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

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The new Fareham Shopping Centre Multi-Storey car park, in Civic Way opened in August. The 209 space, four storey short stay car park leads directly into the shopping centre near to Debenhams and Bhs giving shoppers direct and easy access into the shops.

In July the Government Planning Inspector approved Fareham’s Core Strategy, which outlines our plans to manage the challenges facing the Borough over the next 15 to 20 years and beyond. It identifies where new housing and businesses should be as well as areas for protection from development. More information about this, the plans for a new community to the North of Fareham and what happens next are featured on pages 14 and 15 of this edition of Fareham Today magazine.

As always if there are any matters you would like to bring to my attention or suggestions you may have to improve the Borough we all share then I will be very pleased to receive them. I promise that all suggestions will be thoroughly considered.

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Join our e-panel and help improve services!

If you live in the Borough and are aged 18 or over, you can comment on topics relating to Fareham Borough Council and our partners online. If you’re aged between 13 and 19 you can join our young persons’ e-panel. Just click on the e-panel link on www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation

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Making friends with our neighbours in France and Germany

Did you know there have been links between our Borough and our European twin towns of Vannes in France and Pulheim in Germany for many years? People from Fareham enjoy getting together with their counterparts across the Channel and welcome our French and German friends over here in return.

Both of Fareham’s friendly Twinning Associations would love to sign up new members. And you don’t need to speak French or German to get involved! They arrange social events and language conversation classes in the Borough throughout the year as well as the twinning visits.

If you’re involved with a group or organisation who would like to twin with a similar group in Vannes or Pulheim, you should join the relevant Association, and seek advice on how to make contact. For more information, please contact Jean Luckett for Pulheim: jean@lucketts.co.uk and Angela Hick for Vannes: angelahick@ntlworld.com

Vannes

Vannes nestles at the head of the beautiful Gulf of Morbihan on the south coast of Brittany, its historic town centre dates back to medieval days. The twinning with Fareham started around 40 years ago. Over the years, Fareham visitors have toured local chateaux, sailed on the Gulf and relished local food including crepes and cider. Twinning group links include table tennis and tennis clubs, sailing clubs, the Warsash band and local doctors and pilots. www.farvantwin.hampshire.org.uk

Pulheim

Links with Pulheim were first established 25 years ago. It’s a small town in the north west of Germany, not far from Cologne and the magnificent Rhine. The headquarters of the European Space Agency is also nearby. Visitors from Fareham have enjoyed river cruises, wine tasting and expeditions to coal mines and salt mines. Groups involved in the twinning have included schools, choirs, footballers and amateur radio fans. www.fareham-pulheimtwinning.hampshire.org.uk

Forty cyclists took part in the Mayor of Fareham’s Charity Bike Ride around the Isle of Wight in July, raising over £6,000 for his chosen charities: the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, ‘Toe in the Water’; and Warsash Wasps.

The Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Trevor Cartwright was joined by 39 other cyclists on the gruelling 70 mile bike ride, cheered on by their supporters and spurred on by the fantastic amount of sponsorship money donated.

If you’d like to make a donation to the Mayor of Fareham’s Chosen Charities, please send your cheque made payable to ‘The Mayor of Fareham’s Charities 2011/12’ to: The Mayor’s Office, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ.
Household waste becomes fuel

Most household waste that used to go to landfill in Hampshire is now sent for Energy Recovery, where it is used to generate electricity. There are three Energy Recovery Facilities (ERFs) in the county, which are operated by Veolia Environmental Services in partnership with the local authorities in Hampshire.

Disposal of waste is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council. The range of materials collected for recycling is decided for the whole of Hampshire on the basis of sustainable and ethical markets being available to reprocess the material.

Materials for which there is no suitable reprocessing market provide fuel for the ERF, and ultimately electricity for the National Grid. Food waste, plastic tubs, polystyrene, shredded paper and other general household waste all provide fuel.

Fareham’s waste is taken to the Portsmouth Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), which has been processing non-recyclable household waste since 2005. It burns the waste cleanly and generates around 14MW of electricity constantly for the National Grid, which is the equivalent of powering 20,000 local homes continuously.

The process of generating electricity from waste works as follows:

- Household bins are emptied and the waste is taken to the Portsmouth Energy Recovery Facility (ERF).
- The vehicle tips the waste into the bunker.
- A crane grabs the waste and puts it into the hopper. From there it drops down a chute onto the grate.
- The grate moves, and turns the waste to ensure it burns fully.
- Metal is extracted from the ash and sent for recycling.
- The rest of the ash is sent for recycling, for example as aggregate for road building, or disposal.
- Hot gases are cooled by heating water to high pressure steam.
- This steam is used by a turbo-generator to produce electricity, which is exported to the National Grid.
- The flue gases go through an extensive cleaning process. A gas scrubber and a bag filter remove particulates. This material, Air Pollution Control Residue, is disposed of at a licensed site.
- Cleaned gases are released to the atmosphere through the chimney.

