Foreword

by the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán Woodward

In April I was delighted to announce that the new Tesco store in Fareham Town Centre has been given formal planning permission and this new food store in Quay Street should hopefully be ready to open in Spring 2011.

A further boost to the town centre came with the news that Next and 99p Stores will soon be coming to Fareham, and discussions are taking place for Topman to join the centre as well. We also welcomed Beales Menswear, who opened their store in the shopping centre on 15 April; and were pleased to see Cargo return to the town in their new store in West Street.

Fareham Borough Council has been awarded £200,000 from the Government’s Eco-Town programme for the strategic development area North of Fareham. The money will be used to help plan the new “green” development site, with studies focusing on the provision of green space, waste, water and renewable energy.

The funding will help us meet Eco-Town standards which include the delivery of major infrastructure, such as transport provision to serve the development.

As a result of a successful bid, the Council has been offered a government grant of £162,450 for a Property Level Flood Protection and Resilience Scheme for Wallington which will enable a range of flood protection measures to be provided for those individual properties in the village considered to be most at risk from flooding.

We’ve launched Fareham’s Greening Campaign to encourage residents to take some simple steps to reduce their energy consumption and ‘do their bit’ to reduce their carbon footprint. The campaign has proven to be very successful in other areas and we’d like to hear from you if you’d like to become involved in the Borough. Visit: greening-campaign.co.uk or email: info@greening-campaign.co.uk

In this edition of Fareham Today you’ll find features on Fareham’s Citizens Advice Bureau (page 16); the Youth Council (page 4); the newly opened Fareham Easy Access Trail (page 9); and the Fareham Park Project Community Worker (page 19).

We continue to work in close partnership with the police on community safety and you’ll find a feature about policing in your local neighbourhoods (pages 11, 12 & 13).

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

(please see page 23 for Cllr Woodward’s contact details)
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Join our online panel and help to improve services

If you live in the Borough of Fareham and are aged 16 or over, you can become a member of Fareham’s e-panel. You’ll have the opportunity to comment on a range of topics relating to Fareham Borough Council and our partners. To find out more, visit: fareham.gov.uk/consultation and click on the e-panel link.
Youth Fareham Youth Council  

Do you want to have your voice heard, make changes in your community, make new friends and have fun? Why not join the Fareham Youth Council? FYC is a group of 11 to 19 year olds who express their views and make decisions that benefit the community.

The aims of the Fareham Youth Council are to:

- Consult with young people on a range of issues
- Raise these issues with the key decision makers in Fareham
- Represent the youth of Fareham at a local and Hampshire level
- Listen to the views of young people
- Voice young people’s options
- Help to improve the facilities in Fareham for 11 to 19 year olds
- Challenge the stereotyping of young people

To get involved, contact FYC on Facebook or email: farehamyc@hotmail.co.uk

Summer events for young people

These two events are brought to you as a result of a succesful bid to the Big Lottery Fund by Fareham Borough Council under the Children’s Play Initiative. They’re about giving the young adults of Fareham (aged 11 to 19) the opportunity to participate in local events and to learn new skills.

**Lazy Summer Sunday**  
Sunday 27 June 2010, 11am - 4pm  
Venue: Ferneham Hall, Fareham  
Age restriction applies: 11 - 19 only  
FREE event, refreshments on sale  
No drugs, no smoking, no alcohol, no gum

**Park Life**  
Saturday 17 July 2010, 12noon - 5pm  
Venue: Southfield Park, Portchester  
Age restriction applies: 11 - 19 only  
FREE event, refreshments on sale  
No drugs, no smoking, no alcohol

Activities on offer at both events include:

- Live music co-ordinated by Music Fusion, giant inflatables, a large information market promoting local services and agencies, circus and magic workshops, the Youth Council, a BBQ selling food and refreshments at very reasonable prices, nail painting and art design, Hampshire Football Association’s football development team, art activities, giant games, face painting and much more...
This year’s National Play Day event will be held in Bishopsfield Road Fareham. Hosted by Fareham Borough Council in partnership with Merryfields Children’s Centre and the Locality Team.

