Many of you will be feeling the ill-effects of the recession. It seems to have occupied the media headlines for months now and for many of us the realities are all too apparent in our everyday lives.

Fareham Borough Council is not immune to the financial issues that prevail and I want to assure you that we have been working hard to tighten our belts too. Much work has been done and will continue to be done to ensure that the investments we have continue to remain as safe as possible.

In addition, a team of officers has been tasked with reviewing services and making improvements that will create both cost and time efficiencies. The team has already looked at Ferneham Hall and as a result of broadening the show programme, restructuring fees, and stopping some of the less popular events, Ferneham Hall’s financial performance has improved by £135,000 per annum.

We are looking at the way we purchase goods and services and have joined forces with other Councils in some areas such as vehicle replacements to achieve better value. Alongside cost control we are always seeking ways of generating income wherever feasible from things such as advertising and sponsorship.

We are also seeking to ensure that any efficiencies we make are translated into real savings. The Government expects us to make efficiencies equivalent to 9% of our budget and we are confident that we are already well ahead of the game.

We have a track record of delivering efficiencies; over £2m of efficiency savings were delivered between 2005 and 2008 without cutting services and this allowed us to keep the Fareham portion of the council tax at one of the lowest in England.

While nothing in the current economic climate is assured, you may remain in no doubt that we will continue to keep your Council Tax as low as possible, will continue to make savings, and constantly search for new income streams. We strive to deliver the best possible services at the lowest possible cost for the residents of the Borough of Fareham.

Foreword by Executive Leader, Councillor Seán Woodward
E29 million environmental improvement scheme is now up and running to help better protect sensitive waters in the south of England. The scheme at Peel Common Waste Water Treatment Works, which serves approximately 250,000 people in Fareham, Titchfield, Hamble and Gosport, is one of the six Southern Water sites being upgraded across Hampshire and West Sussex, ensuring that the water released back into the environment meets the most stringent standards in the country.

Keeping the Peel Common ‘Pong’ at bay
Using a combination of natural elements like bark, woodchips, seaweed and seashells to line the water filled tanks, has proved to be a successful natural odour filter. Feasting bugs live on seaweed and wood in the tanks which treat the gas, hydrogen sulphide, that causes the smells. The gas is sucked away by fans before going through carbon filters back into the atmosphere.

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Can I still apply for CAT funding?
The two funding streams, the Neighbourhood Initiatives Fund and the Clean and Tidy Neighbourhood Fund will both remain. These funds will be available for projects that you feel will benefit your community.

Dates for your diary
Summer 2009 CATs meetings
Fareham South-East
Wednesday 10 June
Fareham Methodist Church
Crofton
Tuesday 16 June
Holy Rood Church
Fareham North-West
Thursday 18 June
Oak Meadow Children’s Centre
Western Wards
Wednesday 15 July
Burridge Village Hall
Titchfield
Thursday 16 July
Titchfield Community Centre
Portchester
Wednesday 22 July
Portchester Community School

For more information on CATs or how to apply for funding please visit:
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Community Health

In 2006 we joined Havant and Gosport Borough Councils and Hampshire Primary Care Trust to form the South East Public Health Board. The board aims to deliver improved services for people living in South East Hampshire. This includes increasing physical activity - working towards achieving 30 minutes of moderate exercise five times a week, reducing levels of obesity and promoting well-being.

Exercise Referral Scheme
The Exercise Referral Scheme was initially launched as a pilot scheme in January 2008 and has received over 250 referrals with 83% of patients reporting on improved confidence and 75% reporting on having more energy.

The scheme is open to Fareham residents only who already have a pre-existing or health risk condition and can benefit from exercise or those at risk through a non-active lifestyle. Residents with the following conditions are eligible to be referred: High Blood Pressure, Type 2 Diabetes, Obesity, Asthma, Depression, Anxiety, Stress, Osteoarthritis, or COPD. Patients are encouraged to discuss being referred to the scheme with their GP as criteria conditions do apply and referrals are only accepted from referring GPs.

