As the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council I am constantly striving to ensure the Council works to improve the Borough for everyone. But we are also closely connected to both Portsmouth and Southampton and, in fact, to the whole of South Hampshire and I must always look outward across Hampshire, as well as inward to the Borough itself.

Many of you may be aware of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) and its work across the South Hampshire area. As the Chairman of PUSH I thought I would take this opportunity to give you more information about PUSH and its role.

The Partnership was formed some years ago. Its purpose was to improve the economic performance of South Hampshire. It aimed to achieve this through the closer co-operation of its eleven local authority partners and by raising the profile of the area on a regional and national basis.

The partnership was very well aware that economic growth in the South Hampshire area was consistently below that achieved by the South-East region.

PUSH members want to improve South Hampshire’s quality of life in its broadest sense, including economic, social and environmental well-being. This includes:

- Promoting a buoyant and diverse economy
- Reducing inequalities and developing skills
- Securing sustainable communities
- Safeguarding a quality environment and
- Providing affordable, quality housing for all

The PUSH partners are committed to ensure that Government proposals for 80,000 additional homes are accompanied by the investment necessary to improve economic performance, develop adequate infrastructure and make certain that these new developments are protecting of the environment in which they sit.

PUSH believes that a strategy based on ‘conditional managed growth’ offers the best approach to the area’s economy as well as:

- Regenerating the cities of Portsmouth & Southampton and the older urban areas of South Hampshire
- Reducing disparities within the region and
- Enhancing the quality of life in South Hampshire

I very much hope that PUSH will help deliver the best possible future for South Hampshire - a future that is built on economic growth and prosperity and which is accompanied by the sustainable infrastructure we need to keep the region safe, attractive and prosperous.

Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán Woodward

Sean Woodward
There are no elections planned in the Borough of Fareham this year. Borough councillors serve for a four year term and half of them seek election at any one time (therefore Borough Council elections are held every other year). The next local government elections are scheduled for May 2008.
You may have read in the local press that a £1 million project to improve the western end of West Street looks likely to start soon. We have been committed to achieving this for many years and consulted to create a Vision for West Street in 2004.

In October 2006 the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) applied to the Department for Communities and Local Government to have the South Hampshire area established as a New Growth Point. This successful bid brought with it funding in the region of £3,665,000 of which £1,000,000 was earmarked for the West Street improvements.

At the time of writing, the plan to revitalise the western end of West Street is awaiting the seal of approval and subsequent funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

Extensive preparation work has already been carried out. Retailers have been contacted to discuss the potential improvements. In addition, a traffic study has taken place and a number of different options are being considered.

This study confirmed that as well as being a vital link between the town centre, the railway station and residential areas to the west, it is also an important route serving town centre car parks. Equally West Street has been identified as an important bus link to the proposed strategic development area north of Fareham.

As a result our improvement scheme has to balance the use by buses and other vehicles entering and leaving the town centre, and a high number of pedestrians and cyclists. It must also take account of how West Street is used as a local shopping centre for residents in the area and as a speciality shopping offer to the town centre.

Some of the options under consideration include:
- A 20mph zone where feasible
- Improved pedestrian crossings
- New street lighting with provision for banners
- Improvements to surfacing
- Trees
- Seating improvements

The overall aim of the scheme is to improve the environment of the western end of West Street and current plans will mirror other environmental improvement schemes across the Borough.

West Street will see substantial improvement - similar work has been carried out in other areas in the Borough. These photographs illustrate some ideas for improvements which could be achieved in the section of West Street between Aldi and Westbury Manor Museum, subject to consultations. These include tree planting, new paving, seating and street lighting.
Stray dogs

Out of hours service

Any dog that’s on the loose, unsupervised in public, whether or not it has identification, is classed as a stray and as such falls under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In such cases the Council follows this procedure:

• Upon catching a dog, if it’s wearing a collar with identification or is micorchipped, we try to return it direct to its owner (see info right)
• If the same dog is picked up a second time it will not be returned direct to the owner but kennelled. The owner will then incur all charges related to the incident and will have to pay these before the dog is released
• If the owner can’t be contacted, we kennel the dog and (if we have an address) we write to the owner
• Any dog not claimed within 7 days will be found a new home

Identification

When out in public your dog must wear a collar with a tag that contains your address and phone number at all times. If you fail to do so you could face prosecution. The added bonus of course is, if your dog gets lost you have a much better chance of being reunited.

In addition to collars and tags, we strongly advise that all dogs are microchipped. It’s a quick and pain-free experience costing only £18 per dog (£10 for owners in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance or Income Support). Our Dog Warden can come to your home, tel: 0139 36100 to arrange an appointment.

Reporting found dogs

If a dog is reported to the Council as being found and is in the care of the finder we will go out and collect the dog and check for a microchip or tattoo. If the owner can be identified, the dog will be reunited and costs will be incurred by the owner.

If the owner cannot be identified then the dog will be kennelled and again costs incurred by the owner if and when traced. If the owner is not traced within 7 days then the dog will be re-homed.

The Council has an Out of Hours Service (0800 374485) for reports of lost/found dogs, available from: 5.15pm - 10pm weekdays; and 9am - 10pm weekends and public holidays.
A day in the life...

of an Environmental Health Officer
by Juli Treacy

As a Senior Environmental Heath Technical Officer for Fareham Borough Council, I am involved in the enforcement of food safety, health and safety and licensing legislation. I carry out inspections of food and business premises, investigate complaints, accidents and infectious disease outbreaks. The job is extremely varied and I never know what the day will bring.

