue to improve Fareham Today and our Borough, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.



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FALKLANDS 40th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

Thank you to everyone who attended our Falklands event on Saturday 14 May in West Street, Fareham.

This special event marked the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict and was a fitting commemoration in honour of the 255 British task force servicemen who lost their lives.

A new memorial plaque was unveiled at the Falklands Arch by the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Mike Ford, and Falklands Veteran Derek Kimber. There were also

40 hand-made Pale Maiden flowers, the national flower of the Falklands, added to the arch to create a lasting tribute.

HMS Collingwood exercised their 'Freedom of the Borough' by marching through the town centre, accompanied by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. Their Arms Drill Display and Drumhead Service was a touching spectacle to behold.



Virtual Fareham in Bloom 2022

Fareham in Bloom has been bringing our community together for over 25 years. It has grown into a well-known and successful gardening campaign involving residents throughout the Borough and encourages local communities to provide bright and colourful planting schemes.

For the past two years we have run a virtual Fareham in Bloom competition and will be doing the same again for 2022. The competition will once again be proudly sponsored by St Margaret's Nursery and Fareham Shopping Centre.

How to enter:

If you would like to enter, simply head to www.fareham.gov.uk/inbloom, submit an entry form and a photo of your entry and be in with the chance to win a prize!

There are six categories to enter.

- **Best Garden** - A garden of any size, front or back
- **Commercial** - Shop fronts, pubs, businesses and schools
- **Something Small** - Hanging baskets, window boxes or unusual garden features
- **Community Floral Display** - Your street, community centre or sheltered housing grounds
- **Young Green Fingers** - Something the children have planted or grown
- **Sustainable Garden** - Planting to encourage wildlife, grow your own fruit or vegetables, recycling materials and using minimal resources

The closing date for entries is Friday 8 July



How will a winner be chosen?

The public will be asked to vote for their favourite photo in each category via an online ballot form or email to inbloom@fareham.gov.uk. Public voting will open on Monday 18 July and will close on Friday 29 July.

A member of the judging panel, along with a community volunteer, will then visit the top two gardens for each category to determine the winning entry.

The only exception will be the 'Something Small' category which will not have a visit and will be judged purely on the photo and description submitted.

The winners will be announced in September and will be contacted by the Council to receive their prize.

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What will the winners receive?

The winner of each category, along with one guest, will be invited to a tea party in the Mayor's Parlour on Wednesday 26 October to receive their prize.

- **Best Garden - A year's FREE subscription to the Council's Garden Waste Scheme**
- **Commercial** - £25.00 St Margaret's Nursery Voucher
- **Something Small** - £25.00 St Margaret's Nursery Voucher
- **Community Floral Display** - £25.00 St Margaret's Nursery Voucher
- **Young Green Fingers** - Bug hotel or gardening tools
- **Sustainable Garden** - £25.00 St Margaret's Nursery Voucher

Good luck!!

If you have any questions or queries please contact the Leisure and Community Team on inbloom@fareham.gov.uk





LIGHTING A BEACON FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

On Thursday 2 June 2022, the Council held an incredibly successful beacon lighting event at Portchester Castle to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

More than 1,500 beacons were lit across the UK and Fareham Borough Council went even further to pay tribute to Her Majesty.

Thousands of local residents attended our free family-friendly event with live music and performances, food and drink concessions, stall holders, free children's activities and competitions.

The beacon was lit at 9.45pm from the top of Portchester Castle and it was fantastic to see everyone celebrating together at this momentous time.

Particular thanks is given to Everyone Active as our main stage sponsor, to English Heritage for allowing us access to the castle and grounds, to all of those who performed and entertained the crowd and to all those who attended and made the event so much fun for all.



DO YOU *Live Love Local.*



We've been using Government funding to encourage people to shop local and discover the wonderful variety of retailers and other small businesses in the Borough. You may have seen some of our amazing local retailers featured in our Live Love Local Fareham campaign.