The national theme this year is ‘Our Place’. The campaign puts children at the heart of our communities, and asks everyone, young and old, to help create better places for all of us to live and play.

This FREE event will be in the style of a family picnic with inflatables, arts and crafts, sports, a magician, the Library Service and others.

Look out for the Play Rangers at the event who’ll also be providing ‘turn up and play’ sessions in the parks across the Borough throughout the summer. This will continue the ‘Big Lottery’ funded project to provide FREE play opportunities in the parks and open spaces across Fareham all year round.

Local Winners in the Hampshire Annual Early Years Awards 2010

Congratulations to Sophie Fall (pictured right) of Hopscotch Day Nursery Titchfield who won the Early Years Worker of the Year at the Hampshire Annual Early Years Awards 2010. Hosted by Children’s Links, the commissioned service for supporting Pre-schools and nurseries. Sophie was one of two local people that received an award; she won hers for total commitment and dedication to the children at the nursery.

The awards evening took place at the Holiday Inn, Winchester at the end of March and some local winners and nominations were: Gary White of Trinity Pre-School Fareham for Volunteer of the Year; The Rainbow Centre, nominated for team of the year; and Hopscotch Day Nursery, Titchfield for Overall Improvement in Quality.

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Fareham Exercise Referral Scheme

This scheme offers Fareham residents a whole range of exercise opportunities, and it’s not all about pounding the gym! If you’re a Fareham resident and have either: High Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Asthma, Osteoarthritis, Arthritis, C.O.P.D or maybe you struggle with your weight or suffer with depression, then this scheme could help you. It runs for 10 weeks and you’ll be guided every step of the way, with help, support and knowledge from the exercise referral team. If you’d like to improve your current fitness levels, then please speak with your GP about a referral.

Whilst attending the scheme, you’ll also be entitled to group exercise sessions, nutritional workshops and personal training sessions at only £1 each. You’ll also be entitled to discounted membership if you complete the 10 weeks. The scheme is run in partnership with Fareham Leisure Centre, Fareham Borough Council and NHS Hampshire.

‘Walking to Health’ achieves accreditation

Fareham’s Walking to Health scheme has successfully achieved accreditation from Natural England. Volunteers and colleagues were congratulated for maintaining the excellent standards of the scheme in Fareham with the delivery of an extensive programme of walks for local people.

We introduced the FREE Walking to Health initiative in 2004. Since then approximately 7,000 people have walked approximately 30,000 miles, led by ten qualified and extremely dedicated volunteer walk leaders. The walks are for people of all ages, cover various distances and are graded for different abilities.

For further information about these schemes, please contact Emma Barrett, Community Development Officer, tel: 01329 236100, email: ebarrett@fareham.gov.uk or visit: fareham.gov.uk  

Website fareham.gov.uk
Bringing people and parks together

**Getting Red Hot and Blue**

Summer has finally come but as we enjoy the beauty of the displays which are part of this year’s ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’ theme in support of our Britain In Bloom entry, we start to look ahead to the autumn with new ideas that keep our parks and gardens blossoming into the New Year.

The theme starting this autumn and continuing into 2011 will be ‘Red Hot and Blue’; focusing on the rich reds and cool blues that we’ll be bringing into the planting schemes and the community parks projects.

Our passion for parks and working with our community is highly regarded with many gold level awards from South and South-East England In Bloom. Once again to encourage community participation we’re giving away thousands of bulbs for you to plant in your own local green spaces. The bulbs will come up each spring, bringing a fountain of colour for many years to come.

The daffodils throughout the Borough are a real spectacle and the type we have this year is called ‘Geranium’. An amazing variety, richly scented with a huge head of white and red centered flowers on short sturdy stems.

We also have a mixture of cool blues with beautiful crocus and Chionodoxa (below) that will burst into bloom in March 2011. There are 60 sacks of each available, containing approx 140 bulbs and these will be distributed from the week commencing Monday 13 September for planting by mid-October.

Applicants should be residents, schools, community groups or businesses within Fareham Borough and the bulbs must be planted in a location that can be enjoyed by the wider community; such as an area of open space or a park. Once planted, providing the leaves are left for at least ten weeks after flowering to regenerate them, the bulbs will come up year after year!

