Foreword

I have been working with my fellow members and officers for many years to secure a community hospital facility in the Western part of the Borough. As many of you may already know this is a major step closer now and we are expecting a planning application shortly.

Hampshire Primary Care Trust has informed us that Fareham Community Hospital is programmed to open on the former Coldeast Hospital site in Sarisbury in late 2010. Local health service plans have envisaged a community hospital in Fareham since the mid 1980’s and this will be one of a network of community hospitals across South East Hampshire complementary to and supporting the provision of acute services based at the redeveloped Queen Alexandra Hospital.

The hospital will be built on land owned by the Primary Care Trust at Coldeast and its provision will improve local access to services and modern facilities. The building will replace old, poor quality accommodation at the Sylvan Clinic on the Coldeast site and Hill Park Clinic in Fareham, both of which will close. Services to be provided will include:

• Out-patients - acute specialties
• Out-patients - maternity
• Out-patients - older people with mental health problems
• Community services
• Diagnostic Imaging
• Rehabilitation
• Assessment/Treatment Centre for older people.

The Primary Care Trust will stage a public exhibition of its plans for the new hospital. They will be publishing details about this shortly.

As well as helping to provide facilities for when people are unwell, I am keen to encourage more sporting opportunities for those living in the Borough. As a result we are continuing to invest heavily in our parks and leisure facilities. A recent £200,000 lottery grant was awarded to us to help develop play opportunities for young people aged 11-19 in the Borough.

In addition we have recently opened the new sporting facilities at Seafield Park in Hill Head. These now offer new changing rooms and a base for the footballers using the pitches there.

One of our more popular activities is the Walking to Health programme. I know from speaking with residents in the Borough that these walks are extremely popular and offer a range for all energy levels! If you do get the chance to join a walk, please come along. They not only give you a healthy trip out but also the chance to see areas in the Borough not accessible by car.

— Sean Woodward
Exercise referral

Are you a Fareham resident with a pre-existing or health risk condition? Perhaps you have high blood pressure; type 2 diabetes; obesity; asthma; depression, anxiety or stress; osteoarthritis or COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)? If the answer’s yes, you could benefit from Fareham’s Exercise Referral Scheme.

The scheme’s been set up to encourage you to make regular exercise a habitual part of your life, which can benefit your heart, weight, muscles and mind. Regular exercise can help protect you from developing health problems or assist you to manage and control existing problems.

The supervised exercise sessions take place at Fareham Leisure Centre four times a week, with evening and weekend options available. Activities away from the leisure centre are recorded on a daily tracker card.

The scheme lasts for 10 weeks, by which time you will have gained the confidence, knowledge, motivation and skills to exercise independently of the Exercise Referral Scheme. To continue feeling the benefits you will need to participate in 30 minutes of moderate exercise at least 5 times per week, and at your final consultation we will help you decide which activities to maintain and develop. Plus you can even take advantage of a reduced rate in membership fees at Fareham Leisure Centre.

Costs

The initial hour assessment costs just £6, followed by half hourly assessments at £3 each (significantly less than personal training rates). Once on the scheme you can benefit for 40% off usual leisure centre prices for the gym; swim; and classes, plus 40% discount for off peak court prices (subject to availability).

To get yourself registered on the Exercise Referral Scheme, contact your GP. If you’d like more information about the scheme, email: fareham-er@slm-ltd.co.uk or tel: 01329 233632.

West Street update

Wonderful West Street

The £1.325 million project to improve the western end of West Street is now almost entirely complete - with new paving, lighting, trees and seating areas along the length of the street.

This pictorial article shows how West Street has developed. Interestingly you could say that the improvements made recently have returned the street to its former glory - with trees and more appealing light columns.

The most recent photographs, taken at the western end of the street, outside Marked and Sparkling, demonstrate the real differences made by these improvements.

The project was awarded £1 million of the government’s New Growth Point funding - secured by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PLSH). The remaining £325,000 was funded by Fareham Borough Council.

Town Centre manager, Patricia Gray added: “West Street offers a number of speciality shops, many of which have been established for many years. These improvements will add to their appeal and will I’m sure make for a better environment for both the retailers and the shoppers alike.”

The West Street project team appreciates the patience shown during the improvements by retailers, residents and motorists alike.

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Our award-winning Fareham in Bloom community gardening campaign brings the Borough alive with colour throughout the seasons with an array of imaginative planting themes. Each autumn following on from the vibrancy of the summer displays we give away thousands of bulbs for communities to plant in their own local areas. In fact, in the last 19 years we have provided in excess of 4.5 million! These burst into bloom during the dark winter months bringing a welcome ray of light to community areas, roadsides and parks year after year, providing a permanent and easy way to establish naturalised planting.

