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# Fareham TODAY

*Celebrating 25 years of  
Fareham In Bloom*

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BOROUGH COUNCIL



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

Welcome to the Spring issue of Fareham Today. As I write we are in uncertain times with the Coronavirus outbreak. The Council is continuing to follow Government advice and our priority is the health and wellbeing of our residents. We have taken steps to ensure that we can continue to provide important services and to look after the most vulnerable in our community.

As you can see from the cover, this year we celebrate 25 years of Fareham in Bloom. Whether it's the always popular Community Gardening Challenge, giving out free seed packets or planting wildflower meadows, Fareham in Bloom does so much to enhance the appearance of our Borough and positively engage with the community. As we look back at some of In Bloom's achievements, I would like to thank all those who have been involved over the years, be they individual residents, businesses, schools or local groups. Special mention must also go to the Council's own Horticultural team and the passionate group of In Bloom volunteers – here's to another 25 years!

One of our key objectives is to provide more affordable homes for people with low household incomes. With this in mind, I'm pleased to announce an exciting programme of new Council home building. The first of these properties will be ready in the next few months (see pages 6/7) and there are a number of other important projects in the pipeline.

We have information in this issue about changes to parking charges in the Borough. From 1 April Hampshire County Council will be taking over the enforcement of on-street parking charges, after they ended their agreement with us. There's an explanation of the changes and how they could affect you on page 8.

In our last issue we told you about plans to transform Ferneham Hall into a modern community, arts and entertainment venue. It has now closed to allow this work to begin – see page 14 for an update.

These are just a few of the projects on our agenda, for what's set to be another busy year for the Borough! Our aim, as always, is to make this a better place to live, work and visit for everyone, so if you have any comments, suggestions or ideas about what we do, please get in touch.

Enjoy the spring!



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# BRINGING PEOPLE AND PARKS TOGETHER

Celebrating  
25  
years

FAREHAM IN  
BLOOM



Fareham in Bloom has been bringing our community together for 25 years, improving green spaces, creating new and exciting planting schemes and colouring the Borough's landscape with bright floral displays.

From project work and community gardening, to environmental and landscape improvements, all have a focus on maintaining and developing horticultural excellence in partnership with our dedicated volunteers and the local community. The scheme has been sponsored by St Margaret's Nurseries, Titchfield, from the day it began. In its 25 years, Fareham in Bloom, has become something very special, highly respected and involving thousands of people – it really has become part of the fabric of our community.

## How it started

It all began back in 1996 with the idea of a community gardening challenge. At that time the idea was new and there were many hurdles to cross to engage the community in parks and green spaces. The Community Gardening Challenge grew year on year with more private garden owners, businesses and community groups showing off their own green spaces. Now the Community Gardening Challenge attracts around three hundred entries each year across its 21 categories. A number of the winners have gone on to open their gardens to the public for our annual Gardens Open Day.

## Bloom in context

Fareham's local campaign is part of Britain in Bloom, which is made up of 18 regions and dates back to 1963. Our region is South and South East and we enter many of our parks along with the Borough as a whole. We first entered in 1997 and since then the Borough has received 14 consecutive gold level awards, plus numerous accolades for its parks and conservation sites.

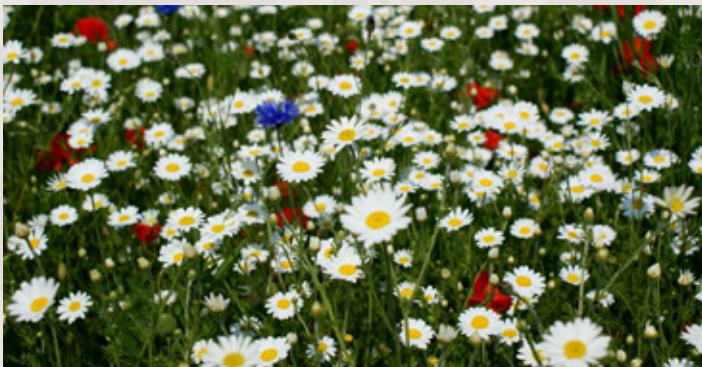






## Volunteering

Volunteering has always been at the heart of Fareham in Bloom and we still have support from some of the members who were with us in the beginning. Our team of around 30 volunteers carry out a range of tasks to help Fareham in Bloom continue to develop and flourish. They organise community events, prepare talks, arrange presentations and help to encourage the community to get involved in keeping the Borough looking so attractive. Between them they rack up some 3,800 volunteer hours annually!