For more information on Horticultural activities, please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, tel: 01329 824543 or email: parks@fareham.gov.uk
A World of Trees

There will be more trees again this year, as part of the ‘Adopt a Tree’ scheme whereby residents can opt to care for a tree by adopting it for their local community. The scheme has been running for nine years and has seen over 180 trees adopted across the Borough; now flourishing with the help of our residents, ensuring their long term survival.

Two fantastic trees are available, giving both red and blue flowers during the early summer; the first Crataegus laevigata - Paul’s Scarlet (pictured left), a lovely small, double red flowered form of Hawthorn. The second comes from China and is known as Paulownia tomentosa or the Foxglove tree (below) with startling, rich blue bunches of flowers. In fact one can be seen in Fareham town centre outside the Somerfield store.

There are 15 of each available* which will be planted as part of National Tree Week from 27 November to 5 December.

Application forms must be received by Friday 13 August and must include a contact name/organisation and daytime telephone number. Applications from schools must be supported by the Head Teacher.

Any applications received after the closing date will be added to the following year’s scheme.

* 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 be possible to plant trees and bulbs on highway verges. We may also have to suggest an alternative location.
2010 International Year of Biodiversity

It’s June and we’re already half way through the International Year of Biodiversity. What does this mean for the residents of Fareham and what can we do in support? There are lots of different opportunities to do something for local biodiversity. You can lend a hand to one of the initiatives underway in Fareham, such as ‘Spot the alien’, ‘The Hampshire Sparrow Survey’, ‘the Big Wildlife Garden’ or local Fareham Conservation Volunteers.

Spot the alien
Help the National Biodiversity Network by looking out for six non-native plants and animals for their survey of invasive species. The ‘Recording Invasive Species Count’ aims to monitor three animals (the Muntjac deer, Chinese mitten crab and the zebra mussel) and three plants (the water-primrose, tree-of-heaven and American skunk cabbage).

The idea is to find out more about the distribution and lifestyle of these species by asking the public to spot them and record the details online.

Hampshire Sparrow Survey
Running until 30 June 2010, the Hampshire House Sparrow Survey, a part of the Hampshire Bird Festival, is a campaign led by the county council to encourage all Hampshire residents young and old to look for signs of a once common UK bird, now in decline.

All the family can be involved in surveying and not seeing any sparrows is just as important to report. Sparrow watchers are encouraged to enter their sightings online where there is also plenty of advice and tips for encouraging birds into your outdoor space. You could win yourself a House Sparrow Hotel – a specially designed bird box that houses several sparrow families, which is how they like to nest.

The Big Wildlife Garden
The Big Wildlife Garden can help you turn your garden into an oasis for plants and animals. Register for FREE and find out everything you need to know to get birds, butterflies, frogs and toads migrating to your back yard. It doesn’t matter if you have a tiny patio, a huge lawn or a school playing field; your garden could become part of England’s biggest new wildlife reserve.

Countryside Tasks
Why not learn more about your local countryside sites and get stuck in to Countryside Tasks at Holly Hill Woodland Park, Whiteley Woodlands, the Gillies or Warsash Common? The Fareham Countryside Service runs tasks every Tuesday, Friday and some weekends. Anyone is welcome to come along and help for as long as they can spare. You don’t need superhuman strength to get involved and the Countryside Rangers will explain the work and its benefits for biodiversity, and they supply the tools.

Countryside Events
A programme of events organised to encourage involvement in horticulture, conservation and environmental activities to help residents get into the great outdoors of our Parks, Countryside and Woodland sites. Events for 2010 with a biodiversity theme include ‘It’s a Sensory Thing’, ‘The Secret Life of Trees’, ‘Food for Free’ and ‘Mingle with Mushrooms’.

For further information about Spot the Alien and The Hampshire Sparrow Survey, visit: biodiversityislife.net
Information about The Big Wildlife Garden is available at: bwg.naturalengland.org.uk
To volunteer for countryside tasks, email: parks@fareham.gov.uk or tel: 01329 236100
For details of countryside events please see the spring edition of Fareham Today or contact Fareham Tourist Information Centre, tel: 01329 221342.
**Community**

**Fareham Easy Access Trail**

If you enjoy walking along Fareham's coastline, you may be familiar with the public footpath around Cams Golf Course. It's a popular route for those who value the countryside feel of this location with its attractive views across the water.