8.30am I arrive at the office. First job of the day is to update the database with details of the complaint that I received last night whilst on call. I was paged at 1:30am by a resident who was being disturbed by a neighbour playing loud music. I pass the details to the Pollution Officer dealing with the case and hand over the Out of Hours Pack.

8.45am Update the Licensing Officer about a visit I made yesterday to a local Pub. We had received an application for a variation to their Alcohol Licence. I had a number of concerns and spoke with the Fire Safety Officer and FBC’s Building Control Officer.

9am A telephone call comes in from an Environmental Health Officer in the RAF regarding several personnel who have eaten at a restaurant in the Borough and suffered from Salmonella food poisoning 4 days later. I take all the details from him and have a look at the business’ file. We had no other complaints regarding this premises and they are generally very good but after discussing the matter with the officer who inspects the premises, we decide to take some samples of eggs from the restaurant, as the strain of salmonella that caused the illness is commonly associated with eggs.

9.15am We receive a Laboratory Notification about a resident who has been suffering from Salmonella. I telephone the resident to have a chat about where the illness may have come from. It looks like it was caught whilst abroad on holiday. I give advice about what actions should be taken to prevent the spread of the infection and make sure that they will not return to work until fully recovered.

9.45am Time to go out in the Borough. A new restaurant has just opened and needs to be inspected. I carry out a food hygiene, and health and safety inspection. The inspection involves looking at what happens to the food from the time it arrives at the premises until it’s sold to the customer. We also look at the cleanliness of the premises and the level of food hygiene knowledge of the food handlers. I also have a look at their health and safety practices to ensure that the staff and customers are not at risk of injury. The business is very good and I only have a few issues to raise.

12noon I grab a bit of lunch from the staff canteen.

12.30pm I try and catch up with some of the paperwork generated by the morning’s inspections.

2.15pm I have a meeting arranged with a person who is intending to take over a current food business. He wants to discuss plans for the premises and the type of food that he intends to serve. We often meet on site with local business people to discuss plans. This can save money as we can ensure that the food safety or health and safety legislation is considered at the planning stage.
3.15pm I carry out an inspection of a local cattery for its annual licence renewal. We have to make sure that the structure of the cattery and the practices are safe for the animals and that they are not exposed to risk of injury or infection. This premises has also held a dog breeders’ licence and I need to have a chat with the proprietor. They are not breeding many dogs now so they don’t need to register any more.

4.45pm Back to the office. I have to check the website for any accidents that may have happened in Fareham. Employers can now register details of accidents on a national website, which allocates the accidents to the relevant enforcing authority. There is only one accident for us today, involving an employee hurting their back whilst moving a trolley. I arranged for letters to be sent out requesting comments from the injured person and the company.

5pm Last job of the day. A couple of building control applications have been put into my tray. We have a look at them to make sure that there will be no issues with complying with health and safety or food safety legislation. These are fairly straight forward and I have no comments to make.

5.30pm Time to go home.

For more information about Environmental Health visit: www.fareham.gov.uk, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk

Nuisances

Insects and light

Two new statutory nuisances were introduced by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. This legislation is in place to help you if you’re suffering from the nuisance of insects from industrial, trade and business premises and/or from artificial lighting from all types of properties, subject to certain exemptions.

Our Regulatory Services team will respond to reports of such nuisance, monitor each case and if necessary, serve an abatement notice on the person responsible for the nuisance. Fines of up to £5,000 in the case of residential premises and £20,000 in the case of commercial premises, are available to the court where the person responsible is found guilty on summary conviction, of failing to comply with the abatement notice, (ie; failing to resolve the problem of insects or lighting).

We also deal with several statutory nuisances under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 including noise, smoke, odours, dust etc, and procedures are in place for all these nuisances to be monitored at any time of the day or night. Where a complaint is received, standard letters are sent out to both parties and the complainant will be asked to complete monitoring diary records in respect of the alleged nuisance. Monitoring will take place once the affected party has returned completed records that indicate a regularly occurring and intrusive nuisance. The affected party can then also use the Council’s out of hours service (normally only available for visits after 11pm).

For further information relating to statutory nuisance please contact Regulatory Services, tel: 01329 824352; email: regulatory@fareham.gov.uk or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk
From 1 July this year, the Health Act 2006 comes into force. This means virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will be Smokefree and it’ll be against the law to smoke indoors in places such as pubs, bars, nightclubs, cafés and restaurants, lunch rooms, membership clubs and shopping centres. At work, smoking inside will become a thing of the past, and indoor smoking rooms will no longer be allowed. Public transport and work vehicles used by more than one person will also be Smokefree.

South East Hampshire local Councils and the NHS have been working in partnership to help businesses make a smooth transition to Smokefree. Help and advice is available from the new Workplace Smokefree Officer, Caroline Staddon. For more details about Smokefree legislation and requirements, including forthcoming seminars aimed at supporting local business and other organisations, please contact Caroline, tel: 07985 332822 / 023 9224 8351 or email: caroline.staddon@ports.nhs.uk

Ten top tips to help you stop smoking:

1. Set a date to stop and stick to it. Pick a day that’ll be relatively stress-free.
2. Write down all the reasons for stopping. Including saving money, being healthier, for the sake of your family. Keep this list somewhere handy to use as a reminder if you’re tempted to have a cigarette.
3. Keep a diary for a day or two. Note down all the times and places you smoke, with a note on how much you needed each cigarette. This will help you plan for tricky moments.
4. Get help. Let friends and family know you’re giving up smoking and tell them what they can do to help. Your GP, nurse or pharmacist can give you advice on how to stop and let you know about specialist services and helplines.
5. Do it with others. Find others who’d like to give up and agree to support each other. Keep in daily contact and make a pact to support each other.
6. Ease the withdrawal symptoms. Nicotine is addictive, and you may experience withdrawal symptoms like irritability, lack of concentration and sleeping problems. These symptoms are temporary and can be greatly eased with treatments like NRT or Zyban - check with your GP.
7. Prepare to stop smoking. Get rid of lighters, ashtrays and matches and make sure you don’t have any cigarettes around. Remove any stale smoke smells by spring-cleaning your house and clothes.
8. Take it one day at a time. Concentrate on getting through each day without a cigarette. Know what you’re going to say if someone offers you a cigarette and enjoy saying, “No thanks - I don’t smoke”.
9. Break the links that create the habit. Most smokers will have times and places when they always have a cigarette; after a meal or with a drink in the pub. Try to avoid these situations at first if you think you’ll be tempted to smoke, or do something different - you could go for a short walk after a meal.
10. Learn to relax!

You don’t have to wait long for the benefits of giving up smoking to start:

Did you know that after...

- 20 minutes - your blood pressure and pulse return to normal
- 24 hours - carbon monoxide will be eliminated from your body and your lungs will have started to clear out the tar that’s been clogging them up
- 48 hours - your sense of taste and smell are greatly improved

The savings will soon add up too and after...

- 1 month - you could save £152 (based on a packet a day)
- 6 months - £912 - enough for a family holiday!
- 12 months - £1825 - need we say any more!!

Visit: www.nosmokingday.org.uk for more information on how to stop smoking this year or tel: 0800 169 0169
Skin awareness

Your skin and sunbeds
Keeping skin-safe

As our thoughts turn to the summer, many people decide to use sunbeds (or sunlamps and tanning booths) to get a tan in preparation for exposing their skin at the beach or on holiday. Unfortunately, this kind of artificial tan does not provide complete protection from sunburn and the long-term consequences of using a sunbed can be serious.

Like the sun, sunbeds give out UV rays and exposure to UV rays is the main cause of skin cancer. Sunbeds can also cause premature skin ageing, which means that your skin becomes wrinklely, tough and blemished at a younger age. The risk of cataracts (clouding of the lens of the eye) is also increased later in life, if protective eye goggles are not worn when using a sunbed.

Who is most at risk?
People with fair skin that tends to burn have a higher risk of developing problems from sunbed use than those with darker skin. If you don’t tan in the sun, you won’t tan any more easily on a sunbed.

You should NEVER use a sunbed if you:
- are under 16
- have fair or freckly skin
- burn easily
- have a lot of moles
- have had skin cancer in the past
- have a family history of skin cancer
- are using medication that increases your sensitivity to UV.

Types of skin cancer
There are two main types of skin cancer:
- malignant melanoma - the most serious type of skin cancer
- non-melanoma skin cancer - more common and easily treated

You may have some moles or dark patches on your skin that are flat or slightly raised. Usually these will remain harmless all your life. Get to know your skin and look out for any changes. When checking your skin, use the ‘ABCD’ rule (right) to help you remember the main warning signs for malignant melanoma.

If you notice any of these signs, see your doctor without delay. Also remember to look out for other changes that might indicate less serious non-malignant melanoma. Thankfully, most skin cancers are completely curable if detected in the early stages.

Other signs of skin cancer
- a new growth or sore that won’t heal
- a spot, mole or sore that itches or hurts
- a mole or growth that bleeds, crusts or scabs

Sunbed safety
If you choose to use tanning equipment, then ensure the operator has completed a risk assessment and has taken reasonable measures to control any risks. You should be asked questions relating to your general health and skin type and be given advice about frequency and duration of tanning sessions. Many sunbeds and tanning booths are not staffed and will therefore not offer these safety measures, these are best avoided. Please also be aware that the health risks of using sunbeds at home may be greater, as people may use their sunbed far more regularly than if paying to use a sunbed elsewhere.

Fake - not bake
If you really want a tan, using fake tan is far safer. Fake tans come as creams, sprays and lotions, as well as spray-on tans from salons. Always check fake tan on a small patch of skin first before applying to your whole body in case of an allergic reaction.

When you’re out in the sun, always use sun protection cream with a minimum factor of 15 (factor 30 for children). Remember to re-apply it regularly, as well as after swimming. If possible, try to avoid going out when the sun is at its strongest (11am-3pm).

For further information about keeping safe in the sun, please contact the Council’s Health Development team, tel: 01329 236100, email: communityinfo@fareham.gov.uk or visit: www.cancerresearchuk.org

Due to the high level of concern about sunbed use, Fareham Borough Council removed sunbeds from Council-owned premises many years ago.
Recycling

How are we doing?

Recycling in Fareham is going from strength to strength, thanks to you! We are now regularly sending nearly 40% of our household waste for recycling or composting every month! But there are still more things we can all do to improve the amount and quality of what we recycle, as we are striving to reach the Hampshire-wide target of 50% by 2010.

Recycling routine

Please ensure you recycle everything you can as a matter of routine. When blue top bins are emptied, we still find non-recyclable items in some of them.

Please make sure you only put paper, card, tins, cans and plastic bottles in your recycling bin. To help encourage everyone to focus on recycling everything they can, all the time, officers will be visiting residents who are having problems with recycling, to offer them advice.

Unfortunately the three arrows recycling symbol is no use as a guide to whether a material can be put in your blue top bin. It may mean the item can physically be recycled, but when collection and processing is taken into consideration it isn’t always economic to do so. Collection and processing some materials may use more energy than is saved by recycling them.

