Parking

A different approach

Ensuring we keep traffic moving in the borough is very important to us all. But all too often it is just one illegally parked car that can quickly and easily cause a traffic jam.

The issue of parking is one that affects all of us — whether we’re motorists, cyclists or pedestrians. To ensure that we keep our traffic moving, whilst keeping safety, fairness and environmental concerns at the top of the list, we’re preparing a new borough parking strategy.

This strategy will explore the principles of residents’ parking for some of our town centre areas, will look at the issue of verge parking and review the approach to managing parking outside of schools. Alongside these developments we’ll also introduce parking enforcement in the borough in April 2007.

For those of us who park legally this change will not affect us. But for the small minority who park on yellow lines or in places where they shouldn’t, then this will make a difference.

Currently on-street traffic regulations are enforced by the police via local traffic wardens. From April next year, the enforcement role will transfer to Fareham Borough Council.

The biggest difference this will bring will be an increased level of enforcement. This in turn means that you’ll be much more likely to receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if you break the parking regulations both on-street and in car parks.

By enforcing the traffic regulations we’re demonstrating a commitment to road safety, easing congestion and tackling air pollution in the borough.

So over the next six months take some time to think about where you’re parking. And remember if you’re parking illegally, you’re taking a risk.

For more information about the changes to car parking, please contact, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
Did you know that glass was one of the first materials to be recycled on a large scale in the UK? It's easily recycled into new bottles and jars, and the process of recycling glass uses less energy than recycling other materials. It also saves on raw materials having to be quarried from our landscape.

We can’t collect glass in blue top recycling bins because it breaks and the shards contaminate the newspaper. If a load of newspapers sent to the recycling mill contains even the smallest amount of glass, the whole load would be rejected. It's therefore very important that you don’t put glass in your blue top bin.

The best way to dispose of your glass is to take it to a glass recycling bank. If this isn’t possible it must be put in the rubbish bin NOT the recycling bin.

All glass jars, including bottles, should be recycled using these glass banks. But never put window glass, light bulbs or glass that has been specially treated in some way, such as 'Pyrex' or 'Vision' cooking dishes into glass banks - these products are a different sort of glass and melt at a different temperature to container glass.
How it's recycled

It's important to put the right glass into the matching coloured glass bank (shown on page 4). The colours are recycled separately to make new containers of the same colour. Blue bottles can go in with the green glass.

When the glass banks are emptied, the glass is taken to Southampton Docks where it is crushed into cullet and loaded onto ships for transporting to the north of England for reprocessing. This saves a considerable number of journeys by lorry.

Each colour of cullet is scanned and any contaminants removed. There's no need to remove labels when you put glass in the banks as they're removed at this stage. The cullet is heated in the furnace and moulded into new bottles and jars.

The UK imports large amounts of beer, wine and spirits in green glass bottles. We've very little manufacturing which uses green glass, but new uses are being sought and green glass is used as an aggregate substitute in road building (pictured left) - in the form of a new material called glasphalt. This has the additional environmental benefit of reducing the need to excavate land for aggregate.

Where is my nearest glass recycling bank?

Fareham
- ASDA, Newgate Lane
- Admiral Cunningham PH, Longfield Ave
- Highlands Road Shops
- Leisure Centre, Park Lane
- Palmerston Road Car Park
- Wallington Village Hall, Wallington
- Sainsburys Store, Broadcut
- Duke of Connaught's Club, Queens Rd

Portchester
- Precinct Car Park
- Community Centre, Westlands Grove

Stubbington and Hill Head
- Alldays, Cuckoo Lane
- Golden Bowler, Stubbington Lane
- Stubbington Community Centre Car Park

Titchfield and Locks Heath
- Household Waste Recycling Centre, Barnes Wallis Road, Segensworth
- Barry's Meadow Car Park, Titchfield
- Holiday Inn, Cartwright Drive
- Locks Heath District Centre
- Priory Park Community Centre

Warsash, Sarisbury and Swanwick
- Burridge Sports & Social Club, Botley Rd
- British Legion Club, Brook Lane
- Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate
- Solent Breezes, Chilling Lane, Hook
- Solent Hotel, Whiteley
- Spinnaker PH, Bridge Rd, Lower Swanwick
- Warsash Road Car Park, Warsash
- Holly Hill Car Park, Barnes Lane
- The Elm Tree Inn, Swanwick Lane
- Sarisbury Social Club, Addison Road

What if the banks are full?