It was designed to showcase the many unique, independent retailers we have across our patch. So far, the campaign has supported more than 100 of these fantastic hidden gems in blogs on the Live Love Local Fareham website and in Instagram posts @farehambc. If you want to get involved, check out our website www.livelovelocal.co.uk and get in touch.

Locks Heath Shopping Village and Fareham Shopping centre have also benefited from funding to help increase footfall and create some exciting community events and exhibitions for the whole family to enjoy.

Nearly 500 children took part in Locks Heath Shopping Village's Easter event, with a bouncy castle, Easter trail and colouring, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! The site itself has been brought to life with festoon lighting, and the recently refreshed planters and hanging baskets are full of colour ready for the summer season, creating a great atmosphere in this wonderful community hub.

Continuing the summer holiday vibe, an urban beach can be found in the village centre, complete with picnic benches where shoppers can take a rest or enjoy some lunch available from one of the many shops and cafes while children have fun in the sand. The beach was launched back in May with an incredibly successful event, featuring the Big Noise Community Samba Band, free ice creams for the first 150 children plus a surfboard simulator!

Feedback from shoppers has been overwhelmingly positive, and the shopping village has not only experienced an increase in visitors, but an increase in the time they spend there too. Check their website for latest news and events:

<https://locksheathshoppingvillage.co.uk>

Meanwhile, visitors to Fareham Shopping Centre have been enjoying an array of events that have been brought to fruition through the centre's work with local businesses and companies. Families enjoyed a Dinosaur Show earlier this year, followed by a number of activities throughout spring, including a circus workshop and floristry workshops, plus much more. A parking incentive has been running alongside these events, giving customers the chance to win vouchers to spend throughout the centre.

Inside the centre, a vacant unit was turned into an Alice in Wonderland walk-through experience, giving parents opportunities for wonderful photographs with their children, and the centre's first environmental campaign called the Sea Green Initiative was hosted in Osborn Square. This saw a large life-size whale make a five-day appearance, educating local schools and the community on the importance of reducing plastics and the impact they have on our sea life.

All of the centre's events have been well received among the local community based on the positive feedback they have received, and Fareham Shopping Centre has now become known for its fantastic activities that help to increase footfall during the event periods. To find out about upcoming events, go to their website:

<https://farehamshopping.com/events>.



Image (left page): Pupils from Redlands Primary School visiting the Sea Green Initiative featuring a life-size whale

Image 1 (above): Urban beach at Locks Heath Shopping Village

Image 2: Big Noise Community Samba Band

Image 3: Competition for car park users

Image 4: Alice in Wonderland tea party



999 DAY IS BACK!

Our 999 Day is back and better than ever, following a two year break due to the pandemic.

Taking place in the pedestrianised area of West Street Fareham, from 10am-4pm, on 25 June, this fun-filled day will offer something for all the family and give children the opportunity to meet some true heroes.

It is also a great way to celebrate and thank our wonderful emergency services for the incredible work they do, particularly in recent times.

The event is FREE of charge with lots of things to see and do for children including face-painting. There will also be a selection of both current and vintage emergency service vehicles as well as both American and British police cars on display.

For more information about this event please go to www.fareham.gov.uk/999 or contact the Leisure and Community Team on 01329 236100 or email leisure@fareham.gov.uk.

Check online for other events and activities during the summer holidays

www.fareham.gov.uk/events



THE FAREHAM LEISURE CARD



Did you know that as a Fareham resident you are entitled to a Fareham Leisure Card?

The card provides discount to a whole range of leisure activities including sport, entertainment, beauty, travel, dining out and gardening.

It costs just £8.35 per person per year or £19.90 for family membership. Students can get one for £5.80 and it is free to some residents on a low income.

You can purchase or renew your card from either Fareham Leisure Centre or Holly Hill Leisure Centre, simply by showing a proof of address.

For further information, go to:
www.fareham.gov.uk/leisure



If you have any questions or would like more information about the Leisure Card please contact farehaminfo@everyoneactive.com or call 01329 233 652.