Details of the emissions data is published on the company’s web site (see below).

The building pictured right was designed to reflect its inner-city location. The ERF is also situated next door to the Portsmouth recycling plant. In 2006 the distinctive building was presented with a Design Award by the Portsmouth Civic Society. Following this, the site was featured in BBC2’s Culture Show, in a segment named “The Unsung Heroes of Architecture”.

All photos courtesy of Veolia Environmental Services. For more information visit: www.veoliaenviroслvices.co.uk/Hampshire

Changes to the Mobile Library Service in Fareham Borough

Hampshire’s new Mobile Library Service started in the summer, with four mobile libraries serving the county and new priorities for rural communities, including sheltered accommodation, more than 2 miles from a library.

The mobile library visits our Borough every four weeks on a Thursday, stopping at Catisfield Community Centre; Hill Park Club / Buckingham Court on Highlands Road, Fareham; Bye Road, Swanwick; Titchfeld Community Centre and Victory Hall, Warsash. The next dates will be 13 October, followed by 10 November and 15 December. For details of times visit www.hants.gov.uk/library or ask at your nearest library.

The mobile libraries have been restocked with new books including large print and audio books and the best of the remaining stock from the previous service so there are plenty of titles to choose from. Books can be borrowed from the mobile library and returned to any Hampshire library and vice versa. If you’re concerned that you may not be able to return books in time don’t worry, items can easily be renewed over the phone on 0845 6035631 or through the library website.

Not everyone can reach the mobile library stops or the libraries in Fareham, Lockswood, Portchester and Stubbington and it may be that you can help a friend or relative in this situation by choosing books for them. Pick up a ‘Good Neighbour’ library card from the mobile library driver or at your nearest library.

Hampshire Library Service also has the Home Library Service for people who through frailty or disability can’t reach a library and don’t have anyone to be a Good Neighbour. If you’re interested in becoming a library volunteer or would like to use the Home Library Service please call 0845 6035631, visit www.hants.gov.uk/library or ask at your nearest library.

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We’re switching to digital!

In February/March the traditional TV signal in our area (Meridian region) will be switched off and replaced with a digital TV signal. For most of us this won’t be a problem but some may find it hard to make the change.

*Statistics from the Energy Saving Trust and are based on an average 3 bedroom semi-detached property.

People are eligible for help if they are:
- aged 75 or over,
- have lived in a care home for six months or more,
- get or could get, disability living allowance,
- receiving attendance or constant attendance allowance, or mobility supplement,
- or if they are registered blind or partially sighted.

What’s next?

In the run-up to the switchover, every eligible person receives a Switchover Help Scheme information pack explaining the options for switching to digital. Most people will be asked to contribute £40 towards the help. The service is free for people who are eligible and also get pension credit, income support, income-based jobseekers allowance or employment and support allowance.

For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit www.helpscheme.co.uk or call 0800 40 85 900. Textphone users can call 0800 40 85 936.

Insulate Hampshire

Insulate Hampshire is the new area based insulation scheme aiming to save you money on your energy bills and keep your home warm and comfortable.

The scheme, backed by all councils in the County of Hampshire was launched in July and is available to all homeowners in Hampshire, offering loft insulation at £99 and cavity wall insulation at £75* for the first 5,000 suitable homes to sign up to the scheme and £99 thereafter. The scheme is expected to improve 20,000 Hampshire homes, enabling Hampshire residents to cut their household bills by £300 a year, saving 1.5 tonnes of CO2. Some people in certain circumstances will also benefit from completely free home insulation, including the over 70’s.

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To find out more about the Insulate Hampshire scheme and to register an interest, call free on 0800 952 0037 or visit www.insulatehampshire.co.uk

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The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover in our region.

What does the Help Scheme do?

The Switchover Help Scheme aims to reach out to all eligible people, and ensure that those who need help get it, so that no-one eligible need be left behind without access to television after the switchover.

Insulate Hampshire ofers discounts from between 5% and 50% on a whole range of leisure activities, now from 48 outlets in and around Fareham.