## Making a difference

Fareham in Bloom has put the Borough on the map horticulturally and made a huge difference to the landscape. The Council's dedicated grounds team, gardeners and cleansing staff work hard to keep what we all see to a high standard throughout the year. Achievements include:

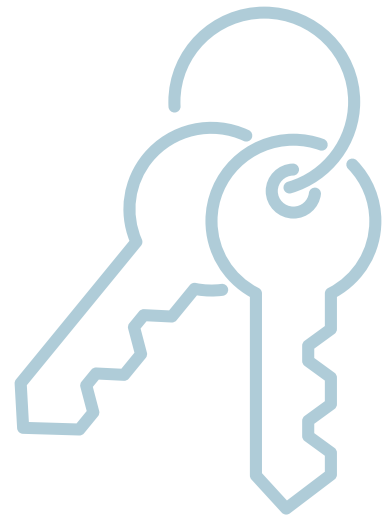
- 26 flower beds within parks and green spaces;
- 11 urban meadows covering 2.5 hectares to help support wildlife;
- 4.5 million bulbs have been planted alongside highways, in parks and community areas;
- 240 summer floral baskets and planters.



For more information about Fareham in Bloom, visit [fareham.gov.uk/farehaminbloom](https://fareham.gov.uk/farehaminbloom)



EVERYBODY  
NEEDS A  
PLACE THEY  
CAN CALL



# HOME

The Council recognises the growing need for properties for those with lower household incomes and delivering these homes is one of our key priorities. 2020 will see the completion of 23 new Fareham Borough Council homes. These will be at Bridge Road (Park Gate) and at the former Hampshire Rose pub site on Highlands Road.



Artist impression of the former Hampshire Rose site © mh architects



Work underway at Bridge Road

**This marks the start of an exciting programme of new Council home building over the coming years with many other sites in the pipeline, including:**

- land at Station Road in Portchester;
- the former Coldeast Scout Hut;
- land at Stubbington Lane;
- land at Wynton Way.

There are also plans to redevelop Assheton Court in Portchester, where the tired and dated facility will be replaced with modern sheltered housing for older residents.

These projects will deliver great housing choices for those customers in need of affordable housing, and most importantly, a place to call home.



Artist impression of Station Road, Portchester © mh architects



# CHANGES TO PARKING CHARGES

From 1st April there will be some changes to parking charges in the Borough.



**Hampshire County Council has ended the agreement it had with Fareham Borough Council and so will be taking over on-street parking enforcement.**

Fareham Borough Council will continue to be responsible for parking enforcement within its own car parks.

A parking management company will be appointed by the County Council to manage on-street parking enforcement. This company will be responsible for any Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued for on-street parking offences. The new enforcement officers employed by

Hampshire County Council will be clearly distinguishable from Fareham Borough Council's officers.

Hampshire County Council will also be taking over residents' parking and visitor permits and may introduce changes to their terms. This means:

- Any residents who need to renew their permits will need to apply to Hampshire County Council once the changes have come in;
- permits that expire up to the end of March can be renewed by Fareham Borough Council in the normal way;
- any permits that expire between April and June this year can be

renewed by Fareham Borough Council during March, after that time all renewals will be undertaken by Hampshire County Council.

From 1st April, requests for on-street parking restrictions, such as new yellow lines, will also be processed by Hampshire County Council.

The County Council plan to create a new webpage for the new on-street parking service. Fareham Borough Council will link to this page from its own website once this is live.





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# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

The best way to protect yourself and others is:



Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.



Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.

If you have recently arrived back from specified areas follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of areas and find out more at

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)





LISTENING TO  
YOUR VIEWS ON

# FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Did you take part in our Local Plan consultation? At the start of the year we ran a six week listening exercise, to hear residents views on the future of development across the Borough, which we have set out in our Local Plan Supplement.

