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New Leisure Centre opens!
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50 years of twinning

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

You may have heard talk about or seen the media comment on possible Devolution plans in Hampshire. There are several options being discussed at the moment and not all councils in Hampshire agree on the best way forward. Whatever the outcome there could be changes to how council services are run and delivered. In this issue we explain how the various options could work and what happens next.

I'm pleased to say the £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre in Sarisbury is now open! Take a look at the photos from the official opening day with Olympian Adam Peaty cutting the ribbon for us. As you can see the centre offers fantastic facilities including a state of the art gym and 25 metre pool. Our Borough now boasts two leisure centres and pools so there are plenty of opportunities to get fit and active.

On 12 September Fareham celebrated 50 years of our twinning association with Vannes. Along with our Mayor, I was delighted to welcome representatives from the French town. To mark the occasion HMS Collingwood exercised their Freedom of the Borough and marched through Fareham with the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. We unveiled a new sculpture in Westbury Manor Museum gardens which will be a permanent reminder of our strong ties with Vannes.

It's been another very successful year for Fareham at the South and South East in Bloom awards. Following a visit from the judges in the summer, the results were announced in September. Fareham received the Gold award for the 13th year running, with many other awards including Gold for some of our parks and open spaces, so well done to our 'In Bloom' team!

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. I always appreciate it when you get in touch, even if there's something you think we can do better; please do contact me.



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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

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE



Traditional market

REGULAR

First Sunday of the month, 10am

Countryside Conservation

Help with woodland and grassland management at Warsash Common. Meet at Warsash Common, New Road entrance. 18+. Contact the Countryside Service.

Every Monday, 9am – 3pm

Traditional Market

Pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham

First Saturday of the month,
9am – 3pm

Farmers' Market

Pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham

CHRISTMAS

Fareham Shopping Centre Christmas opening times

Late night shopping until 8pm
every Thursday
24 November – 22 December

Plus open until 8pm every night
Monday 19 December –
Friday 23 December

Christmas Eve – 8am – 4pm
Christmas Day – Closed
Boxing Day – 10am – 4pm
Tuesday 27 Dec – 9am – 5:30pm
New Year's Eve – 9am – 5:30pm
New Year's Day 2017 – 10am – 4pm
Monday 2 January 2017 – 10am – 4pm

NOVEMBER

Thursday 17 November, 7pm–10pm

Glitz and Glamour party – Mayor's charity event

Enjoy a night of fashion, shopping,
pampering, mini make-overs, crafts,
gifts and lots more.

Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road PO16 7DB
Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions) from
the Mayor.

Sunday 27 November, 12pm for 12.30pm

Lunch at Portchester Parish Hall – Mayor's charity event

Enjoy lunch and listen to guest speaker,
Chris Lubbe about his African experiences.
Bring your own drinks.
Tickets: £10 from the Mayor.

Sunday 27 November, 1pm–5pm,
light switch on 4:45pm

Christmas Light Switch On and fireworks display

Come and join the fun with special guests,
free activities, live performances and more.
More info on page 5.
Fareham Town Centre, West Street

TICKETS

Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road
Fareham PO16 7DB

01329 231942 or
www.fernehamhall.co.uk



Christmas lights in Fareham

DECEMBER

Saturday 3 December, 7:30pm

Christmas Concert with the Warsash Band – Mayor's charity event

Get in to the spirit of Christmas with
music from the Warsash Band.
Holy Rood Church, Stubbington PO14 2AS
Tickets: £7.50 from the Mayor

Sunday 4, Wednesday 7, Sunday 11
and Wednesday 14 December

Christmas Bloom

Create your own table and door
decorations using natural materials.
St Margaret's Nurseries.
Tickets: £8 from St Margaret's Nurseries,
Titchfield PO14 4BL on 01329 846006

FEBRUARY

Saturday 4 February, 7pm for 7:30pm

Quiz Night – Mayor's charity event

Come and test your knowledge and
enjoy a two course meal.
Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club,
Palmerston Drive PO14 1DJ
Tickets: £15 from the Mayor

Friday 10 February, 7pm–10pm

SNAP DC

An alcohol and drug free night for people
aged 11–16 years old.
Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road PO16 7DB
Tickets: £6 from Ferneham Hall

Countryside Service 01329 824843

Mayor of Fareham,
Cllr Connie Hockley 01329 287365
More details about the Mayor's charities
can be found on Page 11.



Come and join the fun
with special guests
switching on the lights!



BIG CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

1 – 5pm Sunday 27 November

Light switch on 4.45pm
West Street, Fareham

- ★ Live performances
- ★ Fun fair rides
- ★ Festive stalls and food
- ★ Kids entertainment

For more information visit
www.fareham.gov.uk/christmaslights



JUST FOR THE KIDS!