You can use your card at:
- Ambush Paintball and Lasertag
- Amnesia The Hair Fitness Centre
- Andark Diving & Water Sports
- Bathroom World Fareham Ltd
- Bembridge House Bed & Breakfast
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- Body Fusion On-form Sports Injury Clinic
- Cameron Flights Southern Ltd
- Club V
- Compass Trailers
- Crofton Shotokan School of Karate
- Curves
- Cuts and Clobber
- Direct Electrical
- Energie Fitness for Women
- Fareham Health and Beauty
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Ferneham Hall
- Go Bowling
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Gosport Ice Rink
- Hargroves Cycles
- IHT (Interior Home Touches)
- Kitesurf UK
- LBhealthcare
- Life Coach and Mentoring
- Luckets Travel
- Manor Farm Country Park
- Mean Valley Cycle Hire
- Motag Motorcycle Training
- Naz Indian Cuisine
- New Forest Activities Booking Centre
- Passion Flower Florists
- Razzamattaz
- Royal Victoria Country Park
- Royal Victoria Railway
- Solent Nurseries
- St Margaret’s Nurseries
- TAGF Activities Ltd
- Team Sport Indoor Kating
- The Hayward Studio
- The Healing Sanctuary
- The Oakleaf Brewing Company Ltd
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- The Spirit Within Holistic Therapies
- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
- Wickham Vineyard
- Zebra Waste Skip Hire

The cards cost just £6.30 per person, £14.70 for a family membership, £4.40 for a student card or free to some residents on a low income. Cards are renewable annually. Please see the application form.

For more businesses in your local area be sure to look in the Find It Local Magazine to get all the best deals around whilst helping to support your local economy.

For more information about Fareham Leisure Card or if your company would like to be part of the scheme and offer discounts, contact the Leisure Card Officer on 01329 824894 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Community Safety

Frontline policing maintained

At the beginning of the year Hampshire Constabulary began an organisational change in an effort to increase efficiency and reduce costs, whilst maintaining an excellent service to the public. As part of those organisational changes the Fareham and Gosport policing districts were merged to form a new policing district.

Chief Inspector Jason Kenny, the new district commander for the Fareham and Gosport policing district will embark upon the challenge of leading his staff in providing and delivering an uninterrupted quality of service across both Fareham and Gosport at a time when the police are undergoing change to their structure at both a local and national level.

Hampshire Constabulary’s need to increase efficiency whilst reducing costs has led to some difficult decisions. Thankfully, the recommendations within Hampshire Constabulary’s estate review recommended that Park Gate, Fareham and Gosport Police Stations should remain. The visible and reassuring presence of these well established buildings is vital for maintaining confidence within the community. They also provide a solid platform from which to plan for the future.

In addition, front line policing through the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams are being maintained. The teams remain a priority within the Borough and will work closely with the Fareham Community Safety Partnership in making the Borough a safe place.

The police will continue to work with both Fareham and Gosport Councils and their respective Community Safety Partnerships to reduce anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and violence while continuing to proactively tackle many of the causes of crime, such as alcohol and drugs.

Fareham’s Community Safety Partnership is one of the best performing in Hampshire and the police will continue to play a major part together with other community safety partners in maintaining this. It also supports the work that is undertaken by the Fareham and Gosport CCTV Partnership that makes a valuable contribution to policing in the Borough.

Chief Inspector Kenny and his team assure you that front line policing will be maintained which will result in the delivery of an excellent policing service to the combined 190,000 residents across both Fareham and Gosport. Crime in Fareham and Gosport areas has fallen year on year and the Police in conjunction with their community safety partners, will continue to build upon this success in making Fareham and Gosport even safer places to live.

Crime reports site launched

Be one of the first in the UK to visit www.crimereports.co.uk and see up-to-date information regarding crime, incidents and anti-social behaviour for your local community.

The newly launched Crime Reports site is a new crime mapping facility only available to residents across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight which shows you exactly what has been happening in and around where you live.

This new facility also gives you the opportunity to see how crime, incidents and anti-social behaviour is being dealt with and to have your say on the important issues affecting you and your neighbours.

So visit Crime Reports today and sign up to receive regular emails regarding crime, incidents and anti-social behaviour in your community.

SNAPs are alcohol-free dance nights for 11 to 16 year olds. They’re held at Ferneham Hall on dedicated Friday nights and run from 7pm to 10.30pm. The next two SNAP dates are 30 September and 25 November. Tickets (priced £6) can only be booked in advance and are available from Ferneham Hall. Please call the box office on 01329 231942 to get your booking in early. For more information visit www.snapdc.co.uk

White Ribbon Day

25 November is White Ribbon Day, a worldwide awareness day highlighting the damage to our societies caused by domestic abuse. For updates on the activities being planned across the Borough of Fareham to mark this occasion visit www.saferfareham.co.uk

Halloween - Trick or Treat?

Halloween and bonfire night can be an exciting time for all the family. However, not everyone may see the fun in spooky doorstep callers or noisy fireworks. Enjoy the celebrations safely but please respect those who don’t want to take part.

Four more things to remember about registering to vote:

• You must register every year. You are not automatically registered, even if you pay council tax.