Last year our ‘Tickled pink’ theme proved so popular that we are again offering you the opportunity to enhance your local green spaces with our new theme ‘Luscious in Lemon’. The Daffodils will be a beautiful pale yellow called Sweetness, which are deliciously scented and will be complemented by Romance Crocuses with giant yellow heads, both of which will flower during February 2009.

There are 60 sacks of each available containing approx 150 bulbs and these will be distributed from the week commencing Monday 8 September and should be planted by mid-October. Applications must be from residents; schools or businesses within the Borough and the bulbs must be for a location that can be enjoyed by the wider community, such as an area of open space or park. Once planted, all you have to do is ensure you leave the leaves for at least ten weeks after flowering and you’ll enjoy these blooms year after year.

To support the ‘Luscious in Lemon’ theme we have two fantastic trees on offer, as part of our well established and most successful Adopt a Tree scheme, where residents can care for a tree in their local community.

The Koelreuteria Paniculata comes from China and is commonly known as the Golden Rain Tree. It has clusters of small yellow flowers in mid summer followed by lantern shaped fruits in the autumn (pictured right). The second tree ‘up for adoption’ comes from the central and eastern United States of America and is the Robinia Pseudoacacia Frisia grown for its zingy lemon gold foliage throughout the summer months.

There are 15 of each available* which will be planted as part of national tree week from 26 November to 7 December.

* These trees are for planting within the local community for the benefit of others. In some cases due to underground services and safety it may not possible to plant trees and bulbs on highway verges. In some cases, we may have to suggest an alternative location.

Please complete and return the application form below no later than Friday 15 August to secure plant stocks. Those received after this time will be added to the following year’s scheme.

**Bulb Planting and Adopt a Tree application form**

We’d like to be considered for:

(You may tick all the boxes)

Adopt a tree □ Daffodil □ Crocus □

Your proposed planting locations for:

Trees ____________________________

Bulbs ____________________________

No. of bulb sacks: 

□ Daffodil □ Crocus

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The personal information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidence and held for a period of no more than five years for the purpose of these activities, promotion of related events and the mailing of associated material. Should you not wish to receive such information, then please tick.

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Trees of the World

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Our natural habitats

Fareham has a variety of habitats ranging from internationally important coastal areas to locally important woodlands and grasslands. The Borough also supports a number of protected species including dormice, Brent geese and great crested newts. This natural heritage is a great asset to the Borough and the people who live in it. In order to maintain this diversity it’s essential that we take action to conserve it.

Mature Oaks

A five year Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Fareham (FLBAP) adopted in 2003, was recently revised to take account of changes in national and regional guidance on biodiversity and new wildlife legislation. Residents associations; wildlife groups; conservation organisations; and members of the public were consulted and given an opportunity to consider whether the review had adopted the right approach and to ensure it reflected the interests and concerns of local people.

The final Fareham Local Biodiversity Action Plan review document will help steer the work of the Council on how biodiversity can be affected and provide guidance for members of the public, community groups and developers. The Fareham Biodiversity Action Plan review is available to view online: www.fareham.gov.uk

Six weeks of consultation on three Development Plan Documents, took place across the Borough in February and March. The consultation comprised a series of exhibitions on the issues and options relating to the Core Strategy, Site Allocations and Fareham Town Centre Area Action Plan.

These were held at venues in Portchester, Titchfield Common, Locks Heath, Stubbington and Fareham and were attended by over 700 people who raised issues with planning officers.

In total, over 1,000 representations were received. These are now being reviewed and will help planning officers to prepare the next stage of each of the documents prior to further consultation being undertaken.

For the latest information on the progress of the Local Development Framework please visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/planning/ldf/intro.asp

Former Coldeast Hospital Site

Public consultation on issues and options relating to the future development of the Coldeast site in Sarisbury took place at the end of 2007. Approximately 250 people attended exhibitions at Brookfield School and we received a wide range of views on what people would like to see happen on the site.

The key issues raised were:

• concerns over traffic and road safety
• the need to improve facilities and services
• the importance of protecting the open landscape and wildlife on the site.

Using the information from the consultation, and working with the landowners of the site, the Planning Policy Team at Fareham Borough Council is now preparing a Draft Development Brief for Coldeast.

There will be exhibitions and a further period of consultation on this document once it has been considered by Councillors. For the latest information on the Coldeast Site, including the dates, times and locations for exhibitions on the Draft Brief, please visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/planning/ldf/coldeast.asp
A day in the life...