Fareham Access Group and other local voluntary groups together with Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council, have worked to improve access to the footpath. Seats and information boards explaining the history of the area are provided along the mile long path which leads on to a three mile circular route, or can be stretched into a four mile walk to Portchester Castle.

Making this route accessible was the vision of Mrs Lorraine Herrington, founder and chairperson of Fareham Access Group. Lorraine sadly passed away in November 2008 and a bench seat along the path has been provided in her memory. The coastal footpath can now be enjoyed by everyone, following an official launch on 16 April.

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**Pet check**

**PDSA PetCheck for dogs**

Dog owners in Fareham are invited to get FREE health checks for their pets.

The PDSA’s PetCheck vehicle will be at: **Fareham Leisure Centre’s** main car park in Park Lane on **Sunday 22 August** from 10am to 4pm.

On board, a PDSA veterinary nurse will give FREE health checks, examining dogs’ weight, teeth, eyes and fur.

Only dogs can be taken along to the PetCheck vehicle but the veterinary nurse will be available to offer FREE advice on other popular household pets, such as cats and rabbits.

Micro chipping will also be available via the Dog Warden. The cost of this is £10.

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Community Action Teams

You can make a difference to your neighbourhood

Have you been to a CATs meeting recently? Fareham’s Community Action Teams (CATs) are held three times a year, in CAT areas across the Borough. The meetings are your chance to have your say about what goes on in your local area and what improvements you’d like to see.

Speed limit reminder signs
There will be six speed limit reminder signs allocated across the Borough. Those attending the CAT meetings will be asked where they think these signs are needed and feedback from the meetings will be compared with our current priority list. This will help us to decide where each camera should be placed for a trial period of two weeks. Two of the signs will be able to record the speed at which the traffic is travelling, which will be useful to Hampshire County Council and the Police.

Forthcoming Community Action Team meetings
All meetings start at 7pm until 8.30pm and take place in the following areas across the Borough:

Summer 2010
Titchfield - Tue 15 Jun at The Parish Rooms off Jubilee Road
Portchester - Thu 17 Jun at Wicor Primary School, Hatherley Crescent
Fareham North-East - Thu 15 Jul at Funtley Social Club
Crofton - Thu 22 Jul at Crofton School, Marks Road

(Western Wards meeting held on 8 June and Fareham South-West meeting held on 10 June)

Autumn/Winter 2010 - from this autumn there will be five CAT areas instead of six as the two Fareham areas will merge to become Fareham Town.
Fareham Town - Wed 22 Sep at Henry Cort School, Hillson Drive
Titchfield - Thu 14 Oct at The Malt Room, Titchfield Community Association, Mill Street
Portchester - Tue 26 Oct at Portchester Parish Hall, Assheton Court, off Castle Street
Western Wards - Wed 17 Nov at Sarisbury Green Social Club, 108 Bridge Road
Crofton - Tue 23 Nov at Holy Rood Church, Gosport Road

The five CAT Chairmen for the Borough of Fareham with their respective Officers are:
• Cllr Brian Bayford (Western Wards), Janine Hensman
• Cllr John Bryant (Fareham Town), Mark Dunning
• Cllr Nick Walker (Portchester), Richard Wright
• Cllr Tiffany Harper (Titchfield), Narinder Bains
• Cllr Kay Mandry (Crofton), Gerry Hill-Jones

For more information contact, tel: 01329 236100, email: cats@fareham.gov.uk or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/cats

Portchester Fun Day

Saturday 7 August
10am to 4pm in Portchester Precinct
A day of entertainment and useful local information from representatives from the Police, Fareham Borough Council, youth clubs, service recruitment and various local groups.
Police in Fareham, working with the Community Safety Partnership, continue to make significant progress in reducing crime and disorder. The total number of recorded crimes for 2009/10 is down by 16.4% on the previous year, continuing the downward trend of a 13% reduction on the year before.