But who’s got access to your personal details? Until 2002 anyone could buy a copy of the register to use for any purpose. Then the law was changed to give you some choice about who can buy details of your name and address.

There are now two versions of the electoral register: the full version and the edited version. When you fill in your form you can opt out of the edited version, which anyone can buy. If you tick the box on the voter registration form, your name and address will only appear on the full register which is used for elections, referendums and certain other purposes. If you do not tick the box on the voter registration form, your name and address will also appear on the edited version of the register, which anyone can buy. This means that anyone can use your details for any purpose. Make sure your choice is clear, every year.

What do I do?

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http://www.fareham.gov.uk/elections
Community Action Team (CAT) meetings are a great way to have your voice heard about what's going on in your community. We had excellent attendances across all of the summer CAT meetings with residents keen to learn more about the new community to the North of Fareham. Attendees also had a chance to ask Executive Leader, Councillor Sean Woodward any questions they had about the proposals. Some CAT areas also covered topics more specific to their local community, such as parking issues in Titchfield.

What happened at the Summer CAT meetings?

Meetings are from 7pm until 8.30pm and take place in the following areas across the Borough:

- **Titchfield – Tuesday 13 October**
  The Malt Room, Titchfield Community Centre, Mill Street, PO14 4AB
- **Fareham Town – Monday 17 October**
  Henry Cort Community College, Hillson Drive, PO13 6PH
- **Portchester – Tuesday 25 October**
  Portchester Parish Hall, Assheton Court, off Castle Street, PO16 9PY
- **Western Wards – Wednesday 26 October**
  Victory Hall, 27 Warsash Road, Warsash, SO33 9HW
- **Crofton – Tuesday 22 November**
  Holy Rood Church, Gosport Road, Stubbington, PO14 2AS

Apologies, the summer edition of Fareham Today magazine included an incorrect date for the Western Wards meeting. The date of the meeting is Wednesday 26 October.

Do you have a topic for the agenda?

If you have any requests for an agenda item at the next round of CAT meetings, please contact your local CAT Chairman or CAT officer.

The five CAT Chairmen for the Borough of Fareham with their respective Officers are:

- Cllr Kay Mandy (Crofton)
  Gerry Hilt-Jones
- Cllr John Bryant (Fareham Town)
  Mark Dunning
- Cllr Nick Walker (Portchester)
  Richard Wright
- Cllr Kay Mandy (Crofton)
  Niamh Bains
- Cllr Trevor Cartwright (Western Wards)
  Scott Mills

When are the next CAT meetings?

- **Fareham Area Disability Forum £410**
  The Fareham Area Disability Forum is a newly established group that aims to promote the care, welfare, interest, education and advancement of disabled people, their independence and inclusion within the community of Fareham and surrounding areas. The Fareham Area Disability Forum was granted £410 for a membership drive and to assist with holding the Forum’s first AGM.

- **Titchfield CAT**
  Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust £4,500
  The Trust was recently awarded £4,500 in community funding to help improve visitor access to Swanwick Lakes. Local residents, visitors and the many local schools that use the centre each year, will benefit from a number of improvements including a new surfaced easy access circular trail and kissing gate to replace the existing ‘guillotine’ style gate. These improvements will help make the lakes more accessible for all.

- **Western Wards CAT**
  Genesis Special Needs Youth Group £1,852.98
  Celebrating 10 years of providing a range of physical and quieter role play activities for young people with special needs, the group will purchase new furniture with the Community funding.

- **Portchester CAT**
  Locks Heath Football Club £5,000
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- **Portchester Community School £4,500**
  After their nursery garden was destroyed by snow and frost, Portchester Community School successfully applied for £4,000 in community funding to turf 80 square metres for the children to play on. The grant also went towards the installation of a rubber soft play surface over another 80 square metres of the garden for games and other outdoor activities.

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A new community to the North of Fareham

As Fareham continues to adapt to meet changing economic, social and environmental circumstances, it faces new challenges as we strive to ensure its future prosperity and attractiveness as a place to live and work in.

Examination in Public

In May this year the Council’s draft Core Strategy was considered at an ‘Examination in Public’ by a Government Planning Inspector.

The Core Strategy sets out the vision and plans to manage the challenges facing the Borough over the next 15 years. The Planning Inspector heard about the proposed plans for where new housing and businesses should be built, as well as areas to be protected from development. These plans had been informed by Government guidance, evidence from studies undertaken by the Council, and views from the local communities and businesses. The Planning Inspector chaired discussions into housing, employment, transport and environmental issues.

The proposal for a sustainable new community to the North of Fareham, was discussed in depth, with many local groups involved in the debate. The Council explained how it believes that developing a new distinct community is the most sustainable way to meet the Borough’s needs, giving the best opportunity for providing supporting infrastructure such as schools, health facilities and jobs, whilst protecting the character, setting and facilities of existing towns and villages.