Once you've deposited your glass, please don't leave or put any empty boxes or bags by the bins, please take them home with you. If the bank is full, please take your glass away with you and contact us immediately, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk - we'll then endeavour to empty it as soon as possible. Please don't leave your glass on the ground, it could become a hazard and dangerous to others.

For more information on recycling glass please visit: www.wasteonline.org.uk/resources/informationsheets/glass.htm or www.recyclingglass.co.uk or www.glassforever.co.uk
STOP PRESS! Last week’s newspapers make today’s news!

Have you ever wondered what happens to your newspaper when you put it out for recycling?

1. It is collected along with your other recycling and taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where all the cans, plastic bottles, paper tins and card are separated out.

2. The newspapers are collected along with other types of paper including magazines (just like this one), envelopes and catalogues. They are then delivered to a paper mill.

3. Here the paper is pulped, washed and screened to remove all inks, glue and other contaminants.

4. The pulp is then passed over a series of presses and drying cylinders to create a new sheet of recycled paper over 50 miles long! This is rolled into jumbo reels ready to print tomorrow’s newspaper.

While we encourage you to recycle as much paper as possible, there are a few types that we are not able to collect through kerbside recycling schemes, including:

- **Shredded paper** – Shredded and small pieces of paper are too small and light to be separated by the automatic sorting equipment at the Materials Recovery Facility.

- **Gift wrap** – This is often layers of paper with plastic and foil or is covered with sellotape and ribbon, all of which cannot be recycled.

- **Yellow Pages** – Unfortunately the newspaper mills are not currently able to reprocess Yellow Pages.

There are some things you can do with this material. Shredded paper can be home composted or placed in some recycling banks with Yellow Pages (please check what’s wanted using the list on the bank).

Please remember to recycle all your newspapers, envelopes, catalogues and magazines - including this one!

For more information visit www.recycleforhampshire.org.uk

It takes just 7 days to recycle your newspaper into a new one!
They Care for Fareham!

The actions of five young people from the Warsash area have prompted the launch of a new campaign by Fareham Borough Council. The five youngsters felt so strongly about some issues in their neighbourhood that they made a deputation to their local residents' meeting.

Their concern centred around brambles and dog mess on their local recreation ground. These concerns were fed back to the relevant teams at the council and as well as working to resolve them, gave rise to the “I Care for Fareham” awards.

This new certificate based award scheme will recognise children for telling the council how best to improve their local areas. It is open to all young people aged 5-13 years.

It is hoped that it will encourage more young people in Fareham to get involved in their community and to understand that they can play a major part in local government decisions. For more information please contact, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk

Youth centres

The Hampshire County Youth Service runs a number of youth centres across the borough with a range of activities happening in each of them. Activities are usually for young people aged 13-19 years old.

To find out what is happening at your nearest centre, please contact the centre using the details listed below:

- Portchester Youth Centre
  Odyssey @ Portchester Community School,
  tel: 023 9221 0949

- Genesis Youth Centre
  @ Locks Heath,
  tel: 01489 578897

- X-Perience Youth Facility @ Trinity Street, Fareham, tel: 01329 232242

- Oasis Youth Project
  @ Titchfield Community Centre, tel: 01329 829819

- Crofton Youth Project
  @ Stubbington,
  tel: 01329 317923

Youth opportunity fund grants

This new fund is an extra cash resource to help empower young people aged between 13-19 years to do more locally. All applications must demonstrate how the proposed activities will involve and engage young people; and also meet certain criteria including outcomes from Every Child Matters and Youth Matters.

Priority for grants is given to those regions with the greatest need for developing opportunities where existing experiences for young people are limited.

Applications are being administered by the County Youth Service with a final deadline of February 2007.

For more information or for an application form please contact Phyllis Sheldon, Fareham District Youth Service Manager, tel: 01329 829819 or email: phyllis.sheldon@hants.gov.uk
Since the Fareham In Bloom campaign started 11 years ago, the borough has achieved no less than 17 awards, both regionally and nationally, and currently holds the title of overall winner for the Large Town/Small City category in the Southern Region of Britain in Bloom.

The nationwide ‘In Bloom’ campaign is not just about flowers, but is also a prestigious environmental quality award organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. Each year the borough enters the regional section and the judges look at everything from our landscaping and floral displays to the cleanliness of the borough along with our community participation, allotments and parks provision.

The success of ‘In Bloom’ lies in the diversity of activities and promotional opportunities undertaken to work with the wider community. We achieve this in partnership with a coordinating group of voluntary staff who dedicate many hours developing the local and regional competitions, events, promotional and educational activities.