For general information about the scheme, please contact the Exercise Referral Team at Fareham Leisure Centre, tel: 01329 233652 or email: fareham-er@slm-ltd.co.uk

Older People's Directory
This spring, we’re launching an Older People’s Directory ‘Wonders of Wellness’ guide. This provides information and offers support to older residents to promote and help them to live independently.

The guide is made up of 5 sections including Health & Well-being, Getting Out & About, Housing & Benefits, Getting Active & Involved and Who Can Help?

Pick up your copy from Fareham’s Citizen Advice Bureau, Age Concern Fareham, Shopmobility or your local GP’s surgery. Alternatively, if you'd like a guide sent to you or if you just require more information, please contact the Community Development Officer, tel: 01329 236100 ext 2463.

Stop smoking for good!
Quit4Life the NHS Stop Smoking Service offers free help and support and this is proven to be four times more successful than going it alone. Local weekly sessions are run by health professionals who are specially trained to help smokers who want to stop.

The sessions offer advice on nicotine products and help to get this medication on prescription. You’ll also be able to share experiences and tips with others stopping at the same time. You won’t be left to manage on your own once the session ends as the service has advisers who can be contacted by phone at convenient times.

To find out more about Quit 4 Life sessions in Fareham contact, tel: 0845 602 4663, text: QUIT to 60123 or visit: www.quit4life.nhs.uk. Smokers can also get help and support from their family GP and many local pharmacies now offer stop smoking support and advice.

Walking to Health
Fareham’s Walking to Health Scheme is approaching its 5th anniversary and to date 431 walks have taken place with over 7,768 residents attending them. The scheme has in total 30 different walk routes across the Borough, ranging in ability and length, all lead by our fully trained volunteer walk leaders. New 30 minute walks have recently been introduced on the last Friday of every month from the Leisure Centre at 10.30am.

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Redevelopment of Broadlaw Walk Area

We've been working with Portsmouth Housing Association and the local community of Broadlaw Walk to develop the regeneration of the area.

Designed and built in the 1960s, Broadlaw Walk in Bishopsfield Road, provided the local community of Fareham South with a mixture of retail, office and residential units. However, in recent years there's been a drop in the number of residents using the facilities resulting in many flats, offices and shops being boarded up.

Although works are underway for the development of Broadlaw Walk, PHA will be speaking to the community again before completing the final part of the project. The Homes & Communities Agency has agreed funding of £3,780,000.

Lloyd's Pharmacy moving to Mitre Court.

For further information regarding the regeneration of Broadlaw Walk, contact Malcolm Stevens, tel: 01329 824473.

Extended Services

How the service works across our community

The idea of extended services came from the Government’s commitment to reduce child poverty and champion the ‘Every Child Matters’ (ECM) agenda. It aims to unlock the potential of every child and young person, provide support to ensure success in their adult lives and make our communities a safe and happy place for our children to grow up in. By 2010 all primary, secondary and special schools are expected to offer a full range of extended services. But what does extended services offer?

Extended services offers a variety of activities depending on what local people ask for. Some of the services on offer include:

- Affordable Ofsted registered childcare - from 8am to 6pm, 48 weeks a year.
- Breakfast clubs – a healthy meal to start the day, ready to learn.
- After-school clubs – such as homework clubs which offer a quiet place to work, where pupils get the support they need.
- Holiday clubs - run by local organisations, where children can try new activities, stay safe and active.
- A rich menu of activities for children up to the age of 14 (or up to 16 if they have special educational needs) such as sports, computers, music, art, model making and cookery clubs.

And for adults:

- Family learning where children can learn alongside their parents, grandparents or guardians.
- Information sessions for parents and carers when children move onto primary or secondary schools.
- Confidential parenting and family support for anyone who wants it. This includes parenting courses to give parents that extra ‘toolkit’ in preparation for dealing with any problems that may arise.
- Facilities for community use such as sports halls, computer or adult courses in English, Yoga or holiday French.

How does it work?

Working alongside local authorities and other statutory and voluntary organisations; schools have consulted with pupils, parents, and the local community to find out what activities they want established. Between them they can provide what local people really want.