The Planning Inspector’s Decision

Following the conclusion of the Examination in Public and in light of the discussions and questions raised, the Planning Inspector reviewed the Council’s draft Core Strategy, and identified various changes required to ensure that the strategy is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. The Planning Inspector’s report was published by the Council on 21 July. The amended Core Strategy was adopted by Fareham Borough Council on 4 August.

What happens next?

Work will now start on developing more detailed plans for the new community through an Area Action Plan. The Plan will identify a site boundary for the development, the facilities, infrastructure and transport provision needed to serve the new community’s needs, together with more detail on green space, design, housing and employment provision.

Timeline

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Future key dates

| 2013 | Outline planning permission for new community sought |
| 2014 | Detailed planning permission and infrastructure for new community sought |
| 2014 | Preparation of site starts |
| 2016 | Development of housing and other facilities |

Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about the issues facing the future of the Borough, how you can find out more about the sustainable new community and how you can give us your views or get involved please:

Visit our website at www.fareham.gov.uk
Phone us on 01329 236100 and ask for Strategic Planning and Design
Email us at planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk
Sign up to the Council’s database by emailing us with your contact details at planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk or writing to Strategic Planning & Design at Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham, Hants PO16 7AZ.

Follow us on Twitter: @FarehamBC
Bringing people & parks together

For 16 years Fareham in Bloom has been bringing people and parks together with an ever growing number of people taking part in a diverse range of projects that aim to encourage our community to become actively involved in our parks and green spaces. Last year alone over 700 working groups, events and friends practical work days were held amounting to an amazing 9,000 volunteer hours and a staggering attendance of some 16,000.

As the years have passed, the campaign has diversified and in doing so has been able to secure the continued interest and support of our volunteers, sponsors and participants which in turn ensures we can continue to work in partnership for the benefit of the wider community.

Gardens reveal all

In July seven Fareham in Bloom prize winning gardens opened their ‘gates’ to show off the horticultural talents as part of the park’s events programme.

The first gardens open day took place in 2005 and has become a firm annual calendar event, raising money for charity whilst allowing the community to gain inspiration and garden design ideas.

A record 361 people attended the event organised by the Fareham in Bloom volunteers, raising an amazing £2,778.47 through ticket, plant and refreshment sales. A big thank you to everyone who opened their gardens and to those who gave so generously.

Proceeds will be donated to a number of good causes including the Mayor of Fareham’s charities at the Fareham in Bloom presentation in September.

Details of the Gardens Open Day for 2012 will be published in the spring 2012 edition of Fareham Today.

Make a wish

This autumn season discover a new creative craft event at the beautiful Green Flag award winning Sensory Garden in Osborn Road, Fareham, where you can get ‘hands on’ experience and learn some great practical skills.

The fun filled afternoon starting at 1pm on Saturday 22 October will look at alternative pumpkin carving, willow weaving and making bird feeders for the winter along with decorative ideas for natural Christmas decorations.

The event will include some artistic tree dressing and those attending will have the chance to make a wish by writing their own personal thoughts on a copper label which will then be hung to remain in a designated tree.

Tickets can be purchased at Fareham Tourist Information Centre – £5 per person.

Spring into the Olympics

For the special Olympic year the Fareham in Bloom team and Football Development Officer will be working with sporting organisations at four locations in the Borough to plant bulbs that will celebrate the 2012 Olympics.

The event will take place on Sunday 6 November when 5,000 dwarf golden narcissus will be planted across each of the following sites, with some local sports personalities helping out.

10am – 12 noon
Seafeld Park Recreation Ground
Allotment Road Recreation Ground
2pm – 4pm
Bath Lane Recreation Ground
Wicor Recreation Ground

Why not come along and help mark that legacy by planting some bulbs that will reappear year after year. (Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult)

For further information on the Bringing People and Parks Together project, In Bloom, and Horticulture, please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, email: parks@fareham.gov.uk or tel: 01329 824543
have you ever wished your personal relationships could be better or wondered why many couples and families you see seem to be happier and to get along better with their partners and family members than you do with yours?

Relate see people from all walks of life, of varying ages at different life stages. In an average week they take over a dozen enquiries from couples who have been together for years, but are struggling to stay together, parents worried about how things will turn out with their children or their own elderly parents, and young people about their own special problems and worries.

In a year Relate offers over 5,000 sessions of relationship counselling through their Portsmouth and Southampton offices.