This year’s judging was held on 4 July and some of the highlights for the judges three hour tour included Northern Junior Community School (above) - which this year gained a gold Medal with its first time school entry into the regional schools competition. In fact it was overall winner for Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Another port of call was the Eleanor’s Wood residents, whose whole street of gardens (pictured left) is a sight to behold.

In Fareham Town Centre the visit extended to the Sensory Garden as well as the new landscaping around the bus station and Market Quay car parks with colourful floral displays. Time out was taken in the western wards at Holly Hill Park and sporting facilities were shown at Sarisbury Green. Overall the entry was first class and this year’s results were due to be announced in September and published in the next edition of Fareham Today.

Gardens to be proud of

Following the success of last year’s Gardens Open Day, the borough once again had six previous Prize Winning gardens opening their doors this year on 17 July.

Each differently styled garden generously opened its doors for charity to show off their owners horticultural skill and flair in support of Fareham in Bloom.

216 people visited the gardens raising an amazing £1,418.16 through ticket, plant and refreshment sales. All proceeds were presented to the Mayor of Fareham’s charities and Radio Solent’s Daisy Appeal at the annual Fareham in Bloom presentation which was held on 14 September.

Your park ñ Your views

How do you feel about your local park or green space?

The organisation ‘Greenspace’ is seeking nationwide views on local parks provision and is looking for people to complete a short online questionnaire. For further information or to take part, please visit online: www.millionviews.org.uk
A £300k project to provide skate park facilities across the borough has been completed following requests from young people. The five facilities have been funded by the council over a three year period and assist in “plugging the gap” in existing play provision, by providing a stimulating and challenging opportunity to those children and young people who may be too old for existing play areas (which are predominantly aimed at 4-8 year olds), or who do not want to participate in structured youth activities.

Each site, designed in consultation with young residents, provides a localised area where young people can safely congregate and entertain themselves without the fear of being “moved on” by the Police or asked to leave by local residents. The sites provide access to a variety of recreational equipment, which has been chosen specifically for local young people with equipment for BMX riders, skaters and skateboarders.

All sites are slightly different and as well as a host of specific biking and skate features like half pipes, grind boxes and ramps, there are also additional facilities such as multi-use games areas, basket ball and general kick about areas.

All sites with the exception of the one at Whiteley include “Teen Shelters” which are covered seating areas where friends can just hang out, rest and socialise.

All construction has been to industry standard, PAS 35 2002 and is made of 5mm metal sheet, rubberised and skirted for sound reduction and resilience to intensive use.

The skate parks have been strategically located so as to be spread evenly throughout the borough with the first site completed at Wicor Recreation Ground in Portchester in July 2004.

The second at Stubbington Recreation Ground completed in October 2005, followed by a third at Locks Heath Centre in May this year. The fourth facility was finished at Park Lane Recreation Ground in July. A fifth site, also completed in July, has been funded in partnership with Winchester City Council at the Whiteley Meadowside Centre.

The council is now looking at the wider concepts of play provision and next year will develop a play strategy for the borough as a whole.

For more information on play provision contact Lorna Smyth, Parks Officer, tel: 01329 236100, email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/parks

For more information on Fareham in Bloom and parks activities contact the councilís Horticultural Development Officer, Matt Wakefield, tel: 01329 236100, email: parks@fareham.gov.uk or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/parks
Our aim is to ensure that everyone, regardless of who they are or their circumstances in life, feels part of the local community and is able to participate in and contribute to the democratic, social, economic and cultural life of the borough. We also want to ensure that our services can be used by everyone who needs them.

In developing and sustaining a strong and inclusive community, we’re striving to make sure our policies and the actions we take are relevant to Fareham. So we’re not only dealing with the ‘headline’ issues of race, disability and gender, but also acknowledging other issues — such as poor literacy, mental illness or having no internet access — all issues that can and do affect people’s ability to use services and have their say about our policies.

However, we do have a legal duty to promote equality for both our customers and our employees. We are required to take specific steps to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination
- promote equality of opportunity, and
- promote good relationships between all sections of the community.

Discrimination means ‘Different AND less favourable treatment of a person on grounds of race, disability, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, or marital status.’

We’re therefore currently developing specific equality schemes for Race and Disability (see box below for how you can get involved) and next year we’ll be tackling Gender and Age Equality. In addition, a programme of equality impact assessments is currently taking place. These will ensure that all our customers and employees are being treated fairly and equally and that everyone who needs services can use them.