Public disorder and assaults are down by 12.8%, largely driven by our efforts to tackle alcohol related violent crime. Our teams enforce the Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO) across the area where alcohol can be seized if consumed in public, accompanied by disorderly behaviour. The amount of alcohol seized has reduced year on year as the operations continue and alcohol related disorder in public areas has fallen.

The licensing team conducts undercover operations to tackle under age sales and serving to drunks, as well as working with licensed premises to reduce the potential for violent assaults by replacing traditional glasses with non-breakable polycarbonate ones.

Criminal damage has dropped significantly by 28.8% thanks to the concerted efforts of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) in contacting all victims of damage and conducting follow-on enquiries.

With the advance of new technology, the SNT officers have been issued with Blackberry devices, enabling them to spend more time on their beats as they can update the crime-recording system remotely. The device gives full access so victims of crime can be given immediate progress updates and crime reference numbers from their SNT officer. You’ll see officers out and about using this new technology so please don’t think they’re texting friends or updating Facebook - they’re updating crimes so they can stay out on their beats for longer.

Portchester SNT is leading the way by using Twitter updates to communicate directly with the community and keep more people informed about what they’re doing.

Based upon crimes per 1000 residents, the Fareham Community Safety Partnership is the second best performing Partnership in Hampshire and in the top quartile when compared to Partnerships in other local authorities from our most similar family group. (Based on areas with a similar demographic to Fareham across England and Wales).

The Town Centre unit is also involved in Pubwatch, working to ensure that anyone who’s banned from one of the town’s pubs is banned from them all; so far 17 people have been banned from Fareham’s licensed premises.

The Town Centre unit has carried out several operations targeting purse thieves resulting in a number of arrests and two women being convicted and sentenced to 6 and 12 months in prison.

High-visibility and plain clothes operations have taken place to tackle drug supply and use in the town centre leading to several arrests and charges for drugs offences.

Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods Team
The team operates a mobile police station in the pedestrian precinct in West Street, Fareham, on the first Thursday of the month. It starts at 10am and finishes at 3pm and is your chance to tell us what’s important to you in your neighbourhood and play your part in setting local priorities.

You can also contact the team, email: fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Sgt Nigel Burt and Sgt Kerry Rudge (above) with:
PC Darren Graham
PC Tara Magnus
PC Sue Wallace

PCSO Graham Stanton
PCSO Donna Bidle

Fareham District Commander
Chief Inspector Glynis Shaw

Town Centre
Priorities for this team are:

• Tackling anti-social behaviour and under age drinking.
• Dealing with graffiti and criminal damage.
• Reducing purse thefts and drug use within Fareham town centre.

Action we’ve taken in relation to local priorities
The team has responded to concerns about anti-social behaviour and under age drinking by mounting high visibility patrols in hotspot areas, confiscating alcohol from youngsters and reporting their behaviour to their parents.

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Park Gate East
Priorities for this team are:
- Dealing with anti-social behaviour and drinking in Speedfields
- Tackling anti-social behaviour and underage drinking in Seafield Park and Stubbington Green
- Reducing vehicle obstructions and parking around Ranvilles School

Action we have taken in relation to local priorities
The team has conducted extra patrols in the Speedfields Park area and is working with local businesses to introduce measures to discourage nuisance driving, such as closing car parks outside of trading hours and installing car park barriers. The result will be fewer places for young people to park and drive in an anti-social manner in the evenings.

The team joined forces with the Roads Policing Unit to target speeding motorists in the area, issuing fixed penalty tickets to offending drivers and referring others to the Driver Awareness Training Scheme.

Youths behaving anti-socially in Stubbington have been identified and visited at home with their parents. Parents are being given the opportunity to work with the team to discourage their youngsters from causing a nuisance in the future, but if problems persist we’ll aim to instigate action for Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs). The team also worked with the Ministry of Defence to install CCTV in Seafield Park to monitor anti-social behaviour and deter potential offenders.