These cases are just a small example of the work Relate does:

Case study 1 - Paula and James’ children had all just left home to make their own way in the world. Paula was struggling with the ‘empty nest’ and had lost her own self identity. James was wondering why his wife never seemed to want to talk to him about anything other than the children. Their sex life had become non-existent in recent months and James was thinking of leaving. After coming to see a Relate Counsellor over a period of about eight weeks the situation is now very different and the future looks really bright for this couple. With the help of the counsellor they have rediscovered why they first fell in love with each other and have learned how the impact of the children growing up and leaving home has changed the way they see themselves. Both Paula and James have had to work hard to change and now face a really optimistic future together.

Case study 2 - Another couple, newly retired, have suddenly found themselves longing for time away from each other and didn’t realise how hard it would be to stay at home together after having gone out to work full time for most of their lives. They arrived at Relate for their first assessment appointment on the verge of separating and with little hope of a future together. Both were really upset at the prospect of being alone. With the support of a Relate Counsellor the couple have learned to understand what their partner needs from their new situation, how to keep some outside interests and hobbies going without their partner feeling left out and how to understand and respect each other again in their new situation. They’re working on their relationship and after six sessions with Relate feel they’re making really good progress.

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The majority of the tennis courts in the Borough have undergone various improvements over the past two years, including new fencing, repairing and cleaning court surfaces, repainting court markings, and new nets and posts.

Some of our tennis courts are managed in partnership with tennis clubs and therefore you should make contact with them directly if you have an enquiry or wish to make a booking, which is essential.

Courts are located at:
- Locksheath (2 courts available) Tel: 01489 582512
- Sarisbury (2 courts available) Tel: 01489 573114
- Portchester (3 courts available) Tel: 02392 210070
- Warsash (3 courts) available 07519 633559
- Stubbington (2 courts) available Tel: 01329 662821

We also have courts that remain open at all times, and therefore you do not need to make a booking to use them.

These courts are located at:
- Burridge (2 courts) – Behind Burridge Village Hall, Burridge
- Titchfield (2 courts) – On the open space at Titchfield Recreation Ground, Mill Lane, Titchfield

For further information about the Sport and Recreation Facilities available in the Borough please contact the Leisure and Community Team on 01329 236100 or email sportsdevelopment@fareham.gov.uk

Apology: In the summer edition of Fareham Today magazine on page 11 ‘React Games’ we incorrectly stated that the venues for the Games included Fareham Leisure Centre, this was not the case and we apologise for the misunderstanding.

Maasai Dancers from Kenya and Northern Tanzania

A group of Maasai Dancers are performing on Sunday 6 November at 4.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, West Street, Fareham. Tickets are £2 each available from the Church Office, on 01329 232688 or email admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk Beadwork by the Maasai tribe will also be on sale during the interval and donations are welcome to support the tribe and their families at home.

Youth Council Update

Fareham Youth Council is helping to promote and support the new Young Persons E-panel, as they believe it will help to raise the voices of the young people within the Borough. The Young Person’s E-panel is an online facility for 13 to 19 year olds that enables the Council to consult with young people on issues that matter to them, regarding the local community.

Once you’ve joined the Young Persons E-panel you will receive the occasional questionnaire that will give you the chance to voice your opinions on the subject at hand.

Please join the Young Persons E-panel by logging on to www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation and click on the e-panel link.

Fareham Youth Council is adding the finishing touches to its promotional DVD, so please look out for it at your local youth centres and schools. They’re also finalising their website and hope to have this up and running soon, with links from the Fareham Youth Council page on the Council’s website.

If you’d like to find out more about what Fareham Youth Council do or would like to join them please go along to one of their meetings. They’re held every first Wednesday of the month from 4pm to 5.45pm at the Civic Offices in Fareham.

You can also email them: yc@fareham.gov.uk
Last Christmas, nearly 1.12 million children from 14 countries across the world received a special shoebox gift thanks to the commitment of supporters and volunteers across the UK. This is more than just an impressive statistic – it is the reality that each of those children will have been filled with joy at receiving a gift of love sent by you.

Once again we’re encouraging Fareham residents to take part by filling shoeboxes with fun and useful gifts for underprivileged children who live in some of the toughest parts of the world.

What to pack?

All items should be new. Please include items from each ticked category and please make your box both fun and educational. Please don’t include any items from the ‘No’ list.

Yes please!
Choose from each of the four categories:

Toys:
- Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument.
- For boys – Trucks and cars
- For girls – Dolls, clip on earrings, etc.

Educational Supplies:
- Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, note pad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc.

Hygiene Items:
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc.