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9.30am On arrival in Stubbington we check the on-street short stay parking bays and one hour car park, noting registration numbers to return to the car park in an hour’s time. We then visit the two hour Stubbington Lane car parks, keeping an eye out for health and safety issues, for example a damaged sign that could fall over (as we are out and about we also look at other things that could affect the appearance of the Borough such as litter, graffiti, fly tipping or abandoned vehicles, if we do come across any of these they’re reported back to the Civic Offices). In addition we check the disabled bays are being used correctly; taxi ranks are only being used by hackney carriages and double yellow lines are clear of vehicles (unless used by blue badge holders). Whilst I am there I assist a lady with how to display her badge correctly, to ensure the date is on show but not her photo.

10.35am I start work by checking the Osborn Road multi-storey car park. I inspect the building for any signs of faults or vandalism and report these to my supervisor. I clean the pay machines and check for any money jams or ticket faults, replenish tickets and receipts, restock the entrance barriers and empty the exit barriers.

10.15am During a tea break we chat to local people about any problems they face regarding parking; for example people parking on corners; grass verges; double yellow lines; etc.

10.35am We make a regular check of Crofton Community Centre car park including cars parked out of bays. This may include blue badge holders, who once in a car park must park in a bay and not on double yellow lines. We then visit Saltern’s and Monks Hill car parks, wherever everything is in order. Then check areas where verge parking often takes place. A van is parked illegally on a grass verge and as the driver is there I’m able to explain that he’s illegally parked and he moves the vehicle. Where possible we’ll always try to move vehicles on without issuing a ticket.

10.45am I collect the van with my allocated shift partner and drive through the western wards’ back roads and then on to Stubbington.

11.00am We return to the one hour car park in Stubbington and issue a ticket on a car that has been parked there for 1hr 15mins. Also issue a tax advisory notice to a vehicle to tell the driver the tax disc has expired and that the DVLA will be informed.

11.15am I issue a PCN on a vehicle that is illegally parked on double yellow lines in Stubbington Square.

11.20am We drive back to the western wards checking side roads for illegal parking. No problems found and so we make our way back to Fareham Town Centre. On the way we receive a call from the control room to fix a major ticket jam in the entrance barrier at Market Quay car park, another one of our tasks, to carry out minor maintenance/repairs of machines and barriers.

12noon Lunch

1pm We resume patrolling in Fareham town centre and car parks.

1.45pm I issue a PCN to a vehicle illegally parked in a disabled bay without a blue badge.

2pm A visit to local short stay areas of free parking, noting registration numbers to return to later.

2.45pm A call comes in regarding a money jam in a pay and display machine, I then fix this and carry on with my routine patrol.

3pm We return to check a short stay car park, where no vehicles have overstayed their time.

3.15pm Tea break

3.30pm On with control room duty which involves monitoring CCTV of the multi-storey and Market Quay car parks and helping anyone with ticket or machine problems by phoning through to other Civil Enforcement Officers on the ground.

4.30pm Resume patrolling in West Street, as a visible deterrent to anyone parking illegally as there is a loading ban in force. I move on cars from the goods vehicle loading bay opposite Westbury Manor.

5pm I patrol the pay and display car parks for expired tickets and non display of tickets until 6pm.

6.30pm Having returned my equipment, I ensure all the information I’ve put into my handheld computer regarding PCN issues and the photographs I’ve taken to accompany them are downloaded. I am now finished for the day.

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Downloaded. I am now finished for the day.
A clean and tidy Borough

Enforcement

Fareham’s Enforcement Officers are responsible for dealing with fly tipping; graffiti; and abandoned vehicles. In addition they’re authorised to issue £50 Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling and dropping litter, the majority of which is cigarettes.

Littering

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it’s an offence for anyone to drop litter (including cigarettes and chewing gum) in the street or in a public open space; and to leave litter on a bench or street furniture and walk away. Please put your rubbish in the bin.

Fly tipping

Fly tipping is a nationwide problem, mainly brought about by disreputable people who charge the public to collect rubbish and then dump it on open land. Since November 2005, all householders in England have a responsibility to ensure their rubbish is passed on to an appropriate manner.

How to identify an abandoned vehicle

Before you report an abandoned vehicle please check to see if you think the vehicle really is abandoned, by checking the following:

• The vehicle untaxed? i.e. no tax disc present at all or past the expiry date
• Are any of the tyres flat or have any of the wheels been removed?
• Is there litter or debris (weeds/leaves) under the vehicle, indicating that it has not moved for some time?
• Has the vehicle been ‘hot-wired’? i.e. driven without keys by connecting ignition wires together (if it has, there’ll be wires hanging from the dashboard)
• Has the vehicle been vandalised?