- FREE activities at
Westbury Manor including:
- ★ Face painting
 - ★ Festive craft activities
 - ★ Meet and feed Santa's reindeer
 - ★ Meet Santasaurus*
- PLUS** Take a selfie on
Santa's sleigh!



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portsmouth

*To meet Santasaurus please book tickets in advance by calling 01329 822063.

Fareham Leisure Card

Have you got yours yet?

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts of 5% to 50% on a whole range of leisure activities, now from 41 outlets in and around Fareham.

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 £7.40 per person, £17.50 for a family membership, £5.30 for a student card or free to some residents on a low income.

The cards 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.



Just
£7.40
per person

You can use your Fareham Leisure Card at:

- Abshot Landscape Maintenance
- 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
- British School of Ballooning
- Brook Lane Physiotherapy Clinic
- Compass Trailers
- Crofton Shotokan School of Karate
- Cuts and Clobber
- Debut Hair
- Explosion! The Museum of Naval Firepower
- Fareham Health and Beauty
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Fareham Snooker Club
- Ferneham Hall
- Gleneagles Riding School
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Hargroves Cycles
- Kitchen World Fareham Ltd
- LBhealthcare
- Lucketts Travel
- New Forest Activities
- Phoenix Driver Training
- Razzamatazz
- SelClene Fareham and Southampton
- Skydive Netheravon **NEW**
- Solent Cycles
- St Margaret's Nurseries
- Team Sport Indoor Karting
- The Brewpot
- The Diving Museum
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- The Spirit Within Hypnotherapy
- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
- Traditional Fish and Chips
- Verelle Hairdressing
- Zebra Waste Skip Hire



Summer of fun!

It was a summer of fun in Fareham as over 5000 children and young people enjoyed free activities laid on by the Council.

Access All Areas, Thumbs Up Thursday, Mini Play Mornings and National Play Day were a huge success and were bigger and better than ever before!

A total wipe-out course, an inflatable pool party, a free funfair, soft play, giant inflatables, build your own den and toasting marshmallows were just some of the favourite activities that took place over the holidays. Roll on summer 2017!

For more information about future events please see page 4, visit www.fareham.gov.uk/whatson or call the Leisure Team on 01329 824440.





Making a splash with an Olympic opening

Your brand new Holly Hill Leisure Centre has opened! The £9m facility in Sarisbury, was declared officially open by non-other than gold medal winning swimmer, Adam Peaty. Adam was the first gold medallist for team GB at the recent Rio Olympics and the first British male swimmer to win gold for 24 years – so who better to give the new pool a test run (or swim!)?

In addition to the 25 metre pool with six swimming lanes and learner pool, the centre also boasts a state of the art gym, exercise room and dance studio.

School children took part in games and activities in the pool with Adam to mark the centre's opening. Adam commented:

"Although it might be hard to believe, I was actually scared of water when I was younger, but I know how important it is that we educate more people about the health and safety benefits of swimming, especially those who live in coastal areas such as Fareham. I think the pool here at Holly Hill Leisure Centre will go a long way in helping to do that.

It's also at local pools like these where future athletes are discovered and, for me, it's very exciting to think that could

happen here at Holly Hill. The centre itself looks great and one both Fareham Borough Council and Everyone Active should be very proud of. Thank you so much for having me here today and for giving me the opportunity to be one of the first to try out these fantastic new facilities."

Executive Member for Leisure and Community, Councillor Sue Bell, said: "I'm delighted that Holly Hill Leisure Centre is now open. This is the culmination of a project which began after our suggestion, strongly supported by residents, that we needed another swimming pool in the

Borough. It was fantastic to see Adam Peaty interacting with the children and inspiring people to get fit and active. With our two leisure centres in the Borough we now have plenty of opportunities to do so!"

A special plaque was unveiled at the centre by Adam and the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Connie Hockley, to mark the occasion. Holly Hill Leisure Centre was designed and built by Balfour Beatty, who built the Aquatic Centre for the 2012 London Olympics. The centre will be run on the Council's behalf by Everyone Active.

For more information visit www.everyoneactive.com/centre/holly-hill-leisure-centre or call **03330 030031**



A high five from Adam

Adam and the Mayor cut the ribbon and declare the leisure centre officially open



The impressive cake featuring Adam Peaty and his gold medal!



Spin studio



Exterior of the leisure centre

Ian Cook, Everyone Active; Adam Peaty; Mayor, Cllr Connie Hockley; Leader, Cllr Seán Woodward





Relate

The relationship people

Relationships can be tricky at the best of times but when it's all getting a bit too much would you know where to go to get help?