A key part of this work will be consulting and involving customers about how our services can be improved and developed. In some cases, this may result in a service being provided in different ways to people with different needs. Even something simple, like using a larger typeface in letters sent to people with impaired vision, can make a big difference. If you have any ideas on how we can improve services to meet your needs, please let us know by contacting the Equality and Inclusion Advisor, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk

Race Equality & Disability Equality
We are currently consulting on the revised Race Equality Scheme and Action plan. Although the borough has a relatively small black and minority ethnic (BME) population, currently about 1.8% of the population, we consider this an important issue, take our statutory obligations seriously, and will take active steps to identify and eliminate any racial discrimination — whether deliberate or unwitting — in services, policies or employment practices.

On 6 September we held a very successful consultation event on Equality and Diversity at Ferneham Hall in partnership with Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary and a number of other organisations. Representatives from local voluntary groups in Fareham and Gosport came together to discuss key issues for inclusion in our Disability Equality Action Plan and how local disabled people could help us monitor and review the plan. A draft Disability Equality Scheme & Action Plan has now been produced and we would welcome further comments.

We are welcoming comments on all the schemes mentioned above; to send us your feedback on the Race and Equality and/or the Disability Equality Action Plan please contact the Equality and Inclusion Advisor, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
Fareham Shopmobility celebrates 10 years

With grants from Fareham Borough Council and social services, Fareham Community Action (formerly known as Fareham Council of Community Services) opened Shopmobility in November 1996.

Fareham Shopmobility situated in Osborn Road multi-storey car park, with its front entrance leading down to the shopping centre (pictured below), provides manual and power chairs as well as mobility scooters for use around Fareham town centre. The ‘Carers and Disability Information Centre’, which provides support for carers and disabled people and those with a sensory impairment, is based there too.

The Shopmobility powered vehicles are loaned out for a charge of £2 a day for members (membership £5 a year) and £3 a day for non members. Wheelchairs are also available for £1.50 a day.

Shopmobility is open Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm. The service is available to anyone who has a mobility difficulty both young and old. Whether it has been a sports injury or a difficult pregnancy Shopmobility has provided invaluable assistance to a wide range of people over the years.

For more information contact: tel: 01329 282929 or email: shopmobility@farehamaction.org.uk

SHOPMOBILITY

These mobility scooters were provided by Shopmobility for a recent visit to the Hillier Gardens.
From Friday 20 to Wednesday 25 October, Fareham will be celebrating the film industry by showcasing some of the numerous movies shot, and actors born in Hampshire. Fareham will host a number of workshops, with particular emphasis on encouraging young people to become involved in the many aspects of filmmaking. There will also be a whole range of competitions and special deals at some Fareham town centre restaurants too!

A red carpet launch by Charlotte Graham, plus some surprise guests will open the event at 6pm on Friday 20 October at Fareham’s Apollo Cinema. Ms Graham spent her childhood living in Locks Heath, was a local student, embarked on an acting career with a Fareham-based murder mystery company and has recently played Mary Magdalene in the Da Vinci Code. The launch will be followed by a full programme of activities at Ashcroft Arts Centre, Fareham Library, Farehamis Ferneham Hall and Westbury Manor Museum. The finale will be An Audience with Barry Norman at Fareham’s Ferneham Hall.

Pick up a programme for full details of all the showings, workshops and events from any of the venues or from a promotional stand at Fareham Shopping Centre on Sat 7/Sun 8 and Sat 14/Sun 15 October, or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk
### Monday 23 October

**Apollo Cinema**
10am A selection of short films by the students of Fareham College Media Studies course

**Ashcroft Arts Centre**
10am - 4pm Claymation Workshop Age: 9 - 16

**Fareham Library**
9.30am - 7pm Local Archive and BBC film footage

Fareham’s Ferneham Hall
7.30pm Wilde

### Tuesday 24 October

**Apollo Cinema**
10am Pride & Prejudice
10am Da Vinci Code

**Ashcroft Arts Centre**
10am - 4pm The Film Making Basics Workshop with Chard House Media Age 14+
11am Pink Panther Prefaced by short films made by young Hampshire talent of today.

**Westbury Manor Museum**
10am - 5pm Westbury Manor Museum celebrates Fareham’s Film Past!

**Ashcroft Arts Centre**
10am - 12pm & 2 - 4pm Focus on Film Workshop with City Eye Age: 6 - 8
10am - 4pm Cutout Animation Workshop Age: 9 - 16
FREE Film Screening Event with City Eye

**Fareham Library**
9.30am - 5pm Local Archive and BBC film footage
7pm Dream Palaces - reliving the glory days of going to the pictures. With local author and cinema enthusiast, Bill White. Talk and slide presentation

**Fareham’s Ferneham Hall**
7.30pm Titanic

### Wednesday 25 October

**Ashcroft Arts Centre**
3pm Doctor Strangelove Prefaced by short films made by young Hampshire talent of today.

**Fareham Library**
9.30am - 5pm Local Archive and BBC film footage

Fareham’s Ferneham Hall
7.30pm An Audience with Barry Norman... and why not?