Abandoned vehicles

The Council has powers to deal with abandoned vehicles on the public highway or on its own land. We can also assist landowners, such as Housing Associations in getting vehicles removed from their land, including parking areas.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Police in Fareham, along with other members of the Community Safety Partnership, continue to make significant progress in reducing crime and disorder. Crime levels in Fareham were down 13% in 2007/08 (resulting in 908 less victims of crime) compared to the same period in the previous year; and results of Fareham’s annual residents’ survey show 88% of residents feel low crime is what makes Fareham a good place to live and 96% think it’s a safe and healthy place to live.

You have said that criminal damage and graffiti is an important issue locally, so we have made this one of our current top priorities, I am pleased to say it is now down by 23% compared to last year.

Other issues that you have said are important to you are speeding, anti-social vehicle use, parking and littering. We have targeted speeding hotspots you identified and in one day alone issued 27 tickets for speeding. Fareham Borough Council now has 16 Civil Enforcement Officers working on the areas you have highlighted and in March the Council’s Enforcement Officers issued 65 tickets for littering and dog fouling offences.

The Community Safety Partnership is committed to making Fareham even safer, and with the local presence of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (in conjunction with partner agencies, such as the council) you will hopefully feel reassured by this. One example of this was the introduction of the Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO) across the Borough, brought in to reduce disorder and public nuisance arising from alcohol consumption. Police will stop anyone causing anti-social behaviour and confiscate the alcohol.

Safer Neighbourhoods is aimed at ensuring that you have identifiable, accessible and visible Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Special Constables who work closely with other community agencies.

The PCSOs ease the burden on police officers and aim to dedicate the majority of their time to visible duties on foot and bikes. They provide a visible, reassuring police presence on the streets and tackle crimes that concern people locally, such as anti-social behaviour and graffiti. They also deal with issues that don’t require police officer attendance, leaving officers free to carry out roles such as attending emergency calls, crime investigation and bringing cases to court and offenders to justice.

Safer Neighbourhoods is also crucially about you telling the police what your priorities are and for us to address the issues with other agencies. There are lots of ways you can do this. through monthly beat surgeries (which will be advertised and held in your area); through residents’ meetings such as Community Action Teams (CATs); speaking to officers on the streets; making use of the dedicated phone lines and email addresses (see back of this supplement) and using our website: www.hampshire.police.uk

Wards covered by each Safer Neighbourhood Team:

- Park Gate West
  - Wards: Salisbury, Park Gate, Locks Heath, Titchfield Common and Warsash.
- Park Gate East
  - Wards: Titchfield, Stubbington and Hill Head.
- Fareham West
  - Wards: Fareham North-West, Fareham West and Fareham South.
- Fareham East
  - Wards: Fareham North and Fareham East including Fareham Town Centre.
- Portchester
  - Wards: Portchester West and Portchester East.

For more information about enforcement, visit: www.fareham.gov.uk or tel: 01329 236100.

Chief Inspector Steve Wallace

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Meet Your Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Fareham West email: fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The priorities for the Fareham West Safer Neighbourhood Team are: to tackle anti-social behaviour and problems associated with local schools at the end of the school day; and moped riders gathering on the A32.

The team has been working with the Police Roads Policing Unit to reduce the problems associated with groups of moped riders in Gosport Road and Highlands Road.

PCSOs are liaising with local schools to provide educational sessions to students, including information about 999 emergencies; bullying; ‘you can say no’; and anti-social behaviour, to educate children on their rights and responsibilities; the feedback from both students and teachers on this has been very positive, and sessions are due to continue with schools.

The team continues to work with local agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour, especially in the areas of Broadlaw Walk, Crossfell Walk and the Highlands shopping centre. Behaviour contracts have been issued to three juveniles recently in order to improve their behaviour.

Beat surgeries are held on the first Friday of every month in Broadlaw Walk, between 10am and 12pm, and also at Highlands Road shops between 1pm and 4pm.

Fareham East email: fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The three priorities for the Fareham East Safer Neighbourhood Team are: to reduce anti-social behaviour and underage drinking at Park Lane recreation ground and the surrounding areas of Bath Lane and Lower Quay; graffiti and criminal damage and purse thefts in the town centre.