What is Relate?

Relate is a local charity that provides relationship counselling and has helped over 300 residents of Fareham over the past 12 months. They offer counselling support for problems such as couple relationships, sexual problems, separation and divorce, family life and parenting, living as a step family, coping with affairs as well as counselling for young people.

Relate aims never to turn clients away due to financial constraints, and offers a bursary scheme, supported by Fareham Borough Council, to help with counselling costs for those in financial difficulty.

More info

If you'd like more information or to make a local appointment contact Relate South West Hampshire and the Isle of Wight:

023 8022 9761

appointments@relatesw.org.uk

www.relatesw.org.uk

relate
the relationship people

**Relate study shows
18% of couples
are in distressed
relationships**



LET'S LOOP FAREHAM

Hearing loops make listening easier for people who use hearing aids or cochlear implants. They are needed in shops, banks, hospitals, theatres and many other public places that people visit every day.

The Rotary Club of Fareham Meon are working in partnership with the charity 'Hearing Link' and are trying to improve the quality of hearing loops in Fareham. This is part of a wider initiative called Let's Loop the UK.

The Club are looking for volunteers to check the hearing loops in Fareham and make sure that they are being used to their full advantage, in order to make life a little bit easier for those that use them.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information please visit

www.LetsLoopUK.org.uk/Fareham

or email fareham@LetsLoopUK.org.uk

**Did you know more than
two million people in the
UK use hearing aids or
cochlear implants?**



“Being Mayor gives me a great opportunity to promote some really good causes and I love meeting the volunteers involved in my Mayoral charities. I look forward to seeing how much we can raise for them!”

Get involved and support the Mayor’s charities

Throughout their Mayoral year the Mayor of Fareham, Cllr Connie Hockley and her Consort, County Councillor, Geoff Hockley are supporting two charities.

These are Y-Services for Young People and Breast Cancer Haven.

The Mayor holds a range of events to help raise money for these important charities and just some of

them include a Glitz and Glamour party, a Quiz Night, a Christmas Concert, as well as many tea parties which involve lots of cake! (Please see page 4 for details about events)

If you’d like to attend the events or would like to find out more about the charities please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/mayor or call the Mayor on 01329 287365.





First CEMAST graduates celebrate success!

CEMAST 

More info

www.fareham.ac.uk

01329 815 300

[Facebook.com/farehamcollege](https://www.facebook.com/farehamcollege) 

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Since it opened its doors in September 2014, CEMAST (Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Advanced Skills Training) has welcomed more than 1200 students. The centre is part of Fareham College, forming its own campus on the Faraday Business Park at Daedalus. The Centre specialises in technical courses in marine, automotive and aerospace industries. As a new batch of students start courses that will give them the skills to enter the world of work, we take a look at some of the success stories so far.

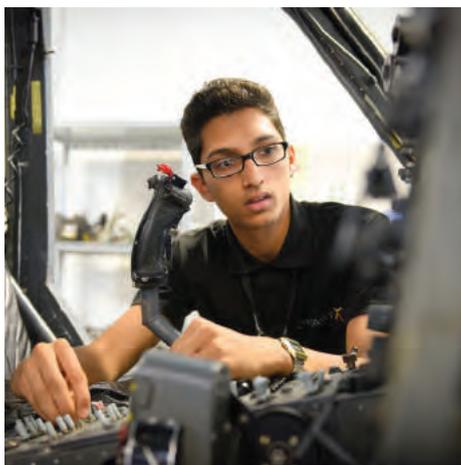


Student profile: Rosie Wheelhouse-Thomas
Course: Level 4 HNC in Engineering

“The majority of my class are going onto apprenticeships, but I’ve chosen to go to university because I’ve always wanted to be a pilot and that’s my best route to achieving it.

“I was offered places at all four of the universities that I’ve applied to and have accepted a place at Buckinghamshire New University. As well as a degree in air transport, I’ll also work towards gaining my commercial pilots licence with them and be guaranteed a job at the end of my course.

“The lecturers’ at Fareham College have helped to guide my path to achieving the career of my dreams.”



Student profile: Gaurang Dave
Course: Level 3 Diploma in Aerospace Engineering

“I really enjoy my course because there is a new challenge every day. I’ve found people I can relate to and who have similar interests to me, which is one of the great things when you move from school to college and get to choose to study in areas you are really interested in.

“I have really enjoyed my time at CEMAST, and as well as studying I have been able to get involved in making noughts and crosses playing pieces which have been used for a voluntary project in Ghana.”



Student profile: Shannon Fox
Course: Level 4 HNC Engineering and apprenticeship with South West Trains

“When I left school they were really advocating university not apprenticeships but I liked the idea of earning while I learn.