**Westbury Manor Museum**
10am - 5pm Westbury Manor Museum celebrates Fareham’s Film Past!

### How to Book

Please note you must book for showings/workshops/talks at all venues to avoid disappointment.

(Just turn up to see the Fareham Library film footage and Westbury Manor Museum exhibition, which are both FREE and will run continuously during venue opening hours).

**Apollo Cinema Box Office**
Tel: 0871 220 6000

**Ashcroft Arts Centre Box Office**
Tel: 01329 310600

(A screening slot for the FREE Filmmaking Event on Tuesday 24 October at 7.30pm can be booked by contacting Susan Beckett, tel: 023 8067 7167 or visiting www.city-eye.co.uk)

**Fareham Library**
Tel: 01329 282715

**Fareham’s Ferneham Hall Box Office**
Tel: 01329 231942 or email: boxoffice@fareham.gov.uk

Please note that some programme details may change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the organisers.
Have you tried any of the fantastic activities and facilities available at the new Fareham Leisure Centre?

Since the official opening on 14th July 2006, the centre has a fresh and inspiring new look. Creating a truly family-friendly environment it encourages more people to be more active more often. Here’s a taster of what’s on offer…

- **State of the art fitness suite** with a brand new group exercise studio and over 70 classes per week.
- **Banana Active**: fitness for 11 – 15 year olds.
- **Splash Happy and Splash School** for all your swimming needs from Mother and Baby classes to Learn to Swim courses.
- **X-cite**: Sports Nursery and Crèche.
- **Planet Sports**: Gymnastics, Trampolining, Squash to help learn the skills much needed for later on in life.
- **Café Yes**: for all your nutritional needs.

Call us now for more information: 01329 233652

Fareham Leisure Centre, Park Lane, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 7JU

SLM manage this facility in partnership with Fareham Borough Council
This is brought to you by SLM Community Leisure Charitable Trust and SLM Fitness and Health Ltd.
Home Improvements

Home Maintenance Advice

To ensure residents live in a safe and healthy environment Fareham Borough Council can offer advice on reducing serious hazards in the home.

The Home Maintenance Advice Service for home owners can assist in identifying hazards and prioritising repairs, offer advice on the cost of repairs and employing a reputable contractor. There is no charge for this service.

The council will undertake a visual inspection of the property and prepare a report that will list deficiencies in the property and any serious hazards. It won’t be a full structural survey as the inspectors are not structural engineers however it will identify repairs required and measures to improve energy efficiency.

Home Improvement Loans

In certain circumstances following a Home Maintenance Advice Inspection the council may offer an interest-free Home Improvement Loan. This can be up to £5,000 and is available to remedy serious hazards that are identified or to install an efficient heating system where there is a vulnerable resident in occupation.

Applications can be considered from owner occupiers on income related benefits whose properties are in Council Tax bands A, B, C or D and remedial works are determined the most satisfactory course of action.

Repayment of the loan is deferred until the sale of the dwelling when equity in the property can be used to repay the loan and a £100 administration charge.

If you are an owner occupier you can request a Home Maintenance Advice Inspection by contacting Customer Services, tel. 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
Air quality

Under the Environment Act 1995, the council is required to carry out regular reviews and assessments of air quality in the borough. Where pollution levels exceed target levels, the council must designate an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). An air quality action plan is then developed to tackle the air pollution problem.

We currently have over 30 air quality monitoring tubes at various locations throughout the borough, measuring monthly levels of air pollutant, nitrogen dioxide*. The tubes are situated on kerbsides (pictured left), on houses close to busy roads and at background locations.

An AQMA has already been declared along part of Gosport Road, Fareham. We have also completed a six month period of continuous air quality monitoring close to this area. These results will be used for further assessing the extent of the AQMA. Details of the AQMA and previous air quality reviews are available from the Regulatory Services Department or by visiting: www.fareham.gov.uk air quality pages.

We'll be developing an air quality action plan over the next 12 months for the Gosport Road, Fareham with a view to improving air quality in the area.