The team has been actively involved in operations to target street thefts in the town centre, resulting in numerous arrests. High visibility patrols were also carried out in the precinct, in which officers handed out about 1,400 brightly coloured lanyards that secure purses to handbags. The team also work in partnership with licensed premises in the town centre, as part of Pubwatch, which currently has 36 people banned from the local pubs.

On the first Thursday of every month a mobile police station is situated in the precinct in West Street, Fareham, to hold a beat surgery, which currently has 36 people banned from the local pubs.

Park Gate East email: park.gate.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The team’s three main priorities are vehicle nuisance in Speedfields Park and Monks Hill car park during the hours of darkness; anti-social behaviour and under age drinking in Stubbington Green; and criminal damage on the Red Lion Estate.

The team aims to continue its community engagement work to tackle the anti-social behaviour in the area, such as meeting with local schools and businesses to tackle specific individuals.

In partnership with Fareham Borough Council eleven anti-social behaviour contracts have been arranged, to ensure the behaviour of certain individuals improves.

Beat surgeries are held in Stubbington on the first Monday of every month, between 10am and 1pm, in the police office at Crofton Community Centre; and also on the second Monday of every month at the Parish Rooms in Titchfield, also between 10am and 1pm.
Additionally, all of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams are supported by the Special Constabulary, with Special Constables allocated to each beat.

The team has a wealth of policing experience ranging from just a few months to 27 years. In 2006 they were named Hampshire Constabulary’s Special Constabulary Team of the Year and won the South East Region Team Award for their work in neighbourhood policing issues in the Borough.

Over the year from April 2007 - March 2008 the team worked a total of 4,500 hours policing in the Borough of Fareham.

Fareham District is actively seeking new recruits, if you are interested.

Special Constables constables@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Constabulary Recruiting Team on new recruits, if you are interested.

4,500 hours policing in the Borough of Fareham.

In an emergency call 999

To contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team tel: 0845 045 45 45

and ask for your local team.

email your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on: park.gate.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

For anti-social behaviour issues, call 101 to report:

- Vandalism and graffiti
- Noisy neighbours and loud parties
- Threatening and abusive behaviour
- Abandoned vehicles
- Dumping and fly-tipping
- Broken street lighting
- Drunk and rowdy groups
- Drug related anti-social behaviour

Calls cost 10p from landlines and mobile phones, and are FREE of charge from public phone boxes.

Email regarding speeding concerns:

rpu.community@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Identity Theft

What is ID theft?

Identity theft is when someone gathers enough information about you in order to be able to create a false identity (a virtual you) this can then be used to apply for loans, use your credit cards and apply for a driver's license and passport (ID fraud).

Here’s some advice from the Home Office to alert you to identity theft:

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What can I do to prevent falling victim to fraudsters?

- Keep all personal information such as passports and bank statements in a lockable drawer.
- Regularly check your bank statements.
- Report lost drivers licenses, passports and bank cards immediately.
- Ensure mail is redirected when you move and tell your bank of your new address immediately.
- A study by Experian found that people were still throwing away documents that could be used by fraudsters in their rubbish bags. Do not throw away complete bills or receipts or even unwanted post addressed to you but shredded it. Anything with your name and address on it can be used by fraudsters.

Community safety

Neighbourhood Watch

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Online prevention: These are just a few examples of the precautions you can take to make sure your online experience is as risk free as possible.

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Neighbourhood Watch

There are now more than 700 Neighbourhood Watch schemes covering 14,500 homes in the Borough and benefiting from the added assurance of knowing they’re part of a community guarding against crime and the fear of crime.

Neighbourhood Watch...

- Sets up street schemes with police vetted co-ordinators.
- Encourages neighbourliness and awareness of those living near.
- Provides information on security for homes, possessions and people.
- Sends warnings about crime to specific areas through co-ordinators.
- Informs on the use of 999, 0845 & 101 numbers - the what, how, when and where to report concerns.
- Membership costs nothing – but you may save on house insurance.

Members also receive a newsletter three times a year, produced by the Fareham & District Neighbourhood Watch Association, which highlights local crime, related activities and also gives useful advice against crime.

For more information about Fareham Borough Neighbourhood Watch visit: www.fdnwa.co.uk

If you're interested in joining an existing scheme, or setting up a scheme, please contact: 0845 045 4545 ext 641267. Please leave your contact details and someone will get back to you.

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There are now more than 700 Neighbourhood Watch schemes covering 14,500 homes in the Borough and benefiting from the added assurance of knowing they’re part of a community guarding against crime and the fear of crime.

Neighbourhood Watch...