“I saw the details of an apprenticeship with South West Trains and thought it looked really interesting and something that would be a real challenge for me.

“I work four days at the South West Trains train care depot in Bournemouth, and one day a week at CEMAST. I carry out the maintenance of one of their particular types of train and hope to progress to become a team leader in the future.

“I can see that the apprenticeship I’m doing is filling a skills gap in the industry I’m employed in, so the skills I’m gaining are highly valued and will set me up for a really positive future.”

Fareham College Principal Nigel Duncan says: “Studying at CEMAST is an opportunity for students to develop their experience, skills and understanding of technical subjects in a high-tech environment. Fareham College students have secured outstanding results from studying at CEMAST and I am very proud of their individual attainments. The Centre has developed close links to key employers in the area as well as the Fareham Innovation Centre at Daedalus, which offers excellent opportunities for the more entrepreneurial students to explore the prospect of starting up their own business.”

What's the truth about devolution and what does it mean for me?

As you might have seen there has been a lot of talk about devolution in the press recently. It is something of a buzz word and high on the government's agenda. But what does it all mean? And, importantly, what difference could it make to you?

Devo what?

Put simply, devolution is all about the transfer of funding and decision-making from central government to local government.

This shift would enable important decisions that affect everyday life for Fareham residents and businesses to be taken right here in south Hampshire. This might mean improving transport links by building new roads or upgrading motorway junctions.

It might result in more affordable homes for first time buyers, enabling young people to stay in Fareham if they want to rather than being forced to move away.

At the moment many of these decisions, for example funding for road improvements, are taken by central government.

If we want to change this so that we make our own decisions locally then we would need to work closely with our neighbouring local authorities. We could do this by becoming a member of a 'combined authority'.

What's a combined authority?

A 'combined authority' is a group of local authorities working closely together. In south Hampshire Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight councils, together with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) have submitted a bid to the government to set up a 'Solent Combined Authority'.

By working together, combined authorities can tap into funding of £30

million a year for the next 30 years – that's £900 million to invest in south Hampshire on major projects. That is on top of the funding for devolved services and the retention locally of all of the business rates collected which are currently sent to the Treasury.

If the Solent Mayoral Combined Authority bid is successful, then other local councils, including Fareham, will be invited to join. By working closely with neighbouring councils we believe we can help to improve life for all of our residents.



How would a combined authority be set up?

The first stage in setting up a combined authority would be for the three unitary councils: Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council; together with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to put forward a bid to establish a Solent Mayoral Combined Authority.

It is likely that a bid will be submitted as a result of public consultation undertaken across the summer; however, it will be up to each unitary council to decide. At the time of going to press Portsmouth has confirmed it is ready to proceed. If all three councils agree a proposal will be put forward and this in turn will need to be approved by the Secretary of State.

District and borough councils cannot be involved in the negotiations for a Combined Authority at this stage. The law states that no Combined Authority bid can go ahead with the districts receiving approval from their county council. However, Hampshire County Council has chosen not to be part of the Combined Authority bid.

If the bid by Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight is successful, the district councils could join if invited to do so.



Won't this mean an extra layer of bureaucracy?

A Combined Local Authority would work in a similar way to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). The committee would be made up of Leaders from each of the participating councils who would then make decisions about matters that have been passed down to them by central government. The committee would be chaired by the elected Mayor.

Would there be an elected Mayor?

The proposal for the Solent Mayoral Combined Authority (SMCA) does include a directly-elected Mayor. The Mayor would act as Chairman of the combined authority for a four-year term and would be elected by those on the electoral roll of the areas covered by the combined authority. The Mayor would act as the public figurehead of the SMCA and be a point of contact for central government.

The Mayor would be supported by a 'Cabinet' made up of members from Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight councils. The Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council would be invited to cabinet meetings and help inform decisions that affect the work of Fareham Borough Council.

What would happen to Fareham's Mayor?

The Mayor of Fareham has a ceremonial role which is quite separate from that of a directly elected Mayor. **This role would continue regardless of whether or not there was an elected Mayor for the new Combined Authority.**

Are there other options available?

Two consultations were held over the summer and both closed in September. One of these was held by Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight councils for a new Solent Combined Authority and this has been dubbed 'The Solent Deal'. At the same time Hampshire County Council has been running a separate consultation about having one huge unitary council potentially covering the whole of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

This would be quite a change as, at the moment, Hampshire comprises the county, borough and district councils. Under the Hampshire County Council proposal all of these councils, and this includes Fareham Borough Council, would cease to exist.

Why change?