Recyclable materials must be loose in the bin, not in plastic bags, because the sorting machinery can’t open the bags. Clear plastic bags are OK because the sorters can see what’s in them, and open them safely. However, this is time-consuming, and generally, plastic bags are not accepted. If you regularly have extra recyclables you can request a second recycling bin.

Glass bottles and jars can only be recycled through the glass banks around the Borough; they must not be put in your blue top bin. Do you know where your nearest glass bank is? Details at www.fareham.gov.uk/recycling or 0139 36100

If you have access to the internet there is more information at www.recycleforhampshire.org.uk and www.integra.org.uk

Flats

We realise that some flats in the Borough don’t have access to recycling facilities and where possible we’re going to be introducing recycling to blocks that can facilitate the service this year.
Green Genie

Last year Fareham Shopping Centre embarked on an eco-friendly campaign to encourage shoppers and tenants to think more about the environment and start recycling more! The ‘Green Genie’ campaign aims to promote recycling through a number of different initiatives to help the environment and raise money to help local charities. Shoppers have been bringing in their plastic bottle tops and used stamps in their thousands, raising hundreds of pounds for the Wessex Cancer Trust.

In June, the centre will be launching its third initiative by having a collection point for old trainers and shoes. The footwear will then be donated to the Salvation Army, the UK’s largest textile recycler in the country. It will then either send them to needy people locally, to countries who have suffered a natural disaster, or to poverty stricken countries that are in dire need of clothing. Trainers that aren’t suitable to be reused will be recycled, with the rubber being used for things such as children’s playground surfaces, windscreen wiper blades for cars or even Astroturf for sports grounds!

Textiles

In the UK we buy 1,850,000 tonnes of new clothes each year! Of these, 300,000 tonnes are collected for reuse or recycling every year, a staggering 1,165,000 tonnes are dumped in the rubbish bin, but where are the remaining 385,000 tonnes? Are these clothes lying at the back of your wardrobe or stuffed in a drawer? Maybe they’re in your attic waiting to come back into fashion! Have a clear out, put them in a clothing bank and the Salvation Army (or other charitable organisations) will put them to good use.

What textiles can you recycle?

- Outer Clothes (all types of good quality wearable items; men’s, women’s and children’s);
- Underwear (if a person needs top clothes, what would they wear underneath?);
- Shoes (please tie them together in pairs);
- Household Linen (a quick guide is “Will it fit into the washing machine?”)

What happens to the textiles you donate?

Your clothes are collected from the bank and taken to a central facility to meet any local or national need, to supply charity shops and the remainder is exported to create funds to support the work of the charity (eg; The Salvation Army). Much of this goes to developing countries where there’s a desperate need for warm western clothing. It’s amazing to think how many lives are transformed by the provision of cast off clothing that would otherwise end up as rubbish!

Visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/recycling for a list of textile banks across the Borough.

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 822506 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
Fareham in Bloom - Glory in the gold
Supported by Warner, Goodman and Streat Solicitors

In the 12th year of our Gold Award winning ‘Fareham in Bloom’ we’re looking for those gardens that really do have flower power! There are 20 classes to choose from, so you’re sure to find something to suit your horticultural interests; whether it’s your favorite Fuchsia, the delights of your Dahlias or the beauty of your Begonias then we’d love to hear from you! Remember all entries are judged on individual merit and awards from Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt and the ultimate Gold are awarded at a gala presentation in September at Ferneham Hall.

For more information on ‘In Bloom’ Events and Horticultural advice please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, tel: 01329 824543 or email: parks@fareham.gov.uk

Opening the doors
What started as just an idea has now become firmly set in the ‘In Bloom’ events calendar. Last year the second Gardens Open Day raised a staggering £1,418 for charity. Due to the kindness of their owners these and more Fareham in Bloom prize winning gardens will welcome visitors for a one day look behind the scenes at what makes them so special.

This day, not to be missed, will be held on Sunday 15 July from 10am - 6pm when you can visit seven gardens for £3.50. Tickets are purchased at the first garden visited, with refreshments and plant sales available at selected gardens.

Information is available at: www.fareham.gov.uk/parks ; libraries; the Tourist Information Centre; Fareham Shopping Centre; and the Customer Service Centre at the Civic Offices.

To enter simply fill in the application form (left) and return to: Fareham Borough Council, Parks & Open Spaces, FREEPOST, Fareham PO16 7BR no later than Friday 9 June. Entry is FREE and all entrants will receive a 10% discount card for use throughout the year at selected nurseries.

Do your blooms take centre stage and have you a real love of gardening? Maybe you could become a winning entry in this year’s Fareham in Bloom!

For more information on ‘In Bloom’ Events and Horticultural advice please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, tel: 01329 824543 or email: parks@fareham.gov.uk
The new parks events guide is set to bring another fun filled season with a full programme of events aimed to develop an awareness of the Borough’s parks, woodland and countryside sites and encourage people into the great outdoors.

Sat 31 Mar - The Great Easter Egg Hunt
Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.
Time: Start 11.30am. Last entry accepted 2.30pm.
Tickets: £4 per child. Adults free with children.

Sat 28 Apr - Wet Wet Wet
(how not to waste water in your garden)
Location: United Reform Church, Osborn Road, Fareham.
Time: 10.30am start, Duration 3 hours.
Tickets: Free.

Sat 12 May - Gardeners' Fair
Location: Henry Cort Sculpture Park, West Street, Fareham town centre.
Time: 9am - 3pm.

Sun 15 Jul - Gardens Open Day
(see page 12)
Location: please enquire for full details.
Time: 11am - 6pm Ticket: £3.50 per person.

Sat 28 Jul - Natures Apothecary
Enter the natural world of pills and potions.
Location: Warsash Common.
Time: 11am - 5pm Ticket: £3.50 per person.