- Sets up street schemes with police vetted co-ordinators.
- Encourages neighbourliness and awareness of those living near.
- Provides information on security for homes, possessions and people.
- Sends warnings about crime to specific areas through co-ordinators.
- Informs on the use of 999, 0845 & 101 numbers - the what, how, when and where to report concerns.
- Membership costs nothing – but you may save on house insurance.

Members also receive a newsletter three times a year, produced by the Fareham & District Neighbourhood Watch Association, which highlights local crime, related activities and also gives useful advice against crime.

For more information about Fareham Borough Neighbourhood Watch visit: www.fdnwa.co.uk

If you're interested in joining an existing scheme, or setting up a scheme, please contact: 0845 045 4545 ext 641267. Please leave your contact details and someone will get back to you.

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Personal alarms

Supporting elderly and vulnerable people

Together with Gosport and Hampshire Councils we’re working to provide the Telecare service for our elderly and vulnerable residents.

What is Telecare?
Telecare makes use of a wide range of technology products such as alarms and sensors. The most well known is the pendant alarm but there are many others, including fall detectors, bed sensors and smoke detectors.

How can Telecare help?
Telecare can enable elderly and vulnerable people to live safely and independently in their own homes for longer. It can help improve confidence and minimise risks, as well as providing peace of mind to carers and families. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How does the service work?
The equipment is connected via a telephone line to a community alarm response centre. If an alarm is raised then an operator will contact the person and check how they are. They are trained to action the most appropriate response, which could range from providing advice, guidance and reassurance to contacting a named keyholder such as a neighbour or family member; or calling the emergency services. In cases where there are no family members nearby, the council can provide a response service.

Who is eligible?
The Telecare service is initially being aimed at elderly residents living on their own, in their own home or in private rented accommodation and who have identified a need for support using Telecare technology. The service however may be extended to other residents that need it.

Eligible clients will need to have access to a BT phone line and nearby power socket, in order that an alarm unit linked to an alarm control centre may be set up.

Following initial enquiries and a request for the service, an appointment will be made by a trained member of the sheltered housing team who will; undertake a support needs assessment; obtain contact details of any keyholder and next of kin; identify Telecare equipment required; advise on cost of service and method of charging.

For more information about Telecare please contact Jas Studley, Senior Sheltered Housing Officer, tel 01489 557511, email: jstudley@fareham.gov.uk or visit: www.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/telecare

Easy access

Access for all with FEAT

The Fareham Access Group is currently leading on improvements to the existing public footpath around the foreshore edge of the Cams Hall Estate Golf Course.

FEAT or Fareham Easy Access Trail will be almost circular and is intended to make accessibility to the site much easier for everyone, and so become an inclusive path for people with all disabilities. It will have an improved surface, together with seats and interpretation boards along the route.

Potential users of the new trail were consulted last summer and feedback showed great support for the project. Funding is being actively sought with work due to start once funding is secured.

Fareham Council is working in partnership with The Fareham Access Group, together with Hampshire County Council, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Fareham Area Active Blind and Shopmobility, to make FEAT a successful project. The improved footpath will provide a great opportunity to see Fareham Creek at its best and to link the countryside with the town centre.

Leisure Centre

Get active

With the recent launch of Everyone Active, Fareham Leisure Centre is encouraging its members and the wider local community to get active five times a week for 30 minutes.

The aim is to help the local community achieve a more active lifestyle both inside and outside of the leisure centre. Being active can be anything from gardening to playing outside with your children - it doesn’t have to be all in a traditional leisure environment.

Fareham Leisure Centre is hoping to build on its success in 2007 when it was runner up in a national leisure award. The centre is already seeing membership of its Splash School increase and is also providing people with a meeting place to catch up with friends.

Facilities at the centre include a 25 metre swimming pool and a teaching pool; a large fitness suite; a large multi-sports hall; squash courts; a sauna and crèche facility; alongside four outdoor tennis courts and a café. With all these activities on your doorstep there really has been no better time or place to get active.

For more information visit: www.slim-leisure.co.uk/centres/fareham/ or tel: 01329 233652

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

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Food waste

Most of us now know that tins, jars and cardboard packets can be recycled, but what about the left over food? WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) has found that as a nation, we throw away more food than packaging; a staggering 1/3 of all the food we buy. Over half is food that could have been eaten; its not all peelings and preparation waste.

Uneaten food is damaging to the environment as well as being a huge waste of money. This is because when we throw food away, we waste all the carbon generated during the growing, production, processing, packing, transporting and storing of that food. The whole food supply chain accounts for around 20% of the UK’s greenhouse gas emissions. A typical household throws away between £4.80 and £7.70 of food that could have been eaten a week!