The success of the action plan will depend on communication with the public and business community, and on the council responding to feedback. Other agencies such as Hampshire County Council, through the Local Transport Plan 2006-11, will assist in the development of the action plan. Examples of solutions may include car sharing and walk to school initiatives.

*Nitrogen dioxide is associated with adverse effects upon human health. At high levels, this gas can irritate the airways of the lungs, increasing the symptoms of those suffering from lung disease. The principal source of nitrogen oxide emissions is road transport.
Neighbourhood nuisance

Regulatory Services has a duty to investigate complaints of neighbourhood nuisance such as noise, bonfires, dust, fumes and odour, arising from residential and/or commercial properties that are affecting the enjoyment of your property including your garden. So if you’ve tried in vain to talk to your neighbour about the affect their nuisance is having on your life, we’re here to help.

Authorised officers will visit your home to assess whether or not a statutory nuisance exists under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. If so, an abatement notice can be served on the offender to prevent further nuisance.

**Noise**

Loud music, barking dogs, misfiring intruder or car alarms, DIY activities, construction site noise, factory noise and late night revelry including the use of fireworks, can all be considered a noise nuisance.

Under the Fireworks Regulations 2004, the use of fireworks is now prohibited by the police from 11pm until 7am. There are a few exceptions to this rule including 5th November when fireworks can be used until midnight and on the nights of the Chinese New Year, Diwali and New Year’s Eve, when the cut off time is 1am. Trading Standards Officers of Hampshire County Council also control the sale of very noisy fireworks. Further information about fireworks can be found in a leaflet published by the NSCA which is available from Environmental Health or at www.fareham.gov.uk

**Bonfires**

Bonfires can be a nuisance to neighbouring properties and the smoke may even blow over roads causing dangerous driving conditions (in this event please contact the Police). However, there are no bylaws relating to the prohibition and/or timing of bonfires in this area, but Environmental Health can deal with them if the smoke is causing a nuisance.

Garden waste can be composted in your own garden, taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre or collected from your garden waste sack. Please contact customerservices@fareham.gov.uk for further details of this service.

**Odours**

Odours may arise from cooking operations in commercial premises, drainage problems, the use of solvents in car repair premises, farmyards, sewage treatment plants and composting facilities.

**Dust**

Dust can occur from construction sites and DIY activities and can cause nuisance to neighbouring residents.

**Fumes**

Fumes from chimneys, vents, flues etc can also have an impact on neighbours and may prevent people from enjoying their own properties including their gardens.
Problems with sewers and drains

We receive many calls each year about problems with sewers and drains and can provide help and assistance to sort out most of the problems that arise.

If you’re the owner of your property you have the responsibility for maintaining the private drains which serve your property alone. Private drains generally drain into private sewers. A private sewer usually serves two or more properties and is the shared responsibility of all the properties it serves. If a private sewer is blocked, all the properties that drain into the sewer upstream of the blockage are responsible for clearing the blockage. If the private sewer appears to be damaged the owners should arrange for a CCTV survey to be carried out to identify the repairs needed - your insurance company may help with the cost of this work. If the sewer is not unblocked or repaired the council can take enforcement action against all parties to ensure the pipe is cleared or repaired.

Your wastewater is carried to the sewage treatment plant via a public sewer which is normally located in the road outside your house and takes wastewater from all the properties in the road. Public sewers in this area are the responsibility of Southern Water Services Ltd. If there is a problem with the public sewer in your road you should contact Southern Water Services, tel: 0845 278 0845.

A leaflet with more information on sewers and drains is available at www.fareham.gov.uk - look in the A-Z list, D, Drains, entitled ‘A Householders Guide to Drainage’.

In order to prevent blockages in your sewers and drains it is important that the following items are not flushed down the toilet but are bagged and binned instead:
- Disposable nappies, sanitary/incontinence pads, tampons and applicators, cotton buds, plasters, bandages, dental floss, food waste, hot fat, facial wipes (and other types of wipes for cleaning surfaces etc), razors and blades, condoms, syringes and needles, medicines (return to pharmacy for safe disposal). For further information on the Bag it and Bin it scheme visit: www.southernwater.co.uk/pdfs/corporate/Bagit_Binit.pdf

Out of hours emergency service

An Environmental Health emergency service for borough residents, operates at all times outside normal office hours including evenings, weekends and even Christmas Day! 0800 374485 is for serious nuisance complaints such as late night parties affecting several neighbours; reporting lost dogs; reporting and collection of captured stray dogs up until 9pm (if a mobile officer is available); serious health and safety, and food safety concerns in shops, restaurants etc; serious drainage problems.