Over the past few years the funding from government to local councils has reduced dramatically. In this year alone funding was cut by 19% and this trend is set to continue. **This means that we have to find new ways to ensure we can continue to provide residents with the high level of service they expect.**

The government has made no secret of the fact that it is keen to pass powers down from central to local level so the devolution question for us as a council is not really 'if' but 'how'.



What's happening at Fareham Borough Council?

The Chief Executive Officer and Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council are in discussions with other local authorities as we believe that a Combined Authority not only provides the best chance for residents to continue accessing the particular services they require, but also the best financial deal possible for the county.

East Hampshire District Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council and Havant Borough Council also support the Solent Mayoral Combined Authority approach.

Currently most decisions about funding for our area are made by central government. Securing the powers and ability to fund things locally will mean councils are able to prioritise funding into areas that will benefit the local economy more than under the current system.

What about my services?

Fareham residents are of course served by Fareham Borough Council but some services are provided by Hampshire County Council (HCC). For example, we empty your bins but HCC disposes of the waste that we collect. We clean the streets but HCC looks after street lighting and the roads. Other district and borough councils, for example Eastleigh and Havant, work in very much the same way as us.

There are also some areas where we have formed successful partnerships with other councils to deliver services. One example is the Building Control Partnership which is a joint service provided by Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council. Earlier this year the Building Control Partnership was recognised with an award for 'Best Partnership with a local authority' at the 2016 LABC South East Building Excellence Awards.

Fareham Borough Council has a proven track record of delivering high quality, best value services locally. Council tax for Fareham remains one of the five lowest in the country and the Council is committed to consistently looking at new methods of delivery that will enable things to stay that way.

Securing the powers and ability to fund things locally will mean councils are able to prioritise funding into areas that will benefit the local economy...

Fareham Borough Council strives to keep the Borough an attractive and enjoyable place to live and in recent years has delivered a range of exciting new projects for residents:

- Park Lane recreation ground with its exciting skate park, outdoor gym and play equipment
- Bath Lane Pavilion transformation into a traditional cricket clubhouse with new changing rooms, new grounds maintenance store and a new cricket square for the first and second elevens
- Brand new Portchester Community Centre
- Purchase of Daedalus, now rebranded as Solent Airport at Daedalus, to benefit the local community by investing to create and support new jobs
- Fareham Innovation Centre with 15 light manufacturing workshops and 24 offices all for start-up businesses
- £1.5M upgrade of runway at Solent Airport at Daedalus
- Six new sustainable council homes built to Passivhaus Certificate Standards
- Collingwood Court purpose built retirement homes
- Refurbishment of Fareham Leisure Centre
- Brand new Holly Hill Leisure Centre





Could our green spaces be protected by devolution?

At the moment Fareham does not have any green space that is designated by statute and protected from development. There are however two strategic countryside gaps in the Borough – the Meon Valley gap which lies between Fareham/Stubbington and the Western Wards/Whiteley, and Stubbington/Lee on the Solent and Fareham/Gosport. Currently these are green field sites rather than protected green belt.

By being able to take more decisions locally, we would hope to permanently protect these sites from development by defining them as green belt sites.

What happens now?

The coming months will be an interesting time for local government as options are considered at a national level.

We will keep our residents and businesses fully up-to-date with any developments via our website and social media pages.

What difference would devolution make to me?

For the majority of residents and businesses day-to-day activities would just go along as before. However, the new arrangements would give greater powers and more control over resources at a local level. A new joined up approach would enable a wider and longer term view to be taken, delivering exciting new projects and benefits for everyone. Some of the highlights include:

- £30 million a year for the next 30 years – that's £900 million to invest in areas that contribute to economic growth, including transport, housing and business support
- retain 100% of business rates collected in the area for local use rather than send anything collected to central government and wait to receive some back
- improve local public transport and connections to the national networks
- improve roads and rail networks to reduce congestion so it's easier for goods to be transported and for people to travel to and from work, helping businesses to thrive
- work together on a plan to attract new employers to the area, creating jobs and opportunities for local people
- support economic growth by making suitable sites available for new housing schemes and employment developments
- make sure training is designed to provide the skills local employers need so businesses can grow.

We're here to help

Although devolution is still very much up in the air so we don't have all of the answers, we will do our best to answer any questions you may have.

You can email customerservices@fareham.gov.uk, call on **01329 236100** or drop in to our offices and ask to speak to someone.



FAREHAM AND GOSPORT COASTAL STRATEGY RECEIVES FINAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY APPROVAL

The Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership, on behalf of Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils, have developed a Coastal Management Strategy stretching from the River Hamble to Portchester.