PCSOs visit schools at opening and closing time to monitor parking. Drivers who have parked inconsiderately are asked to move their vehicles and advised not to cause an obstruction again. The team also posts leaflets on vehicles to warn drivers that if they continue to cause an obstruction when parking they could be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods Team
Please come and meet us and tell us what you think is important in your neighbourhood and what you think our priorities should be.

Park Gate West
The neighbourhood policing priorities for this team are:
- Anti-social behaviour and underage drinking
- Speeding in Western Wards
- Criminal damage at all our local schools

Action we have taken in relation to your priorities
Positive action has been taken to tackle anti-social behaviour and several Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts and Orders (ABCs and ASBOs) have been given to repeat offenders to curb their behaviour. The team has conducted alcohol test purchase operations and fined three licensees for selling alcohol to underage customers.

Speeding motorists have been targeted by increased patrols in hot spot areas, and both speeding enforcement and anti-social behaviour legislation has been used against offending drivers.

In order to combat vandalism and anti-social behaviour in and around schools, the team has established School Watch to provide a link between schools, the police and the wider community.

Leaflets and signs are being used around schools to encourage members of the public to report any suspicious activity, especially during school holidays and weekends. As well as tackling criminal damage at schools, School Watch gets police, parents, children and agencies such as Neighbourhood Watch and the council working together to reduce anti-social behaviour and traffic problems around schools, improving the quality of life for the whole community.

Anyone who would like to know more about School Watch or has any concerns about a school in Park Gate West can contact the scheme by emailing school.watch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods Team
Come and tell us what is important to you in your neighbourhood, and play your part in setting local priorities.

We hold beat surgeries in:
Stubbington - first Monday of every month - 2pm-4pm at Stubbington Library.
Titchfield - second Monday of every month - 9am-11am at the Parish Rooms, High Street, Titchfield Village.

Warsash (outside the Co-Op)
Sunday 18 Jul, 10-11.30am
Sunday 15 Aug, 10-11.30am
Sunday 12 Sep, 10-11.30am

You can contact both Park Gate teams, email: park.gate.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Sgt Dave Spacey (above) with:
PC David Coleman
PC Bob Collier
PC Jackie Wild
PC Lisa Edmonson
PCSO Tammi Cairley
PCSO Linda Coyle
PCSO Andrew Leeks
PCSO John Warford
**Fareham West**

**Priorities for this team are:**

- To tackle anti-social behaviour, particularly in Broadlaw Walk and at Highlands Road shopping centre.
- To deal with issues relating to school pupils.
- To combat vehicle related nuisance around the Highlands Road area, particularly Privett Road and Hillson Drive.

**Action we have taken in relation to local priorities**

The team ran a successful operation to tackle anti-social moped use in Highlands Road, Privett Road and Hillson Drive, removing two mopeds from the highways and issuing warnings to riders who use their vehicles anti-socially.

As well as targeting vehicle related nuisance, the team held a community event in Highlands Road to address anti-social behaviour and give residents the chance to raise their concerns and seek advice.

The team continues to work with schools and young people to provide education and advice on crime and anti-social behaviour and actively targets underage drinkers, seizing their alcohol and fining retailers who sell alcohol to children.

Three residents of Redlands Lane and Highlands Road whose behaviour was causing problems for the community have been given Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), requiring them to comply with certain conditions to improve their behaviour and the quality of life for their neighbours.

**Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

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

Please come and meet us and tell us what you think is important in your neighbourhood and what you think our priorities should be. You can also contact this team, email: fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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**Portchester**

**Priorities for this team are:**

- Anti-social behaviour in Portchester Precinct and the community centre.
- Vehicle obstructions, particularly around the schools and the Co-op in White Hart Lane.
- The anti-social use of mopeds and other vehicles around Portchester, particularly in the precinct, the castle and community centre.

**Action we’ve taken in relation to local priorities**

In response to complaints from residents about anti-social behaviour and youths congregating around the precinct and community centre, the team encourages youths to park their mopeds at the rear of the shops to minimise noise and disturbance to residents, and to leave the precinct once they have bought their food.

The team is working with the Council to install a barrier at the community centre car park and switch the lights off after midnight in order to prevent cars and mopeds congregating there. Working together, the Council and police have raised the height of the fencing around the tennis courts adjacent to the precinct to deter youths from playing football there.