Your call will be relayed via a call centre and paging service to an authorised officer of the council who will contact you within one hour to discuss the details of the nuisance and the next action.

Calls to the emergency service will not always result in a visit to your home. The officer will normally visit if there is an imminent risk to health or the environment, or if there is a serious/prolonged nuisance. If the nuisance occurs after 11pm, the officer will normally visit your home within 2 hours of being paged.

Making a complaint

Should you make a complaint to Regulatory Services about a nuisance, you will be asked for your details and the address of the offending property. Standard letters will be sent to both parties and you will be asked to keep a diary record of nuisance events over a 2-3 week period. Your details will not be disclosed to the alleged offender. Should the monitoring forms indicate that a nuisance exists, an investigation will be instigated by an authorised council officer. This will involve visits to your home to assess the alleged nuisance both during and outside normal office hours.

If you’d like more information regarding Regulatory Services, tel: 01329 236100, email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk or visit our website: www.fareham.gov.uk
Are you in a hurry? Want to avoid queuing?

The council administers a number of services where payment is required (Council Tax; Housing Rent; Parking Standard Charge Notices to name but a few), but did you know how many different ways you could pay for these services?

The list below shows the various ways to pay electronically and in doing so, avoid a queue:

Go online at www.fareham.gov.uk/payit and follow the link to use your debit card to pay:
- Council Tax
- Housing Rent
- Parking Standard Charge Notices
- Sales Invoices
- Business Rates
- Overpaid Housing Benefit
- Other Miscellaneous Payments

The service is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Dial 0845 60 66 876 and use your debit card to pay:
- Council Tax
- Housing Rent
- Parking Standard Charge Notices
- Sales Invoices
- Business Rates
- Overpaid Housing Benefit

The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. But if you would prefer to speak to a member of staff, tel: 01329 236100 during normal office hours.

Sign up for Direct Debit to pay:
- Council Tax
- Housing Rent
- Business Rates

This will give you peace of mind that the payment will not get forgotten. And if you haven’t got time to complete a Direct Debit form for your Council Tax or Business Rates, tel: 01329 824651 and it can all be done over the telephone. You will be sent written confirmation of your Direct Debit arrangement within 3 days.

For a full summary of what you can pay, how you can pay it and what payment card types we accept, please visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/payit

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
School governors

School governors needed

Have you ever thought about becoming a school governor? Governing bodies across the borough are looking for members of the community who want to become school governors and play their part in improving the education of local children. National research shows a clear link between effective schools and effective governing bodies. This is your chance to make a difference!

What do governors do?
Governors are representatives of the community and can offer a variety of experiences. They consider the longer term aims of the school, leaving the day to day management to the headteacher. Decisions are not normally made by individuals and the governing body as a whole has responsibility for any actions.

What qualifications are needed?
No formal qualifications are needed. Governors come from many different backgrounds and their variety of skills and knowledge strengthens the team.

What kind of training and advice is offered?
Training is provided by Hampshire Governor Services and covers most aspects of the role of a governor. Additional expert help and advice is also available if required.

What are the benefits of being a governor?
Governors work in a team considering how to achieve the best for pupils in their schools. This gives them experience which they can often apply elsewhere, for example in strategic planning, target setting and making decisions about budgets.

For further details and an information pack, please telephone Sue Pitcher or Lisa Cohman of Governor Services, tel: 023 9244 1481. Alternatively, visit the Governor Services website: www.hants.gov.uk/education/governors

Shilpa Childrenís Charity

The Children of Community Childcare Centres After School Club, based in the Oak Meadow family centre, Fareham, have recently formed a pen-friendship bond with children at Shilpa Childrenís Home (a registered charity) in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The CCC After School Club children were introduced to Shilpa after hearing about the devastating effect that the Tsunami had on many children in Sri Lanka. They saw through photos, videos and hearing first hand experiences, just how difficult it has been for many children who lost their homes and families from the disaster.

Fareham children have been inspired to help and immediately set about writing to the children at Shilpa and planning a fund-raising afternoon to raise funds to buy new furniture for the Shilpa preschool.

For more information contact Community Childcare Centres After School Club, tel: 01329 849349 or visit www.shilpa.org
Have You Registered Yet?

Each year the Electoral Registration Officer must produce a list of names and addresses of people eligible to vote in local and Parliamentary elections. Called the register of electors, it is the basis of our democracy in this country, so an accurate register is very important.

You should already have received a form through your letterbox asking you to confirm the names of all those eligible to vote in your household. If you haven’t returned the form yet, please do so without delay. The information asked for on the form is required by law.