As Fareham has a rich offering of facilities, schools are asked to share the facilities they have with the community - so if it can’t be offered on the school site, it can usually be sourced nearby.

How much does it cost to parents?

Some services and activities are free - such as education outside school hours (eg homework clubs). However, parents may be asked to pay for other activities such as childcare during school term and some activities such as music clubs and museum trips. Schools will always try to keep costs as low as possible and charges will vary depending on the activity.

If your family is on a low income you may be able to get some extra help with paying for childcare, such as the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit. Call the Tax Credits Helpline, tel: 0845 300 3900 or visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits.

Who wins?

Although extended services is in its early stages, research shows that these services can help benefit children in many ways. They can improve a child's concentration and behaviour, group activities can help with self-confidence and develop relationships and sports can help with health.

Getting involved

You can influence what happens at your child’s school. By telling them what services you'd like to see, you can really make a difference to what's available for you, your children and your community.

Go along, take a look and have your say!

If you'd like more details about extended services in Fareham, please feel free to speak to Susie Higgs (Extended Services Coordinator), tel: 01329 223155 (24hr answer phone available) 07814 307012, or email: shiggs@farehamaction.org.uk.

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk Website www.fareham.gov.uk
Business News

We hope that your business will continue to thrive in these challenging times, providing a stable base of employment and income. However, many new and existing companies in Fareham could benefit by recognising the role that business support can play in helping them through the difficult months ahead.

Fareham Leisure Card

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts of between 5% and 50% on a whole range of leisure activities; now from 42 outlets in and around Fareham. You can use your Fareham Leisure Card at:

- Ambush Paintball and Laser Tag
- Amnesia, the Hair Fitness Centre
- Andark Diving & Water Sports
- Bathroom World Fareham Ltd - NEW
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- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve - NEW
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Summer will be ‘luscious in lemon’

Fourteen years of Fareham in Bloom continues to provide a diverse range of community engaging activities, with many people helping to improve the environment for those who work, visit and travel through and visit the Borough.

Last year saw the Borough receiving its fifth consecutive category win with another Gold medal for the south and southeast of England. Such an accomplishment can only be achieved through hard work, whether it be from the people who give up their time to help us run our events programme or the ‘in Bloom’ team who volunteer year round to coordinate all the activities and the community gardening competition.

Autumn saw the launch of the Luscious in Lemon theme with thousands of bulbs given to brighten local communities across the Borough with yellow leafed trees given as part of the tree adoption scheme. To continue this, the summer season will see the Borough’s colour schemes for the troughs, baskets and bedding displays bubbling with shades of yellow, lemon and gold which should be stunning!

Do you have a real stunner?

Do you have a garden that really stands out from the rest? We would love to see it! Each year we see an amazing selection of gardening, courtyards and floral displays as an increasing number of residents enter the annual competition.

All entries are judged during the first two weeks of July on individual merit with awards of Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt and Gold. These will be awarded at a gala presentation evening to be held at Frensham Hall in September.

To enter, simply complete the application form (left) and return it to: Fareham Borough Council, Parks & Open Spaces, FREEPOST, Fareham PO16 7BR or fill in an online form at www.fareham.gov.uk.

Step outside

Our ever popular events, organised in partnership with the Fareham in Bloom volunteers, are set to bring another year of fabulous occasions in Fareham’s parks and countryside sites encouraging people into the great outdoors.

The new parks’ events guide aimed at developing an awareness of the Borough’s parks, woodlands and countryside is now available from the Fareham Tourist Information Centre. Fareham’s colour schemes for the troughs, baskets and bedding displays are now available from the Fareham Tourist Information Centre.

Events programme 2009

Your ‘cut out and keep’ events calendar of the year’s parks and countryside events around the Borough.

To book an event please contact: Fareham Tourism Information Centre, West Street, Fareham. Tel: 01329 221342, 9.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday and 11am - 4pm Saturdays. The guide can also be viewed at www.fareham.gov.uk/parks.

Sat 4 Apr - Cowboys and Indians come to Holly Hill - The annual Easter extravaganza through the beautiful woodlands of Holly Hill.

Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.

Time: Start 12noon - last entry at 3pm.