School’s out! - Summer Fun for families
Two Friday afternoons to give children some wild outdoor fun! Each afternoon costs £4.00 per child and will start at 1pm and finish at around 4pm.
Fri 17 Aug - Sand Art and Sun Visors!
Explore the fascinating life around our beaches.
Location: Meet at the Salterns Park main car park, off Salterns Rd. Hill Head.

Fri 31 Aug - Wonder of the Woods
Come and get arty, messy and creative with jewelllery, natural pills and potions for fun filled afternoon.
Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.

Sat 6 Oct - Conker Championship
Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.
Time: 2pm start. Organised by the Friends of Holly Hill. Tickets: 50p for enrolment payable on the day.

Sun 21 Oct - Mushroom Mania
Learn about the many forms of fungi both the edible and those to avoid.
Location: Meet at the New Road entrance to Warsash Common, off Fleet End Road, Warsash.
Time: 1pm start. Tickets: £3. Limited to 40 people.

Fri 26 Oct
Halloween: Super 'Natural' Crafts
An afternoon of freaky crafts to get your kids kitted out for Halloween.
Location: Whitely Community Centre, Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley.
Time: 12noon – 3pm Tickets: £5 per child. Adults free with children. All materials and refreshments provided.

Sat 1 Dec - Natural Glitz
Get ready for Christmas and kick off with this festive workshop and demonstrations.
Location: Fareham shopping centre main precinct.
Time: 11am - 3pm.

A detailed copy of the Events Guide is available from the Fareham Tourist Information Centre, Fareham Shopping Centre, community centres, libraries and Civic Offices.

All event bookings are taken by Fareham Tourist Information Centre in West Street, Fareham, tel: 01329 221342, 9.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday; and 10am - 4pm Saturday.
Memorial inspections

Local authorities are required by law to carry out inspections of cemetery structures in order to assess any potential risks associated with unstable or inappropriately erected memorials. All memorials and headstones are owned by, and are the responsibility of the grave owner. However, the Council has the obligation of making safe any memorial found to represent a risk by being in an unsafe condition.

What does it involve?

Inspections are carried out by a qualified inspector with a simple hand test. If a headstone is then found to be unstable a pressure gauge is used to quantify the actual degree of instability. To be considered as safe, memorials should resist a force of 35 kg. Memorials failing this test are temporarily supported with a post driven into ground or in some instances, possibly due to height or design, laid flat to make them safe.

Site notices are initially displayed to inform visitors to the Cemetery that inspections are being carried out, and should problems be identified following inspection, memorial owners will be contacted where possible.

Naturally over the course of time owners may move on and it becomes impossible to contact them. In this case notices are attached informing visitors of the need to secure the memorial. Owners then have a duty to arrange the repair and re-erection of their memorial by a Council registered memorial mason.

Further inspections are scheduled for Crofton Cemetery, Stubbington this spring and for Posbrook Lane in Titchfield and St Johns in Locks Heath in the autumn.

Memorial safety inspections are a sensitive issue and we want to reassure families and relatives that all inspections will be carried out with the utmost care, respect and sensitivity.
This year is an important one for Ferneham Hall as we’re celebrating its Silver Anniversary and 25 years of live entertainment for the people of the Borough.

Officially opened in April 1982 by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Ferneham Hall was designed as a multipurpose arts and entertainment complex for Fareham. Its flexible design has made it ideal, not just for performances but also weddings, dinner dances, cinema and exhibitions.

Ferneham Hall’s stage has played host to a wealth of performers over the quarter of a century including singer Cilla Black (who was the first); Frankie Vaughan; Jools Holland; Bill Wyman; Rick Wakeman; Daniel O’Donnell; Barbara Dickson; Elkie Brooks; and Gary Wilmott. Rik Mayal; Lenny Henry; Jack Dee; Jo Brand and Newman & Baddiel all began their careers with visits to Ferneham Hall, whilst the likes of Ken Dodd and Joe Pasquale continue to entertain audiences today. From Keith Chegwin’s ‘Cheggars Plays Pop’ tour to Sooty, The Chuckle Brothers and the latest Mr Men show, Ferneham Hall has also been a home for popular live children’s entertainment.

The past decade has also seen a resurgence of pantomime as the staple of the Christmas calendar with audiences growing from 6,000 in 1996 to over 20,000 with our most recent pantomime ‘Aladdin’ produced by and starring Keith Harris & Orville.

Alongside professional entertainers, Ferneham Hall has also become a respected venue for local amateur groups to hire - Fareham Musical Society, Gosport Amateur Operatic Society, South Downes, Hyper Actors and Solent Youth Theatre are all regular users, whilst the Havant Orchestra’s concert season has become an annual event. See the back page for a listing of some of this year’s celebratory events.

What are your memories of Ferneham Hall over the past 25 years? We’d love to hear from you.

Write to: The Editor, Fareham Today, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7PU or email: publicity@fareham.gov.uk
**Concessionary Travel Scheme**

Fareham’s concessionary travel scheme has been running for almost a year, with 16,000 Fareham residents now benefiting from a Fareham Bus Pass or Travel Tokens. By the end of March 2007, we anticipate that 840,000 journeys will have been made since April 2006 using the Fareham Bus Pass and 9 out of 10 of these journeys will have been made completely free of charge.

### What are you entitled to?

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<td>How much is it worth?</td>
<td>There is no limit with the pass</td>
<td>In return for the £5 payment, users receive £35 worth of tokens.</td>
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### How can I use it?