If your name is not on the register of electors, you’ll not only lose your vote, but may also risk being refused credit, mortgage facilities or a loan. If you’ve not received a form or have any query about registering, please contact the election services office (contact details below).

Planning to move house?

If you move house, make sure you register for your new address as soon as you move in. This is not an automatic process, even if you register for council tax as there are different legal requirements that apply.

For further help and advice, please contact Election Services at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7PU, tel: 01329 824587 or email: electionservices@fareham.gov.uk

Healthy Workplace Award

The council has been presented with Fareham’s first Healthy Workplace Award having successfully introduced a number of initiatives to help employees develop a healthier lifestyle.

Initiatives introduced for council employees include:

- Free employee health checks
- Pedometer loan scheme
- Healthier options in the snack bar
- Discounts to join Banana Fitness at Fareham Leisure Centre

Future initiatives include:

- Complying with the Government’s legislation on smoking in workplaces and public places, due to be introduced in the summer of 2007, by ensuring council owned premises are smoke free where applicable.
- Health and Fitness days – staff will be encouraged to be more physically active throughout the day and will also be given information to support adopting a healthier lifestyle.
- Further employee health checks in future years.

Organised by East Hampshire and Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trusts, the Healthy Workplace Award aims to encourage the employer to help motivate its employees and implement various measures for healthier lifestyles.

For more information about the Healthy Workplace Award please contact the council’s Health Development team, tel: 01329 236100 or email customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
Dear Fareham Today,

Having read in your latest Fareham Today the letter by a reader regarding green waste sacks, I would like to re-echo her words of appreciation to our local council which appears to be one of the few, so far, who provides this recycling service. It is good that worn out sacks can be replaced.

However, I would like to ask why we could not put our own bags of green waste to be collected, rather than having to take them to the nearest recycling centre. Many of us at this time of the year have more prunings and so on, than will go in our, albeit spacious official sacks.

As an obviously conscientious council doing what it can for the environment have you any comments on my suggestion, or perhaps, a better one?

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. P Mary Bailey, Catisfield

Unlike many other local authorities, Fareham Borough Council offers a FREE fortnightly kerbside garden waste collection but in order to maintain a credible and manageable service there is a limit of 3 sacks per household for collection.

Householders are issued with one re-usable garden waste sack and a further two per household are available on request from the Customer Service Centre, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk

The FBC sacks we supply have been designed so that the collection crew can see what’s inside the bag, in case there is anything sharp or dangerous that may cause harm when lifting. The size and material of the sacks ensure that they aren’t too heavy when full or at risk from splitting when lifted. If we collected any type of bag/sack, the weight and contents could be hazardous to crew members. For these reasons the council stipulates that only FBC sacks can be used.

We’re also continuing to encourage composting. By composting at home you’ll reduce the amount of waste to be disposed of in landfill or energy recovery incineration. You’ll also produce useful compost which in turn will improve your garden and grow better plants. The council, in partnership with WRAP, offers a variety of discounted composters that you can order over the phone, tel: 0845 073 2002.
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<td>The Da Vinci Code: Faith, Fact or Fiction? - Lecture</td>
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<td>Aladdin starring Keith Harris, Orville and Cuddles</td>
<td>Prices vary, tel: 01329 231942 or visit: <a href="http://www.fareham.gov.uk/fernehamhall">www.fareham.gov.uk/fernehamhall</a></td>
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**N.B.** Details may be subject to change. For a full list of whatís on at Ferneham Hall and to book your seats, please contact the Box Office, tel: 01329 231942, email: boxoffice@fareham.gov.uk or to book online visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/fernehamhall

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### Christmas lights switch on and late night shopping

Sunday 19 November sees the start of Farehamís Christmas build-up. At 11am Santaís Grotto will open in the shopping centre, followed by an Ocean FM roadshow in West Street from mid afternoon. Christmas lights will be switched on at 4.30 and a firework display (weather conditions permitting) will bring the dayís events to an end.

Fareham town centre shops will be open late every Thursday until Christmas from 16 November (see individual shops for opening times) with around 2,500 car parking spaces and FREE parking after 6pm daily and all day Sundays.

**Markets**

There will be special Farmersí Markets on Saturday 2 and Wednesday 20 December, just in time to buy your special festive treats, plus Farehamís regular market every Monday and extra markets too. See press for details; visit: www.fareham.gov.uk to see ëWhatís Oní or contact the Town Centre Manager, tel: 01329 824474.