The Strategy recommends the preferred coastal management approaches for this area for the next 100 years. These are designed to help reduce the risk of coastal flooding and erosion to over 2,800 properties and prevent £700 million worth of future damage. The estimated value of the work recommended by the Strategy is in the region of £47 million.

The Strategy was adopted by both Gosport and Fareham Borough Councils in spring 2015 and was approved and signed off by the Environment Agency in April 2016.

A large proportion of the funding needed to deliver the Strategy recommendations will have to come from sources other than

traditional government funding. We will therefore need to think creatively, work together and deliver differently to ensure that the Strategy's recommendations are implemented for the communities of Fareham and Gosport.

The final outputs of the Strategy can be viewed at www.escp.org.uk/strategy-documents along with the Post Adoption Statement and Statement of Environmental Particulars.

For more information about the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership please visit www.escp.org.uk. Follow the team on Facebook and Twitter @EasternSolentCP for up to date photos and information on your coastline.



Phase 1 of the Hill Head project is now complete. New shingle has been laid and groynes have been rebuilt to help protect the promenade from wave damage.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

You may have heard that we are working on plans for the future of both Fareham town centre and Portchester precinct. These plans will set out our ambitions for the centres and how we as the Council want to influence their development over the next 20 years.

In order for us to make sure that the plans meet everyone's needs, we need to understand the views of residents, local businesses, landowners, landlords and community organisations. To help us do this we carried out a number of pieces of early consultation and research over the summer and early autumn:

- **Resident Engagement Groups:** We held a number of sessions, which involved residents from a variety of backgrounds having group discussions about what they liked about Fareham town centre and Portchester precinct. We also asked for ideas about how the centres could be improved.
- **Business Interviews:** A range of businesses, traders, landlords, community facilities and organisations based in Fareham town centre and Portchester precinct were interviewed about what they were like as places to do business and how the centres could be improved.
- **Parking Surveys:** The surveys looked at how long people parked in the car parks of both centres. In Portchester, car park users have already been asked their reasons for parking. Now, we are undertaking a similar survey in Fareham town centre.

What drives your parking choices?

You can tell us what is important to you when choosing where to park in the town centre by completing an online survey at www.fareham.gov.uk/consultations before 21 November. We will use the results to help make sure we have the right parking in town.

The results of all the parking surveys are helping us better understand the needs of car park users in both areas and allow us to ensure that we continue to provide the right level of parking in Portchester and Fareham town centre.

Emerging plans

Both Officers and Councillors are analysing the information gained from this research. These results, along with other pieces of work, are now feeding into the emerging visions for both Portchester precinct and Fareham town centre.

The visions for both centres will aim to encourage a range of shops, restaurants, cafes and any other uses which would help to meet the needs of a modern community.

We will also need to consider options for housing, particularly in Fareham town centre. Any housing options in Portchester precinct would need to fit in with the rest of the surroundings.

How to get involved in shaping the plans

We are planning to consult on our draft visions for both Portchester precinct and Fareham town centre early next year and would like to hear your views. We will be publicising widely how you can have your say when the consultations launch. Find out about these and other consultations at www.fareham.gov.uk/consultations.

We'd like your views on how we can make Fareham and Portchester better

On Monday 12 September Fareham celebrated 50 years of being twinned with the French town of Vannes.

FIFTY YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP



Since the twinning agreement was signed in 1966, thousands of young people have taken part in school or sporting exchanges between the two towns, and there have been many cultural and professional exchanges.

To celebrate this milestone a march took place through Fareham Town Centre, led by sailors from HMS Collingwood and the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. This was attended by civic dignitaries from both Fareham and Vannes and members of the Twinning Association.

The day culminated in the unveiling of a very special sculpture in the gardens of Westbury Manor Museum. The sculpture, which is approximately 10 feet high, has been designed to stand as a permanent reminder of the strength of ties between the two towns. Next to the sculpture there is a plaque which describes the concept behind it:

“The strong trunk in two halves represents the two towns intertwining to signify their bond. Each trunk culminates in five branches, symbolising friendships

that have blossomed. The gilded spheres seem to explode in celebration. The sculpture sits on its stone base, telling us the twinning of the two towns will last well into the future.”

Mayor of Fareham, Cllr Connie Hockley, said: “Over the past 50 years ties between Fareham and Vannes have gone from strength to strength. It was a pleasure to welcome representatives from Vannes as we celebrated this anniversary and with this sculpture we now have a lasting reminder of our friendship.”

About Vannes

- Vannes is a coastal market town founded more than 2000 years ago, with a population of around 53,000
- Located on the Gulf of Morbihan on the South coast of the Breton peninsula, 280 miles south west of Paris
- Vannes is known for its oyster farms, mechanical toy museum and jazz festival held in July



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Successful applicants will be notified by 31 March 2017.