So how can we waste less food?

- **Keep a diary** - if you think you don’t waste any food, try keeping a food diary for a week and note down all food you throw away – you’ll probably be surprised!
- **Make a list when you shop** - only buy food you know you will use.
- **Think carefully before you cook** - don’t prepare more food than your family will eat.
- **Manage your food storage** - eat food in date order and don’t let it go ‘out of date’.
- **Use leftovers** - Some great meals are made quickly and easily from leftovers.

There are lots of recipes for using leftovers, and tips for avoiding food waste at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

Food Waste Digesters

Some food will inevitably be wasted and there will always be some preparation waste. This can be disposed of in your normal refuse bin, carefully wrapped, or put in a home food waste digester.

Food waste digesters work in a domestic garden and take all food waste, including cooked meat, fish, bones etc. There are two main types of digester. The Green Cone Food Waste Digester is dug into the ground and takes all food waste, which breaks down naturally and the resulting water and nutrients dissolve away into the soil. The Green Johanna Food Waste Composter/Digester turns food and garden waste into compost.

In autumn 2006, a small trial of food waste digesters was set up in Fareham. 25 volunteers recorded the weight of waste put into their unit for a year. On average, between 8 and 15kg of food waste per household per month was put into the digester. A small number of users reported problems with vermin, but wire mesh was put around the plastic basket in the ground which deterred them. The Green Cone Company can give you advice about resolving problems you may encounter with rats.

What people said about the digesters:

**The Green Johanna:**
- “It has been a great success.”
- “It used to wrap peelings in newspaper before putting them in the bin, so now I recycle more newspapers.”
- “It takes a lot of waste to produce a small amount of compost, it would probably take a year’s worth of waste to produce enough compost for the whole garden.”
- “Stags may be encouraged by it.”

**The Green Cone:**
- “We’ve really loved our green cone! We no longer have to send food waste outside the house but are able to deal with it much more efficiently at source. The kitchen bin is relatively clean and so no lining/cleaning needed and no smell from it either. Our wheelie bin is cleanish too.”
- “The caddy got very smelly, it’s better now I use biodegradable liners.”
- “I think it would be ok for a couple or a single person - we seem to produce too much waste for it. We’ve only recently got a composter so perhaps we might not have had the over filling problem if fruit and veg had gone into a composter instead.”
- “The garden around the Cone seems more lush.”
- “The cost would put people off.”
- “It may be best to install far away from the house to avoid flies.”
- “We removed our Green Cone following a problem with rats.”

**Working together**

A food digester is not a replacement for a home composter; but works best alongside one for the fruit and vegetable peelings. A home composter is a very effective and easy way to reduce the amount of waste in your refuse bin. They are available through Recycle Now, priced at £17 for a small 220 litre compost bin; £20 for a 130 litre compost bin and £40 for the Komp 250 litre compost bin. Visit: www.recyclenow.com/home_composting/ or tel: 0845 077 0757.

You can buy a food waste digester through this offer at a special reduced ‘online’ price; £49 for a Green Cone and £74 for a Johanna, including delivery. The units are on the above web site under “Additional Bins”.

Cones bought ‘off line’ cost £79.50 for the Green Cone and £108.94 for a Johanna, including delivery.

Freephone order number, tel: 0800 731 2572 or write to:
Green Cone Ltd, Innovation House, Daleside Road, Nottingham NG2 4DH

More information is available from: www.lovefoodhatewaste.com  www.wrap.org.uk  www.greencone.co.uk

Recycling tip top

Please remember to put recyclables loose in your blue top bin and not in plastic bags.
Community Action Teams

Money to bid for at CATs

Have you attended a Community Action Team (CAT) meeting in the Borough? If not you may be missing the opportunity to bid for funding for a project in your area. In total, some £38,000 of potential funding remains available to bid for local community projects to the end of September 2008.

Think about what may need improving in your area. Perhaps you have a community project in mind. If so, you can find out more by contacting the CATs officers, tel: 01329 824447 or 824448 or by viewing the information on the CATs pages at: www.fareham.gov.uk/cats

There have been several successful bids in recent months. Portchester shopping precinct will get some replacement street furniture thanks to a £12,000 award. The money will be used to replace the tree and bench seating; repair the areas on which they stand; and paint the lighting columns. This has been welcomed by retailers there.

Also benefiting from CAT funding in 2008 will be the Titchfield Carnival. The organisers made a bid for £5,000 to help ensure this year's popular event takes place.