Other Items:
- Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

No thanks!
Please do NOT include any of these items:
- No food, especially chocolate (only exception: non-chocolate sweets are allowed)
- No medicine or vitamins of any kind
- No war related items, toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind
- No clothing other than listed left
- No fragile items
- No glass containers, mirrors
- No liquids, including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols
- No dangerous items, sharp objects, scissors or razors
- No novels
- Nothing of a political nature
- No hand-knitted stuffed toys without a CE mark

How to pack your shoe box

1. Find an empty medium sized shoe box (18cm x 30cm x 13cm). Wrap the lid and box separately in Christmas wrapping paper.
2. Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl. Cut out the boy or girl label, tick the appropriate age and stick it to the top right on the outside of the wrapped lid. Secure the label with sticky tape.
3. Fill your box with gifts.
4. Make a donation (online at www.samaritanspurse.uk.com if possible) of at least £2.50 per box towards UK transportation, shipping, distribution and promotion.
5. Please secure the lid with an elastic band, and do not seal the box as it will need to be checked to ensure it meets Customs requirements.

Please take your gift filled shoe box to ‘Shoe Zone’ in Fareham Shopping Centre or Sarisbury Green United Reform Church between 1 and 18 November.

For more information visit: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Remember your gifts in a shoe box could be the first Christmas present a disadvantaged child has ever received. Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued.
Campaign to protect workplace rights

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is supporting a national campaign to protect vulnerable workers from employers who deny them basic workplace rights such as paid holiday. Every year, Citizens Advice helps hundreds of workers who have suffered cuts in holidays, working hours or rates of pay, in contravention of their legal rights or job contracts.

At Fareham CAB they’ve been seeing workers in the care, catering, retail, building, contract cleaning and food processing industries who may not even realise their rights, such as the national minimum wage (£5.93 per hour for workers of 21 or over) and paid holiday entitlement (20 days per year plus bank holidays for people working five days a week).

The Government is carrying out a review of how to make sure workers’ rights are respected. Citizens Advice has welcomed this and called for the Government to create a single Fair Employment Agency to achieve it. This would combine existing employment rights enforcement bodies into a single new organisation.

Evidence shows that there are too many rogue employers and employment agencies prepared to flout the law and profit from exploitation. This is unfair not only on workers but also on the many law-abiding companies that observe workplace rights.

Visit www.farehamcab.org.uk to find out more about your basic rights at work.

Getting to grips with your budget

If you’re finding it hard to manage your money, there’s a useful new budgeting tool on the CAB website www.adviceguide.org

The budgeting tool is an online calculator which helps you list all your household income and expenditure and draw up a household budget. You can also use it to work out how much you’ve got to pay off your non-priority debts, for example, personal loans, overdrafts or credit card debt. At the end you’ll be able to print off a financial statement which you can use to come to an agreement with your creditors. If you’re in arrears with your rent, mortgage, council tax or utility payments you should get advice from the CAB or other agency straight away.

Case Study

A client asked Fareham CAB for help after being repeatedly refused a basic bank account. As a result he had to be paid in cash. He also had to carry a lot of cash around to pay utility bills etc. which was both inconvenient and risky and caused him considerable stress.

The client had written off his debts via a Debt Relief Order last year, but this should not have prevented him from being granted a basic bank account. Fareham CAB advised the client to tell the banks that they were obliged under banking regulations to explain the reason for their refusal. Normally the only grounds for refusal are where an applicant has been convicted of fraud or is an undischarged bankrupt. Neither applied in this case and the client has now been successful in securing a basic bank account.

Find out more about basic bank accounts on the CAB website www.farehamcab.org.uk

CAB now open at new Highlands Hub

Advisors from Fareham CAB are now available every Tuesday at the new Highlands Hub in Highlands Road, Fareham from 9.30am to 5pm. This extra service will make it easier for people living to the west of the town centre to drop in for advice.

Help is given on a wide range of problems including employment, money advice, housing and benefits issues as well as consumer rights, family problems, legal matters and immigration.

The CAB regular Monday to Friday service at the main base on the top floor of Fareham library will continue unchanged.

Most people could tell you stories about the bad driving or inconsiderate parking of other drivers. These often manifest themselves as complaints, and it’s my task to listen and help where possible.

07:55 I arrive in the office after cycling in from Stubbington. This is my preferred mode of transport because it’s cheap, usually quicker than driving and provides good exercise.

08:30 After a shower and change of clothes, I’m at my desk opening emails and preparing for the day ahead. Nothing urgent has arrived overnight, so I focus towards my 10am meeting to discuss the pros and cons of introducing three sets of waiting restriction proposals, in response to numerous complaints about hazardous parking.

08:45 I discuss the meeting with my Head of Service who has some questions about the introduction of the waiting restrictions.

09:15 The phone rings and it’s a complaint about speeding traffic. We have a programme of providing Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) signs, which flash 30mph when vehicles exceed that speed. I agree that this would be an appropriate location, but remind the caller that since speeding is such a common cause of complaint, it may be a few weeks before an SLR can be used in their road.