Please send the nomination form in the post to:
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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO NOMINATE ONLINE VISIT
WWW.FAREHAM.GOV.UK/CITIZENAWARDS OR CALL 01329 236100

**CLOSING DATE
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31 JANUARY 2017**

Bringing people and parks together

Judges from South and South East in Bloom visiting the Borough



Going tropical in 2017

Every year we look to have new and innovative planting schemes in our parks and green spaces, so for 2017 the theme will be 'Totally Tropical' where the displays will focus on the exotic and dramatic.

With a rainbow of bright colours and amazing foliage the planting will reflect that of the subtropics and warmer climates. Bananas, Cannas and Coleus will form the backdrop to the floral schemes and also set the scene for the Community Gardening Challenge and other events planned. Look out for more information in the Spring.

A blooming good show

Fareham was delighted to be chosen to host the regional South and South East England Bloom awards at Ferneham Hall on 14 September, where 350 people came from all over the region to receive their awards.

Fareham again excelled, achieving its thirteenth consecutive gold winning entry in the Small City category and the County Award for the entry with the highest marks in Hampshire for the seventh year in a row.

Five parks and gardens came out on top with Gold awards for Holly Hill Woodland

Park, Sensory Garden of Reflection, Westbury Manor Museum, Warsash Common and the Civic Gardens.

Northern Junior School received a Gold level award and both Portchester Memorial Gardens and Portchester Crematorium also achieved a Gold award and category wins.

This is an outstanding achievement with nine Gold awards for the Borough that acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our community and Fareham in Bloom volunteers who work in partnership with the Council all year round.

Flower Power

The achievements of our amazing Borough gardeners were also celebrated at the annual Gala Awards event held in September. Over 200 awards were given out with 66 at gold level to residents, communities and businesses that were all part of this year's Community Gardening Challenge. Fareham Shopping Centre, Portchester Memorial Gardens and St Margaret's Nurseries, all kindly sponsored the event.

It's your neighbourhood

Five 'It's Your Neighbourhood' entries were submitted to the national scheme this summer. Fareham Conservation Volunteers, Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club, Lockwood Bowling Club, Fareham and Crofton Cricket Club achieved the 'Thriving' level and The Residents of Burnham Wood achieved 'Outstanding'.

For further information on Community Horticulture, Bloom and Parks initiatives contact: Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, **01329 824543**

Leyland PD2 Metro Cammell open top, 1956



You wait ages for a bus...

... and then three come along at once (in this case it's a blast from the past!)

English Electric Car Company tramcar, 1903



Crossley Condor breakdown wagon RV720, 1931



Along Portchester shore, amongst the bustle of Wicor Marina, part of our local history is being kept alive. One of the sheds at the marina is home to the City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport Depot (CPPTD). The charity celebrates 10 years in their Portchester home this year, where the group of volunteers look after several old public transport vehicles.

Their stock includes examples from the 30s through to the 90s, from retro looking open top double-deckers to more modern mini buses. Many of these vehicles, which all ran locally, were otherwise destined for the scrap yard.

The oldest of the vehicles there is an English Electric Car Company tramcar, a double decker tram built in 1903 for the Portsdown and Horndean Light Railway. Just think how different life would have been then! The oldest road vehicle is the Crossley Condor breakdown wagon RV720, built in 1931. With a bit of imagination you can put yourself on-board in the thirties in pre-World War Two Fareham!

The volunteers at CPPTD are dedicated to keeping these old motors going. In many cases they took on the vehicles in a state of disrepair, either through neglect or road accidents. Among their volunteers they have a wide skill base, volunteers who lovingly restore and maintain paint and bodywork and keep their old engines ticking over.

All this hard work means the vehicles can still be seen and in some cases ridden in, at public events, rallies and 'running days'. The shed at Wicor can also be visited by prior arrangement. CPPTD also store vehicles at East Meon.

Nigel Appleford, Secretary at CPPTD, says their passion comes from wanting to keep this history alive: "We are aiming to preserve our local transport heritage to bring nostalgia to those who can remember these buses and an educational experience for those who are too young to remember when buses had conductors.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers, so if you have a passion for old vehicles why not get in touch?"

The work of the City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport Depot means the vehicles, and the skills to maintain and drive them, are being preserved for future generations, offering people for years to come this insight into our past.

You can find details of their events and how to get involved at www.cpptd.co.uk

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as Nurse Nellie

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Events are correct at time of going to print. Details may be subject to change. For a full list of what's on and how to book your seats, contact the Box Office on **01329 231942** or email boxoffice@fareham.gov.uk.