The CATs team can help you prepare your bid and would be happy to talk any ideas through with you, so give them a call.

Join the CATs mailing list

Want to keep up to date with CATs meetings, what's on the agenda, where and when they're taking place and the minutes from previous meetings? There's an easy way to do this, by joining our CATs mailing list.

If you would like to sign up for CATs email, please send your details to: cats@fareham.gov.uk

Fareham Town Centre events

Dates for your diary

Saturday 12 July
Enjoy music and fun at a brand new event when the Rainbow Centre will be celebrating its 18th birthday with a fantastic street party - Rainbow ‘V' Live, a festival organised and driven by 16-25 year olds.

Saturday 20 September
See a wide selection of vehicles from yesteryear on display at Bygone Fareham.
Segensworth Business Improvement District

Segensworth became the first business area in Hampshire to vote successfully to become a Business Improvement District (BID). This enables groups of businesses to commission projects which will lead to improvements in their local trading environment, funded through a local increase in business rates.

The BID levy is collected by the local authority and passed to Segensworth Business Forum (the organising body) to spend exclusively on the projects outlined in their business plan. The BID lasts for 5 years and it’s estimated that it will generate approximately £160,000 per year, helping to:

• Develop initiatives to improve transport, access and HGV parking
• Increase business security and prevent crime
• Provide a range of shared service support functions that will benefit all businesses
• Introduce environmentally friendly measures and image enhancement across the estates
• Provide a strong central voice for Segensworth. The successful vote lends credibility to the BID as a lobbying force for the business community.

Did you Know that...?

The bricks used to build the Royal Albert Hall in London were made in Fareham.

The Borough’s famous ‘Fareham Reds’ (so called due to the red effect from the firing process on the iron content in the clay) proudly show off the Hall’s magnificent architecture, designed by Lt Col Henry Scott, R.E. (1822–83) and Captain Francis Fowke (1823-65).

Opened by Queen Victoria in 1871, the hall was originally going to be called The Central Hall of Arts and Sciences until, whilst laying the foundation stone, the Queen dedicated it to her husband and consort, Prince Albert and the Royal Albert Hall was born.

If you’re interested in the Borough’s ‘Walking to Health’ programme contact: Janine Daniels, Health Projects Co-ordinator, tel: 01329 236100 or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/walkingtohealth

Walking to Health in Fareham

Fareham’s walking to health is smart. It keeps you fit and young at heart. The walks are short, the walks are long, be you young or old please come along. One boot’s for beginners to ease you in, two boots and you’ll wear a triumphant grin. Three hours and you’ll trot as never before, up grassy slopes or shingled shore.

Volunteer leaders will guide you to places, so no need to rush we’re not at the races. Come along, in fact I insist, and place your name on our mailing list to help you on your feet!

Letters

Dear Editor,

I am a volunteer walk leader for ‘Walking to Health’ in Fareham and would like to submit a poem for publication.

Bob Currie, Portchester

If you’d be interested in finding out more about the BID process contact: Tony Mundy, Economic Development Manager, tel: 01329 236100 or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk
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  - 19:30
  - Beyond The Barricade
  - Fareham
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- Fri 27
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  - Bodyrox Dance Jamm 2008
  - Available from 07962 932034

**JULY**

- Thu 3
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  - Zion - A Tribute to Bob Marley
  - £15 (£14 Leisure Card)

- Sat 5
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  - Havant Symphony Orchestra
  - £16.50, £14, £11 & £6.50

- Thu 24
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  - The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas
  - £12

- Mon 28
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  - Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs
  - £9 (Supersaver 4 tickets £34)

- Sat 31
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  - Southdown Musical Society: Showstoppers 3
  - £8.50

**AUGUST**

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  - National Showband
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- Thu 9
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- Thu 16
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  - £15 (£14 Leisure Card)

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  - £18 (£17 Leisure Card)

- Thu 30
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  - Beyond The Barricade (Saturday matinée)
  - £15 (£14 Leisure Card)

- Thu 6
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  - £18 (£17 Leisure Card)

- Thu 13
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FAREHAM FARMERS’ MARKET

9am - 2pm first Saturday every month

Henry Cort Sculpture Park, West Street

Buy from the people who actually produce, and taste the difference in quality whilst supporting your local farming and rural community.

2008
5 July
2 August
6 September
4 October

2009
1 November
6 December
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extra date
3 January
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7 March
4 April

See around 40 local producers selling the best of their produce directly to customers - everything from freshly picked organic vegetables to free range eggs; from fish from local waters to rare breed meats; from home-baked bread and cakes to the honey made by local bees.