Tickets: £5 per child. Numbers limited to 300. This event is always a sell out so book now!

Dress: dependent on weather but waterproof shoes recommended. Fancy dress is optional.

Sat 25 Apr - Front Gardens Made Simple - Creative front garden makeovers.

Location: United Reform Church, Osbourn Road South, Fareham. Next to Sensory Garden.

Time: Start 11am. Duration approx 3hrs.

Tickets: £4 - limited to 40 places.

Sat 9 May and Sat 13 Jun Fareham Gardeners Fairs

Two dedicated gardening fairs in Fareham town centre.

Location: West Street, Fareham.

Time: 11am - 3pm.

Sun 19 Jul - Gardens Open Day

Visit seven Fareham in Bloom gardens.

Time: 11am - 6pm.

Tickets: One £3.50 ticket for all gardens.

Sun 3 Oct - Hail the Conqueror!

It’s our annual tournament of Conker bashing.

Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.

Time: 2pm start. This event is organised by the Friends of Holly Hill. To book, tel: 01329 330230.

Tickets: £1 for enrolment payable on the day. Refreshments will be available on the day.

SCHOOL’S OUT

Wild about Wednesdays

Activities for the long school holidays.

Wed 29 Jul - Creature Comforts

An afternoon of ‘back garden wildlife’.

Location: Sensory Garden, Osbourn Road, Fareham.

Time: Start 1pm - 4pm.

Tickets: £5 each.

Wed 12 Aug - If You Go Down to the Woods Today - Discover the wilds of this beautiful woodland.

Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.

Time: 11am start. Lasts for approx 2 hrs.

Tickets: £5 limited to 40.

Dress: Warm clothes and stout shoes.

Sun 18 Oct - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Learn about the mystical world of the mushroom.

Location: Gull Coppice, Whiteley. Meet at Whiteley Community Centre, Yew Tree Drive.

Time: 11am start. Lasts for approx 2 hrs.

Tickets: £5 limited to 40.

Dress: Warm clothes and stout shoes.

Sat 31 Oct - Happy Halloween!

The annual makeover to get your kids dressed and ready for the big night.

Location: Northern Junior Community School, Richmond Rise, Portsmouth.

Time: 12noon - 3.30pm.

Tickets: £5 per child. Numbers limited to 150, so book early. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dress: Fancy dress optional. Age guide 5-12 but older will be allowed.
Concessionary travel

The English National Concessionary Bus Travel Scheme was introduced last year and has been very popular throughout England. The popularity in Fareham has meant that we expect to reimburse bus operators for 1.3m journeys during 2008/09 at a cost to the Council of £1.5m.

We have seen a massive growth in the number of applications for bus passes rising from 7,500 in 2006 to 19,300 today. Fareham currently offers the choice of two different types of travel concession to eligible residents.

Either:

A National Bus Pass

• Offered to residents who are aged 60 or over (blue pass); or aged 5 or over with qualifying disabilities (yellow pass).
• Free off-peak local bus travel on local buses anywhere in England. Free off peak travel is from 9.30am until 11pm Monday to Friday and all day weekends and bank holidays.*
• There is no fee for the initial bus pass, however from 1 April 2009; there will be a charge of £10 to replace lost bus passes.

Or,

Fareham travel tokens

Fareham will be implementing a new token scheme, replacing the National Travel Tokens. From 1 April this year a new type of travel token will be issued for use in Fareham registered taxis and Dial-a-Ride only.

• Tokens are offered to residents who are aged 16 years or over, with qualifying disabilities and unable to use a bus.
• Token holders will be provided with a photo identification card to be used with the tokens.
• Existing token holders will receive information regarding the new scheme and how it affects them before their renewal date.
• From 1 April, there will be no charge for the concession, which will be renewed annually on 31 March.

For more detailed information and application forms please visit: www.fareham.gov.uk A to Z, ‘Concessionary Travel’; email: travelconcessions@fareham.gov.uk or tel: 01329 236100.