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<td>How can I use it?</td>
<td>Use your bus pass to receive:  - Free bus travel for journeys that start and end within the Borough of Fareham (e.g. a journey from Stubbington to Fareham Bus Station)  - Half fare bus travel where the journey starts or finishes in Fareham and crosses the Borough boundary into other parts of Hampshire (e.g. a journey from Fareham Bus Station to Gosport).</td>
<td>Travel tokens are effectively cash, and should be used for travel in taxis. You can travel anywhere in the UK, but do check that the taxi company accepts the tokens first. Although the token scheme is intended for those who are unable to travel on a bus because of their disability, tokens may also be accepted on local bus and train services.</td>
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### Can I use it at any time?

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<td>Yes you can, there is no time restriction.</td>
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### Do I receive any additional concession if I have a disability?

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<td>Do I receive any additional concession if I have a disability?</td>
<td>In certain circumstances, we will issue passes which allow free travel for all journeys that start or finish in Fareham (including cross boundary journeys). We may also issue passes that allow a companion to travel with you at the same concessionary rate. To find out if this applies to you, please contact the Council.</td>
<td>No. Your disability may entitle you to receive tokens, but we do not extend the annual entitlement for any particular disabled group.</td>
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Free Travel has also been extended to include journeys to:

- Whiteley shops (First Services 28, 64, 76/76A)
- Queen Alexandra Hospital (First Services 3, 25/25A, 63)
- Gosport War Memorial Hospital (First Services 34, 72/72A, 82, 88/88A)
- Wickham Square (First Services 38, 94)
- Wickham Square (Stagecoach Service 69)

Additionally:
You can purchase a half price FirstDay Hampshire ticket, enabling unlimited travel on First services in Hampshire for £2.35 (price subject to change) provided the ticket is purchased in Fareham in conjunction with the Fareham Pass.

For further information about concessionary travel in Fareham, visit: www.fareham.gov.uk (under Concessionary Travel in the A to Z listing); tel: 01329 236100; email: travelconcessions@fareham.gov.uk or visit the Civic Offices in person.

Any future amendments to the scheme will be publicised on our website, posters on buses and the Borough notice boards.

Cut your Council Tax

**Find out if you should be paying less**

Council Tax Benefit is a government scheme administered by local authorities to help you pay your Council Tax if you’re on a low income. Council Tax Benefit can’t help with payments for business properties or second homes.

Fareham’s Benefits Service is committed to ensuring that all potential claimants to Council Tax Benefit are made fully aware of the scheme and that assistance is available to help customers make a claim.

Details about how to claim and information about how the benefit is worked out can be found on our website: www.fareham.gov.uk/benefits. Online you’ll also find our benefits calculator which will give you a basic guide to how much benefit you might be entitled to.

Alternatively, you can visit the Benefits Team in person at the Civic Offices. Our experienced officers will be able to calculate your approximate entitlement and assist you with completing an application form. We also offer a home visiting service for those customers who are unable to come to the Civic Offices. Our visiting team can be contacted on, tel: 01329 824663.

If you’d like an application form sent to you, then please contact us,
tel: 01329 236100 or email: benefits@fareham.gov.uk

- Currently 4,408 Council Tax payers in Fareham are receiving Council Tax Benefit.
- Approximately 65% of those claimants are receiving benefit totalling 100% of their Council Tax liability.
- The remaining 35% receive varying amounts of help with their Council Tax based upon their weekly income.
- Recent research carried out by the Office for National Statistics shows that 3/10 potential recipients of Council Tax Benefit were not claiming their entitlement. This equates to £1.3 million - £1.8 million left unclaimed nationally.
- This research also gives possible reasons as to why people are reluctant to claim:
  - Lack of knowledge of the availability of Council Tax Benefit
  - Perceived stigma associated with claiming benefit
  - Bad experiences in the past when dealing with benefit claims
  - Complicated claims forms

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk
Safer Neighbourhoods

The aim of Safer Neighbourhoods is to give communities easy access to dedicated and visible neighbourhood policing teams made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), and Special Constables. These teams will work pro-actively with communities and partner agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, and will give communities the opportunity to have a direct say in how their area is policed.

Your familiar Beat Officers are mainly unchanged, although the teams are growing all the time. Officers can be contacted via: 0845 045 4545 where messages can be left. General email issues can be sent to the addresses below. Officers do have mobile phones and distribute the numbers locally themselves.

Park Gate Wards
Sgt  2208  Dave Spacey
PC   1410  David Coleman
PC   2376  Geoffrey Tarvin
PC   709   Jacqueline Wild
PC   126   Clive Wilson
park.gate.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Stubbington, Titchfield and Hill Head
Sgt  2674  Phillip Mills
PC   142   Carol Channing
PC   23445 Mark Evans
PC   23463 Jason Mann
park.gate.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Fareham West/North West/South
Sgt  2340  Nigel Burt
PC   3753  James Heath,
PC   21263 Simon Hooley
PC   2737  John Cupper
fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Fareham North/East (Town Centre)
Sgt  2906  Simon Martin
PC   1003  William Cummings
PC   782   Nicola Browne
PC   3832  Andrew Way
fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Portchester
Sgt  5539  Patrick Dawson
PC   22044 Damian Glendenning
PC   2587  Andrew Higgs
PC   3718  Samantha Hockley
fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Safer Neighbourhoods Policing in Fareham

Fareham is now divided into five Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams, each led by their own Sergeant with dedicated beat officers. In March these teams will be joined by a further six Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) with the aim of eventually having 16 PCSOs in the Fareham area.