WORKING TOWARD CARBON NEUTRAL

As part of our commitment to become Carbon Neutral across all our services by 2030, Fareham Borough Council is making some significant changes to the way we do things.

We are pleased to announce that we have now converted our fleet of small diesel vehicles to operate using specifically hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO).

The Council's small diesel vehicle fleet consists of two large road sweepers, four mini-sweepers, three pathway sweepers and 14 ride-on mowers. Converting these vehicles to HVO will reduce the Council's annual carbon footprint by approximately 155 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

We have also switched all of our Council buildings to a zero-carbon electricity tariff which means that all the electricity we use is from a zero-carbon source.

Furthermore, we will be providing many of our Community Centres across the Borough with a range of simple energy saving products that may include LED lightbulbs, radiator reflectors, water tank thermal covers and replacing some energy inefficient appliances.



Community projects

Our Streetscene team have also been taking part in some 'green' activities around the Borough including:

- Working with Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth to plant meadow flowers in Wickham Road cemetery
- Trialling the reduction of grass cutting at the Park Lane recreation ground to see what wildflowers establish in the area with a view to increase biodiversity.
- Working with the Wallington Residents Association to plant wildflowers by the Wallington River.

How we can help you

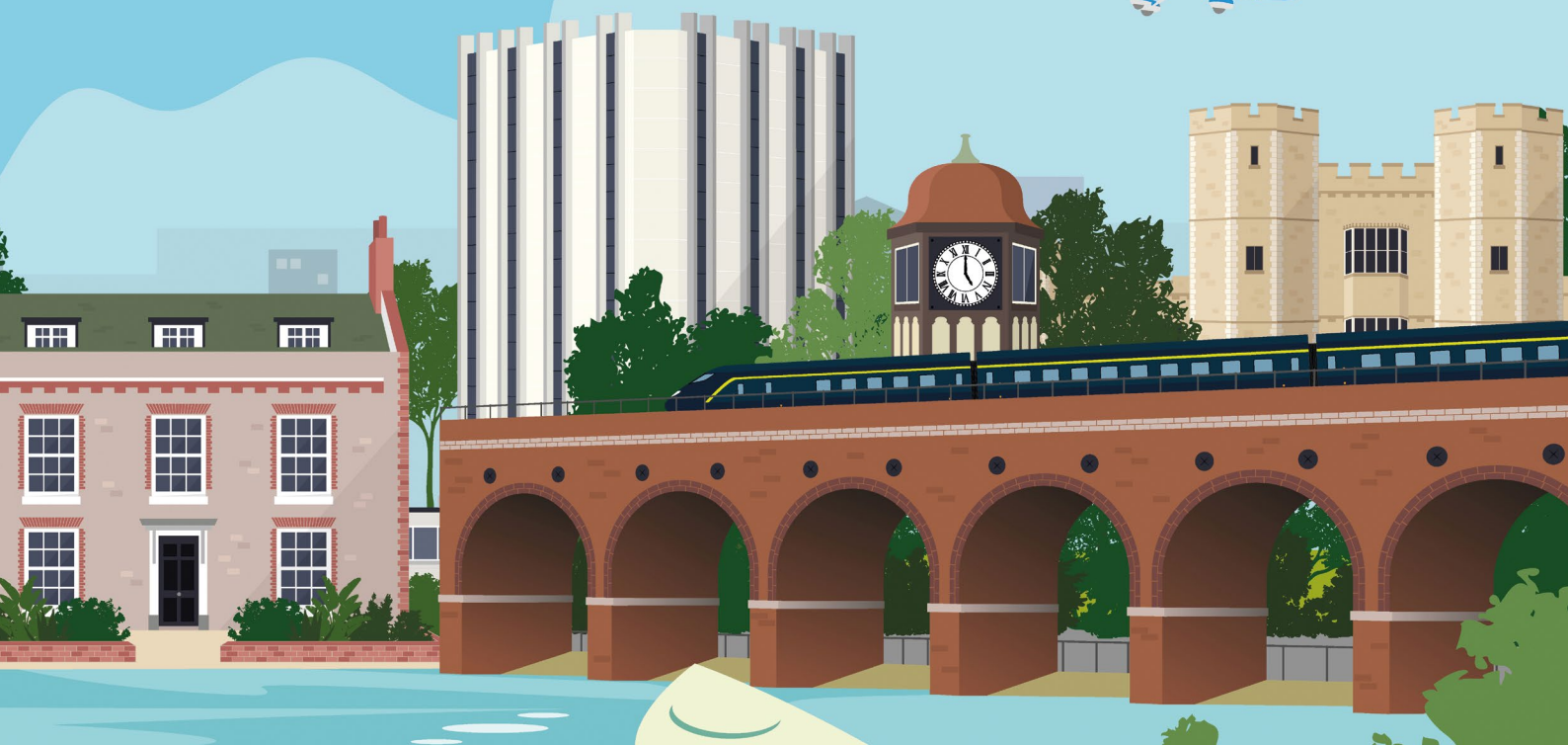
- From July 2022, Fareham Borough Council will be working with the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP), a free of charge support service offered to fuel poor or vulnerable residents. Residents on low income, tax credits, housing or disability benefits can get advice from qualified energy advisors who can help with things such as:
 - Finding the cheapest tariff
 - Installing free energy saving measures
 - Providing energy saving tips
 - Referrals to other schemes for further help.