November

Fareham Musical Society – Murder on the Nile

Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 October 7.30pm
(Saturday matinee 2.30pm)

Japanese Taiko Drummers

Wednesday 9 November 7.30pm

Whitney – Queen of the Night

Thursday 10 November 7.30pm

Everyone Active Dance Show

Saturday 12 November 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Antiques Fair

Sunday 13 November 10.30am – 4.00pm

Glitz & Glamour Party – Charity Event

Thursday 17 November 7.30pm

Sensational 60s

Friday 18 November 7.30pm

Karla Webber Dance School

Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 November

Music Hall Tavern

Friday 25 November 7.30pm

Royal Marines Concert

Sunday 27 November 2.30pm

December

Murder Mystery Dinner

4, 11, 17 December 7.00pm

Sleeping Beauty – Christmas Panto

Friday 9 – Saturday 31 December
Various times

January

Real Diamond Rocks

Friday 20 January 7.30pm

The Elvis Years

Thursday 26 January 7.30pm

Careers Fair

Friday 27 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Rainbow Centre Burns Night

Friday 27 January 7.30pm

All Stars Megaslam Wrestling

Saturday 28 January 7.30pm

Kermel School of Dance

Sunday 29 January 3.00pm

February

Laughter Live! Comedy Club

Friday 3 February 8.00pm



Jamie Raven – Live

Saturday 4 February 7.30pm

Syd Lawrence Orchestra

Thursday 9 February 7.30pm

SNAP Dance Night

Friday 10 February 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Havant Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 11 February 7.30pm

Antiques Fair

Sunday 12 February 10.30am – 4.00pm

That'll Be The Day

Thursday 16 February 7.30pm

The Christians – 80s Pop Sensations

Friday 17 February 7.30pm

How Sweet It Is – Motown's Greatest Hits

Saturday 18 February 7.30pm

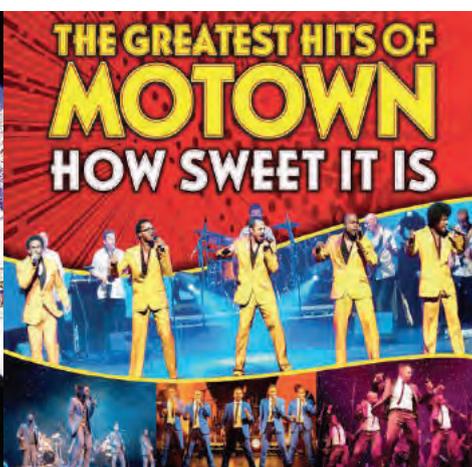
Yes Minister! – Interalia Theatre Company

Sunday 19 – Wednesday 22 February
7.30pm

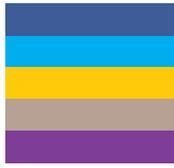
Stage One – Footloose

Thursday 23 – Saturday 25 February
7.30pm

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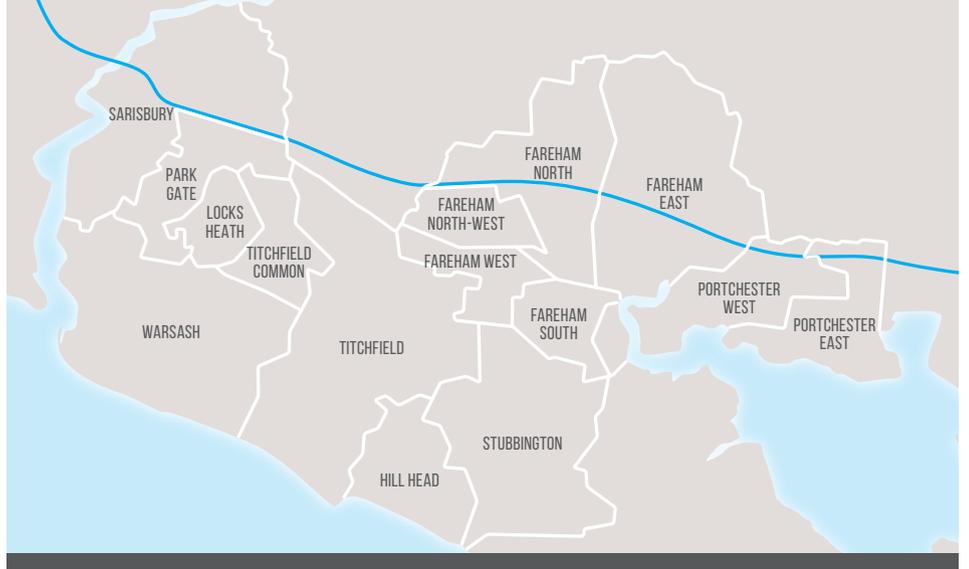


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