In addition to the Neighbourhood Policing Teams, 24-hour response teams continue to operate across the district with their dedicated base at Park Gate Police Station. Early signs indicate that these changes have been positive with performance improving all round and response times being monitored.
Special Constables

The Fareham District Special Constabulary Team (pictured right) consists of 24 Special Constables, who concentrate their efforts on working as a highly visible presence within priority patrol areas. Using both a proactive and reactive style of policing, the team’s ability to actively reduce the fear and occurrence of street drinking, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, noise nuisance, intimidation and harassment. Throughout 2006 the team worked in excess of 3,400 voluntary hours, as well as managing to make a large number of alcohol seizures across the Fareham district. The most noticeable achievement was in the area of Stubbington, where the team were able to tackle the persistent gatherings of juveniles. In acknowledgement of the success of the Fareham District Team, they have been awarded the Hampshire Special Constabulary Team of the Year Award (2006) and the South East Region Special Constabulary Team of the Year Award (2006).

Did you know?

• Fareham District is split into two sectors, Fareham and Park Gate, covering an area of 46 square miles, with a population of 109,000. Fareham District, along with Gosport, Winchester and Havant, forms the Central Operational Command Unit (OCU).

• The boundaries of Fareham District were brought into line with those of Fareham Borough Council in April 2006, but policing operations across the district remain largely unchanged.

• Accredited Community Safety Officers are now patrolling Fareham in priority areas highlighted by the joint agency Community Tasking & Co-ordination Group that meets bi-weekly.

• Most crime in Fareham can be prevented. Over 240 bikes have been stolen in the last year, many unlocked. Property (such as SatNavs) is left in cars every day and doors and windows are being left unlocked. Challenge your neighbours politely if you see this happening!

For more information, visit: www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/localpolicing/central/fareham/
Community

Finding and keeping volunteers
Are you part of a local organisation that runs on a network of volunteers? Do you often find it difficult to find and keep volunteers? Volunteer Centres in Fareham and Gosport run FREE one day sessions on “Keeping Volunteers”, which involve 10-16 people from a number of organisations learning about best practice, how to recruit and support volunteers and from shared experiences.

Opportunities for volunteers in Fareham and Gosport are entered into a National Volunteering database accessible via www.do-it.org.uk. The Volunteer Centre will give an explanation of opportunities available and can organise CRB checks.

Contact The Volunteer Centres:
Gosport, tel: 023 9258 8347 or email: gosportvb@gva.org.uk
Fareham, tel: 01329 231899 or email: volunteering@farehamaction.org.uk

Business volunteers needed
The EBP (Education Business Partnership) has been working with all 28 secondary schools across the Fareham, Portsmouth, Havant, Waterlooville and Gosport area to help young people learn about the world of work and develop the skills that they need to thrive in the work place, including teamwork, marketing, self-confidence and entrepreneurship.

To do this, EBP works with hundreds of business volunteers each year that help out with the running of their activities in schools – typical events include helping young people run a small business for a day, taking part in a Dragons Den, speed networking, working lunches, mock interviews, etc.

If you’d like to find out more about how you can help, please contact the EBP, tel: 023 9229 1456 or visit: www.portsmouthebp.co.uk

Hampshire Children and Families Forum
The Hampshire Children and Families Forum (HCFF) exists to support children, young people and their families in the county. The forum identifies the needs of the local community; provides a voice for families through local and county representation; informs families about quality services and provisions; and ensures that the views of parents, childcare providers, employers & other agencies are heard in policy discussion at local, regional or national levels.

For more information about HCFF contact Rachel Ralls, tel: 01329 823234, email: fareham@hcff.org.uk or visit: www.hcff.org.uk

Fareham Society
The Fareham Society celebrated its 30th anniversary last year and marked the occasion by planting an avenue of London Plane trees in Market Quay car park, together with a plaque. Fareham Society President, Richard Watson is pictured left, presenting Councillor David Swanbrow (Executive member for Planning & Transportation) with the cheque for £2,400.

Fareham drama festival
The 39th Fareham Drama Festival will take place at the United Reformed Church hall, Osborn Road South, from Saturday 31 March until Thursday 5 April, 2007.

Competitors range in age from 6 years to 80+, and perform in a range of classes covering mime, solo poems, duologues, character study, Shakespearean solo, bible reading and many other disciplines.

For more information, please contact: Mrs Mavis Williams, tel: 01329 234989.
Local Development Framework

Update

Work continues on the Fareham Local Development Framework (FLDF), the collection of documents containing planning policies and proposals to guide future development and land use in the Borough of Fareham. Timetables for the preparation of other documents for the FLDF are currently under review and due to be amended by 1 April.

Hunts Pond Road Development Brief
In January a development brief for the site of Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common (left) was approved. The brief gives guidance on how new housing should be developed, including the protection of sensitive areas, new accesses, public open space and affordable housing. A copy of the brief is available at the Civic Offices, local libraries and online at www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf. We’d like to thank all the local people and organisations who took part in the public consultation events, which helped in the preparation of the brief.

Peters Road Development Brief
A development brief for a site at Peters Road, Locks Heath (right) is currently being prepared. The site is allocated for housing development and the brief will say how the housing should be developed. A public consultation event was held in October for local people to help identify the important issues that need to be addressed. More than 150 people attended with just over 100 questionnaire responses received. The key issues for local people included traffic and congestion; pressure on local services and facilities such as schools, doctors and dentists; protection of local character, trees, open space and wildlife; and provision of affordable housing. For full details visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf. These results will be used to prepare a draft development brief which will be subject to a 6 week period of consultation. Local people and organisations will be contacted when the draft brief is available to view and the dates of consultation events. If you’d like to be contacted for the consultation, please contact the Planning Policy team, tel: 01329 236100 or email: planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk

To find out more about the FLDF documents and when you can be involved in their preparation, visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf, contact an officer from the Planning Policy Team, tel: 01329 236100 or email: ldf@fareham.gov.uk
Dear Fareham Today,

First, THANK YOU for providing the excellent Garden Waste Collection Recycling Sack service - it is much appreciated. We are fortunate enough to have quite a large garden and therefore I would like to request the two additional sacks (totalling 3) that are mentioned in the autumn edition of Fareham Today. Do you drop them off or should I come and collect them?