* From 1 April 09, Fareham pass holders will no longer be able to travel free from 9am until 9.29am and from 11pm until 12.59am, Monday to Friday.
A day in the life...

of the Mayor’s Personal Assistant

By Kimberley McCarthy

As the Mayor’s Personal Assistant, my job is unique because every May I get a new boss; when Councillors elect the Borough’s new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. As the Queen’s representative in the Borough, the Mayor attends over 400 engagements during his/her time in office, in addition to the numerous civic events that I organise including the Civic Service, Mayor Making (see page 22 “Did you know that...?” feature) and Remembrance Sunday.

8.45am I log onto my PC to check my emails and I also check telephone messages from the previous evening. I get quite a few online enquiries for the Mayor’s attendance at all sorts of events, from Rotary dinners to school speech days. I respond to one from an organisation asking if the Mayor can attend a lunch and send them a form to be filled in which asks various questions from “what time would you like the Mayor to arrive” to “does the Mayor need to make a speech”.

9.30am I have my first coffee of the day; sometimes (if I’m lucky) made by one of the Mayor’s attendants, if they’re in the office at that particular time. The Mayor has two chauffeur/attendants who job share and look after him and all aspects of the Mayor’s parlour and surrounding area. My desk faces pictures of the 34 past Mayors of Fareham and they all watch over me whilst I work on the menus, place cards and table plan for the dinner party being held in the parlour tonight.

I talk to the Mayor’s attendants about the requirements for this week and any shopping that may need to be done.

10.30am the Mayor (Cllr Ernest Crouch pictured above) arrives and we have a cup of tea, before I open and deal with any post that’s come in. There are various invitations to be looked at, the diary checked and letters sent to accept or regretfully decline each engagement. If the Mayor’s unable to attend a function, then I ask the Deputy Mayor to attend instead.

The Mayor and I work on some thank you letters for several functions attended within the last couple of days and finish them and then give the flowers in the parlour is locked up securely and go home.

2pm I start on the list of engagements produced each week, which includes the details of all the engagements the Mayor and Mayoress will be attending, giving dates, times and other information such as what to wear. When completed, I send it to one of my colleagues to check, then take copies of all the information for the Mayor’s attendants and send copies to the local media.

3.30pm I have some invitations to send out for guests to come to the parlour for some more dinner parties, so I produce them and then give the flowers in the parlour a quick tidy up.

At the end of the day, I make sure the parlour is locked up securely and go home.

A day in the life of the Mayor’s Personal Assistant

Town Centre events

There’s a variety of free events happening over the next few months in Fareham Town Centre. Whether you’re into getting fit, a lover of good food, mad about music, gardening or vintage transport, there will be something to inspire and delight you.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 7 March, 4 April, 2 May Fareham Farmers Markets
Up to 40 stalls selling the best of locally grown produce

Saturday 28 March, 25 April, 30 May Fareham Country Markets
Freshly baked cakes, homemade jams, plants and more

April is Music Month
There’ll be music in West Street from 12noon to 2pm every Monday and Saturday throughout April (includes Easter Monday).

Saturday 21 March
Come to Fareham town centre between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 21 March to find out more about how to improve your lifestyle. Health and fitness experts will be on hand to discuss:

• free health checks
• free fat analysis
• Demonstration of LA Fitness equipment
• Advice on how to give up smoking
• Free lung age testing
• Advice on Boots Pharmacy Weight Loss Programme
• Vitamins and dietary supplements advice
• free skincare advice

Boots in Fareham Shopping Centre is offering free weigh-ins during the fortnight plus some trial vitamins. Saturday 7 to Saturday 21 March

Saturday 9 May and Saturday 13 June Gardeners’ Fairs
Due to popular demand, 2009 sees the return of this favourite event where you can buy from local nurseries, chat to the growers and learn about how to join a local horticultural society. Plus, Fareham Division Guides will be on hand to help you carry your plants to the car.

Saturday 20 June
Rock ‘n’ Roll Reunion II
If you missed the first Rock n Roll event last year, here’s another chance to admire classic and vintage motorbikes from a range of local owners’ clubs.