Residents can call LEAP on 0800 060 7567 or go to www.applyforleap.org.uk



- Connect for Help is a free telephone advice service, providing assistance to thousands of low income and vulnerable households across England and Wales. The service offers personalised advice on issues such as energy bills, debt, energy efficiency measures and affordable warmth. Call: 0800 029 4548, or visit: www.connectforhelp.org.uk
- Working in partnership with Fareham Borough Council, Warmer Homes aims to raise the energy efficiency of low income and low energy performance homes. There is funding available for energy efficiency measures such as wall insulation, floor and loft insulation, air source heat pumps, solar panels and gas central heating systems. You can find out more at www.warmerhomes.org.uk

You can find out more about the Council's plans to reduce its carbon emissions and what you can do to help here: www.fareham.gov.uk/climatechange



INTRODUCING THE NEW MAYOR OF FAREHAM

The new Mayor of Fareham for 2022/23 was appointed on 12 May 2022. Councillor Mike Ford is now the Mayor of Fareham, and his wife Anne Ford will support him as Mayoress.

GAFIRS is an independent lifeboat and inshore rescue

This year, the Mayor will be supporting two charities - the Gosport and Fareham In-Shore Rescue Service (GAFIRS) and the Warsash Sea Cadets.



service. As a declared facility to the UK Coastguard, it provides emergency lifeboat cover to the Eastern Solent and Portsmouth Harbour. On average, GAFIRS respond to 100 incidents per year, from towing stricken vessels away from danger, to providing life-saving first aid to critically injured casualties. This vital service is managed and delivered entirely by volunteers.

www.gafirs.org.uk



Warsash Sea Cadets aims to give young people an experience that will help them grow into the person they want to be in a safe and friendly environment. Through various activities and adventures, they teach teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves.





www.sea-cadets.org/warsash









To find out more about Cllr Mike Ford and his Mayoral charities, please go to the Council's website: www.fareham.gov.uk/mayor









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Your Councillors


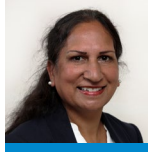






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Join now at everyoneactive.com/haveadayonus
Holly Hill Leisure Centre & Fareham Leisure Centre

*T&Cs UK residents aged 16+. Offer entitles the user to free use of the gym, pool and fitness classes at their local participating Everyone Active leisure centre for one day only. Court hire is not included. One pass per person only. Pass must be presented at reception. Those wishing to use the gym must complete an induction (provided free of charge) and complete a Health Commitment Statement. Classes must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment and will be subject to availability. New customers only. All users must have an Everyone Active card (available free from the centre) in order to activate the pass.