09:45 I reply to an email about the traffic implications of a planning application.

09:55 I make my way to the meeting. The Executive Member for Public Protection, Councillor Arthur Mandry approves parking restrictions at three locations in the Borough. One of these has been quite contentious and so members of the public have made some depositions, these are considered and a decision is made. After members of the public have left, we discuss progress on some other traffic order proposals.

11:20 Back at my desk I receive a call from a member of the public who is unhappy about the manner in which a number of parents are parking outside the local school. I’m able to tell them about discussions I’ve had with the head teacher during the last year, and they accept that the situation is difficult to deal with for a number of reasons.

12:40 After replying to the first couple of emails, and accepting two meeting requests for the following week, my stomach reminds me that it’s time for lunch.

13:20 Back in the office I need to take action towards applying the measures agreed at this morning’s meeting and so I discuss these with my colleague Harun Miah. We then discuss how each of the many stages of the ongoing list of traffic regulation orders is to be progressed next, and where the next batch of SLRs are to be placed.

14:45 I visit a number of sites where parking and speeding have been the subject of complaints. Some of these have already been visited by Harun, but additional monitoring is always useful and if the item is likely to be contentious I need to have first hand experience of the site.

To contact the CAB, call 08444 772232 (calls cost 5p/minute from landlines, mobile costs may vary), or drop in to 2nd Floor of Fareham Library Building – Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Thursday evenings from 5pm to 6.30pm. Advisers are also at Highlands Hub on Tuesdays 9.30am – 5pm.

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau is a registered charity offering FREE, confidential, independent and impartial advice. For more information and for other ways to get advice, go to www.farehamcab.org.uk

Select Your Rights and Issues for topics highlighted on this page.
September
Fri 9 7.30pm Super Trooper £17.50, FLC £16.50, £10 under 15s Groups: buy 10 get 1 extra ticket FREE
Sun 11 5pm Glenn Miller Orchestra £16.50, FLC £15.50
Fri 16 7.30pm C'mon Everybody £17.50
Sat 17 7.30pm An Evening of Burlesque £19.50
Tue 20 – 7.30pm Fareham Musical Society present The King and I £11.50 & £9.50 under 15s/over 60s £10.50 all seats Tuesday only
Mon 19 – Sat 24 10am – 4pm Fareham Art Group Exhibition Admission free
Wed 27 7.30pm Julian Smith and his band £17.50, FLC £16.50
Thurs 29 7.30pm Peter Aliss £20, FLC £19
Fri 30 7pm SNAP Dance Night £6

October
Wed 5 7.30pm Straight No Chaser £20
Sat 8 7.30pm Mayor of Fareham Last Night of the Proms Prices tbc
Sun 9 7pm Moscow Ballet La Classique – Sleeping Beauty £21.50 & £20.50 under 15s/over 60s £20 for students under 19 Half price for students over 19
Sat 15 7.30pm Havant Chamber Orchestra £18, £15.50, £12 & £7 £1 for students under 19 Half price for students over 19
Sun 16 3pm Wrestling £15 £12 under 16/over 60s £45 Family £2-2
Thu 20 7.30pm Sensational 60s Experience £21, FLC £20 £13, £11 over 60s, £2 under 16 Available from FAREHAM HALL tickets office 01329 213899 or FPC Box Office 01329 664948
Fri 21 7.30pm The Stylistics £22.50, FLC £21.50
Sat 22 7.30pm Fareham Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra £15, £13 over 60s, £2 under 16 Available from FAREHAM HALL tickets office 01329 213899 or FPC Box Office 01329 664948
Thu 28 – Sat 30 7.30pm Stage One Youth Theatre – Footloose £10.50 £9 under 16/over 60s
Sun 30 7.30pm Halloween Murder Mystery – The Return of the Revenge of the Curse of the Blood of the Vampire's Tomb! £34

November
Tue 1 7.30pm Ellie Brooks £20, FLC £19
Sat 5 2.30 & 7.30pm Streetvibes 6, Streetfest UK Ltd present Raw Street £20
Sun 13 10.30am – 4pm Antique Fair £1.50 Admission
Thu 17 7.30pm The Stylistics £22.50, FLC £21.50
Fri 18 7.30pm The Three Bs £26
Sat 19 7.30pm – Sun 20 7.30pm KK School of Dance presents Feat The Rhythm 9 £10 Tickets available from Karla 07732 539998
Fri 25 7.30 & 2.30pm Band of HM Royal Marines £16, £14.50 & £13.50

December/January
Fri 9 Dec – Sun 1 Jan Times Vary Beauty and the Beast Prices vary

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. Visit fernehamhall.co.uk or follow us on twitter @FernehamHall
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01329 233652