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We want to hear from you

Your chance to win £100

Fareham Today is delivered right to your door four times a year to keep you informed about Council services. We feel it's important to review the magazine regularly to make sure the format and content are up-to-date with the readers' needs. Please tell us what you like and what you want to see more of, and in return, we'll enter you into a prize draw to win £100.

Name ___________________________ email/phone number ___________________________

(Postcode will only be used to contact you regarding the prize draw)

Age

- 18 - 25 years □
- 25 - 39 years □
- 40 - 59 years □
- Over 60 years □

Gender

- Male □
- Female □

Do you read every issue of Fareham Today?

- Yes □
- No □

How much of Fareham Today do you read?

- All of it □
- Some of it □
- Most of it □
- Hardly any of it □

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Do you have any other comments to make about Fareham Today magazine?

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The personal information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and used only for the purposes of administering the prize draw. To be entered into the prize draw for the chance to win £100, you must be over 18 years of age, supply your name, postcode and either a phone number or email address that we can contact you on. One entry will be drawn at random on Tuesday 14 April 2009 and the winner will be notified.

Please send your completed survey by 9 April 2009 to: The Editor, Fareham Today, Communications, Fareham Borough Council, FREEPOST, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7BR.

If you’d like to complete the online survey, visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation

If you’d like to take part in regular consultation about a wide range of topics, you can register online to be part of the network/Fareham ‘e-panel’. For more information, visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation

Community Volunteering

Volunteering: A rewarding way to spend your time

Volunteering takes many forms; from running a club for young people to conservation work or visiting an older person to driving a mini-bus. Whether you share your skills with others or learn new ones, as a volunteer, you provide vital support for other members of your community. In many cases volunteers help smaller organisations stay afloat.

Not only that, becoming a volunteer and committing to share some of your time can be extremely rewarding.

To find out more about volunteering across the Borough, contact: Fareham Volunteer Centre, tel: 01329 223140, email: enquiries@farehamvolunteers.org.uk or visit: www.farehamvolunteers.org.uk

New home for Fareham Community Action

Fareham Community Action, the local charity that helps other charities and community groups, has now relocated to splendid new offices in West Street, Fareham.

FCA’s database of 450 voluntary and community organisations in the Borough, includes Dial-a-Ride, Shopmobility, Homes Help, etc. It provides information and advice so that groups can focus on their main activity and keep the bureaucracy manageable. A wide range of support is available including funding opportunities, training, volunteering, model policies and constitutions, guidance about who to contact and much more.

If you’re a member of a local community or voluntary group, check out their website to find out more about how they can help your group develop and in turn how your group can help grow community spirit.

You can even get involved in a networking lunch or forum - the ideal opportunity for you to get your messages across to the public authorities and to other voluntary sector people.

You’ll find more details at: www.farehamaction.org.uk

Fareham’s Citizens Advice Bureau makes a difference

Last month the newly-refurbished Citizens Advice Bureau re-opened its doors on the second floor of Fareham Library. Relying heavily on the services of volunteers - in advisory, trustee and non-advisory roles, the Citizens Advice Bureau offers support, advice and guidance on debt, housing, bankruptcy and other community issues and concerns.

The CAB prides itself on providing free, confidential, impartial and independent advice to anyone who makes contact and they’ve been doing so in Fareham for over 65 years.

If you’re experiencing difficulties, you can contact the Bureau in person, tel: 08444 772232 or you can visit: www.farehamcab.hampshire.org.uk

Gwen West and Gwen Berry use Fareham’s Dial-a-Ride service.

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A new service to help businesses dispose of their waste and recycling responsibly has been introduced across the Borough of Fareham. Waste Savers can offer weekly, fortnightly or monthly collections of both normal waste and recyclable materials.

Prices start from as little as £2.25 per week if your collection is monthly and the service is provided locally by our experienced waste carrying teams. The Waste Savers price you are quoted is the actual price you pay, with no hidden extras. It covers bin rental, waste collection and disposal and the issue of a Waste Transfer Note, which enables you to meet your legal requirements.