We held five Community Action Team (CAT) meetings and a number of pop-up exhibitions, explaining our proposals for meeting new national housing targets. There were plenty of opportunities for residents to ask questions and we invited people to submit their views by filling out our Local Plan Survey.

## What did you tell us?

- Feedback covered a wide variety of topics from how the amount of future housing needed in Fareham is worked out, to issues such as flooding and climate change;
- residents shared their concerns about increased traffic and pressures on local health facilities and how this can be dealt with;
- many people said they value a Strategic Gap between Stubbington and Fareham;

- there was much support for proposed environmental policies, in particular the policy which would protect Areas of Special Landscape Quality and a new policy providing protection for trees, woodland and hedgerows.

## What happens next?

All the feedback we have received will be used to help create a new Local Plan, which will be called our Publication Plan. We will hold another consultation on this document asking for residents' views, before it is submitted to the Government.

For more information about the Local Plan visit  
[www.fareham.gov.uk/localplanconsultation](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/localplanconsultation)



# RECYCLING UPDATE



## PLASTIC BOTTLES

When you recycle your plastic bottles, you can now leave the lids on



1. Squash the bottle

2. Loosely replace the lid

3. Place in blue top recycling bin

## GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Metal lids can be left on glass bottles and jars when you put them in the recycling bank

Remove plastic lids on glass as these cannot be recycled

Remember, no glass should go in your blue top recycle bin



These are the six materials we accept in your blue top recycling bin (regardless of any markings on the item or packaging):



CLEAN  
PAPER



CLEAN  
CARDBOARD



FOOD  
TINS



DRINK  
CANS



PLASTIC  
BOTTLES



AEROSOLS

## WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH USED BATTERIES?

Your used batteries can be taken back to the retailer for recycling – any shop which sells them will have a collection point for them.

Batteries put in the recycle bin are a fire hazard because they can get punctured and set fire to other waste. No plastic product containing batteries can go in the recycle bin either.







View from Civic Gardens path

# FERNEHAM HALL

## IT'S NOT THE FINAL CURTAIN... IT'S AN EXTENDED INTERMISSION!

A planning application has been submitted to the Council which sets out plans to transform Ferneham Hall into a modern multi-purpose community venue.



Close up of Civic Gardens entrance





Main Entrance Facing Osborn Road

The plans from the architects, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, include a fly tower – a rigging system that enables scenery and cast to be flown or carried above the stage.

The proposed designs show an exterior with red brick against a backdrop of grey and white. This is intended to reflect Fareham's history of red brick production, while also complementing the local Georgian architecture.

The new main entrance would face Osborn Road, making it easy to access from the car park.

In line with the Council's desire to become carbon neutral by 2030, the designs would be thermally efficient and incorporate green technologies such as air-source heat pumps to provide low-cost heating, solar panels and LED lighting.

The Council's Planning Committee will meet to consider the planning application in due course.



Birds eye view of venue looking at the main entrance



# SHOPMOBILITY

Shopmobility volunteer, Mave Hiseman

## A lifeline in the heart of Fareham

Do you need help to get out and about?

Fareham Shopmobility, located on the ground floor of Fareham's Osborn Road car park, is here to help.

The service, established in 1988, has a wide range of mobility scooters and wheelchairs to hire, as well as crutches and other walking aids for sale. If you're planning a holiday or trip, equipment is also available to hire and take away with you.

Anyone can use the service; you don't have to be registered disabled. For those who can't get to their shop, a member of the Shopmobility team can come to them to discuss their needs. All customers are given an assessment to help them find the right vehicle and make sure they're confident using it.

Last year, Fareham Shopmobility processed more than 4,000 loans of their equipment, each time helping someone to get out and about and stay independent!



**Shopmobility is open Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm**

Day hire starts at just £4




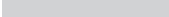
Membership is available for £10 a year which enables hire at reduced rates









































For more information visit **[www.cfirsr.org.uk](http://www.cfirsr.org.uk)**  
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