We are still getting to grips with the garden and hope to start composting in the near future - do you have any information on the discounted composters mentioned in the article? We also hope to grow our own vegetables too, getting really adventurous…

Regards

Mrs Jill Wright, Fareham (via email)

Dear Mrs Wright,

I am pleased you find it useful. The extra sacks can be ordered by contacting the Council, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk and we’ll deliver them for you.

The discounted home composters (similar to the one pictured) are still on offer, and for 2007 the offer is open to residents across all of Hampshire. There are 3 different types of bin available as follows:

- 220 litre standard black compost bin ................ £8
- 330 litre standard black compost bin .......... £10
- 250 litre square green plastic compost bin .... £20

A kitchen caddy is also available for £2 if this is ordered at the same time as ordering a compost bin. All prices include FREE delivery.

Bins can be ordered online at www.recyclenow.com/compost (which also entitles you to a further £1 off) or tel: 0845 077 0757 quoting reference HCA1.

Good luck with the vegetable growing! As well as a regular supply of healthy food, and excellent exercise for the gardener in the family, you’ll cut down on the packaging waste of pre-packed vegetables, and cut down the food miles of your dinner - all in all a win-win situation!!
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**MARCH**

**Tue 13** 19:30 Fareham Musical Society presents: £10 & £9 (U16s/Over 60s £9 & £8)

**Sat 17** 14:30 Music Man

**Wed 21** 19:30 Moscow Ballet La Classique presents: Don Quixote £19.50 & £17.50 (U16s £17.50 & £14.50)

**Thu 22** 19:30 Wrestling £10 (U16s £8, family of 4 [2+2] £30)

**Sat 24** 19:30 Beyond the Barricade £16 (£15 Leisure Card)

**Mon 26** Doors 18:00 Charity Darts Open for singles & pairs for 19:00 start For more info call 023 9278 7469 or 07831 621262

**Tue 27 - Fri 30** From 09:00 Fareham Stage Dance Festival Day - £5.50 (U16s/Over 60s £2.75) Session - £3.50 (U16s/Over 60s £1.75)

**Sat 31** 19:30 Havant Symphony Orchestra £16, £13.50, £10.50 & £6 (Students half price, U16s £1)

**APRIL**

**Sun 1 -** From 09:00 Fareham Stage Dance Festival Day - £5.50 (U16s/Over 60s £2.75) Session - £3.50 (U16s/Over 60s £1.75)

**Wed 4**

**Fri 6 - Sun 8** From 12:00 Fareham & Gosport Easter Festival Contact box office for prices & info

**Wed 11 -**

**Sat 14** 13:30 Gosport Gang Show Wed £8, Thu Eve £9, Gala*

**Wed 11 -**

**Mon 16** 14:00 & 19:30 Film: The Queen (12A) Matinée £3 (£2.50 Leisure Card) Evening £4 (£3.50 Leisure Card)

**Tue 17** 19:30 Reelin’ and a Rockin’ £17.50 (£16.50 Leisure Card)

**Wed 18** 19:30 Ray McVay & the Glenn Miller Orchestra £14.50 (£13.50 Leisure Card)

**Thu 19** 19:30 Midge Ure £18, £16.50, £15

**Fri 20** 19:30 The Mayor of Fareham’s Annual Charity Ball £37.50 - For tickets please call 01329 824303 or 01329 201427

**Sat 21** 19:30 Fareham Philharmonic Choir & Orchestra presents: Edward Elgar’s, The Light of Life £11.50 (Over 60s £9, U16s £2) Tickets available from 01329 664948

**Fri 27 -**

**Sat 28** 14:30 Gosport Amateur Operatic Society presents: Chaos - songs from the shows £8.50 (U16s/Over 60s £7.50)

**Sat 28** 10:30 Film: Flushed Away (U) £1.50

**Mon 30** 14:00 & 19:30 Film: The History Boys (15) Matinée £3 (£2.50 Leisure Card) Evening £4 (£3.50 Leisure Card)

**MAY**

**Tue 1** 19:30 Russian Cossack State Dance Company £19.50 & £18 (£18.50 & £17 Leisure Card, U16s £17 & £15.50)

**Wed 2** 19:30 Three Great Tributes £17, £16 & £15

**Thu 3** 19:30 Richard Digance £15 (£14 Leisure Card)

**Fri 11** 19:30 Brotherhood of Man £12.50 (£11.50 Leisure Card)

**Thu 17** 19:30 Forever In Blue Jeans £15 (£14 Leisure Card)

**Fri 18** 19:30 Magic - A Kind of Queen £14

**Sat 19** 19:30 Havant Chamber Orchestra £16, £13.50, £10.50 & £6 (Students half price, U16s £1)

**Sun 20** 19:30 The New Seekers £15 (£14 Leisure Card)

**Wed 23** 14:00 & 19:30 Film: Casino Royale (12A) Matinée £3 (£2.50 Leisure Card) Evening £4 (£3.50 Leisure Card)

**Wed 30 -**

**Fri 1 June** 19:30 Stage One Youth Theatre presents: Oklahoma £8 (U16s/Over 60s £6.50)

NB Details may be subject to change. For a full list of what’s 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 "Gala performance, tel: 023 9261 5685"