Whether you're a trader or a householder, the things you can recycle are basically the same

Yes please
Plastic - bottles only
Paper
Tins & cans
Card

No thanks
Polystyrene
Wrappers
Cartons
Glass

For an information pack on Waste Savers, contact Fareham Borough Council's Customer Service Centre, tel: 01329 236100 or email: wastesavers@fareham.gov.uk

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Garden Waste Collection Service

As most of you will already be aware through our letter to householders sent in February, Fareham Borough Council will be making changes to the garden waste collection service from April. The service was introduced in the autumn of 2005 following the move to alternate bin collections. It was intended that Fareham's garden waste collection service was cost-neutral.

This was the case until a Health and Safety Executive (HSE) review took place in September 2007. This review determined that the weight being lifted by crew members was too high; it found that this could be as much as 20 tonnes per day per crew. As a result Fareham Borough Council was required to bring in additional crew members to ensure the weight being lifted by each crew member was reduced to three tonnes per day. This in turn has increased the cost of the service.

At January’s Executive meeting it was decided that whilst it is not a statutory requirement for us to do so, we will continue to collect one sack of garden waste fortnightly from households in the Borough. This will be at no extra charge for the service.

However, if you regularly have more than one sack of garden waste and you want us to collect this too, you’ll need to buy some disposable garden waste bags from Fareham Borough Council. These are available at a cost of £20 for 25 bags and are the only additional bags we will collect. Once purchased, you can use these for garden waste as you wish, whether you put out one additional bag or a number of bags after a busy weekend in the garden.

Alternatively, if you don’t want to have second and subsequent bags of garden waste collected, you can take it to any Household Waste and Recycling Centre or you may wish to try home composting (for more information visit: www.recyclenow.com/compost).

Please be aware that you should not put garden waste in your refuse or recycling bins.
Fareham has had 35 Mayors since becoming a Borough in 1974. Twelve have been women and three have served as Mayor more than once (the current Mayor, Councillor Ernest Crouch was also Mayor in 1990/91; Councillor Mrs Dorothy Einiks OBE in 1978/79 and 1988/89; and Councillor Roger Price, JP was Mayor in 1982/83 and again in 1999/2000).

Serving the Borough as the Queen’s representative for a year from May to May, the new Mayor is elected in by his/her fellow Fareham Borough Councillors. A traditional ceremony is held at Ferneham Hall, where the retiring Mayor’s last act is to present the Borough’s Citizens of Honour with their medals and congratulate them for their achievements.

The full Council formally nominates a chosen councillor to become the next Mayor of Fareham, he/she is then voted for by fellow councillors and the civic party retires to disrobe. The new Mayor returns in the robes and is sworn in as the new Mayor of Fareham.

The Deputy Mayor is also nominated and sworn in. Generally speaking, the current Deputy Mayor usually becomes the next Mayor but nothing is definite or official until the nominations and voting have taken place. The retiring Mayor will then give a speech, normally highlighting various occasions in their year of office.

The Mayor is always referred to as Mayor, whether male or female and addressed as Mr or Madam Mayor. If the Mayor is male and has a female Consort she is referred to as Mayoress, and if the Mayor is female her ‘companion’, whether male or female, is referred to as Consort.

The mace is a symbol of the authority of the Mayor and is carried in front of the Mayor on all ceremonial occasions, such as Mayor Making (as you’ll see from the photo of the procession above) and at official occasions such as meetings of the full Council. The Borough’s mace is a modern design and is made up of a wooden shaft made out of lignum vitae, a hard, dense and durable wood translated as ‘long life’, ‘wood of life’, ‘tree of life’) with a head and embellishments of silver and gold-plate. It carries the Borough’s Coat of Arms in enamel and is approximately 1.2 metres (4ft) in length.

The mace was made by Officers and Ratings of HMS Collingwood and was presented to the Borough on 9 April 1974.

The current Mayor of Fareham (2008/09) is Councillor Ernest Crouch, who also served as Mayor in 1990. The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Ruth Godrich, who was Mayoress to her husband, Councillor Mike Godrich, when he was Mayor in 1995/6. See page 16 ‘A day in the life of...’ feature to find out about the role of the Mayor’s Personal Assistant.

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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 online visit: www.fernehamhall.co.uk