Youths who persistently cause problems have been issued with warnings or Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and the police and council will seek stricter Anti-Social Behaviour Orders for those who do not abide by the terms of their contracts.

The team has focused on problem parking around schools and carried out joint operations with traffic wardens to enforce parking restrictions. We now have an officer designated to dealing with issues in the schools in Portchester. PC Andy Higgs is part of the safer schools partnership where he’s building positive relationships between the police and students at a young age.

**Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

Come and tell us what’s important to you in your neighbourhood, and play your part in setting local priorities.

The team holds beat surgeries on the first Wednesday of every month in the library near the precinct. A surgery is also held each Monday between 10am and midday in the portakabin at the rear of Portchester Community Centre.

You can contact this team, email: fareham.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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For more information about your Safer Neighbourhood Team, visit: www.hampshire.police.uk

**Sgt Jerry Tremellen (above) with:**

PC Andy Higgs
PC Tim Young
PC Fran Munro
PC Sarah Ball
PCSO John Payne
PCSO Kim Mitchell
PCSO Dave Early
PCSO Bob Shailer

**Sgt Aaron Freemantle (left) with:**

PC John Cupper
PC Lisa Binny
PC Helen Winters
PC Dee Dixon
PCSO Greg Sharman
PCSO Ann Adams
PCSO Marie Harding

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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: fernehamhall.co.uk
Events along West Street

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 17 July - Sixties Sensation
Experience a day full of the best of the 1960s - a display by local scooter and car owners, live music and dance, plus a host of other things reminiscent of this great era.

Saturday 11 September - Bygone Fareham
Discover a wide range of cars, courtesy of the South Hants Vehicle Preservation Society, representing a cross-section of makes and models from the 30s to the 70s, with performances of 40s jitterbug jive to get you in the mood of a bygone era.

If you would like further information on these or other town centre events, or would like to get involved, please contact the Department of Planning and Environment on 01329 236100, or email towncentre@fareham.gov.uk

Permit Parking

For residents in Fareham town centre

From July, some streets in Fareham town centre will have a residential parking scheme. This is being introduced in response to concerns expressed by residents about the problems with all-day parking.

Residents who live in the affected streets (see list) will be able to buy a permit at a cost of £40 per annum. This will entitle them to park on-street in marked bays during the daytime - usually between the hours of 8am and 6pm, from Monday to Saturday. They will also receive 10 FREE visitor permits per household per year.

Additional visitor permits are also available to residents at a cost of £10 for a book of 10 permits. There will be no charge for Blue Badge Holders. Essential medical staff and health workers can apply for a special permit making them exempt from the restrictions.

If you live in one of these streets, full details of the resident parking permit scheme will be sent to you over the next few weeks.

If you currently park in residential streets near Fareham town centre but are not a resident, please use one of the town car parks. There are long-stay car parks suitable for all-day parking and season tickets are available at a discounted rate; together with short stay car parks for your trips to Fareham for shopping.

The following streets will be part of the new parking permit scheme:
- Avenue Road
- Collenso Road
- Crescent Road
- Deanes Park Road
- East Street (service road)
- Gordon Road
- Grove Road
- Harrison Road
- High Street, Fareham
- Kings Road
- Lower Bath Lane
- Mead Way
- New Road
- North Wallington
- Old Turnpike
- Paxton Road
- Queens Road
- Serpentine Road
- Southampton Road
- Uplands Crescent
- Wallington Shore Road
- Western Road

For more information on town centre parking, please contact Parking Services, tel: 01329 236100 or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/parking
Welcome to this new regular feature from Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau where we will be updating you on key developments affecting your daily life in the community.

In the past year we dealt with 3,700 queries from local people in the bureau or over the phone. Topics covered ranged from employment problems, money advice and debt to housing and benefits issues as well as consumer rights, family problems, legal matters and immigration.

Your local bureau is an independent registered charity which depends on grants and fund-raising but is governed and monitored by the national CAB. We opened in 1942 and since 1985 we have been based on the top floor of Fareham Library where – thanks to a recent refurbishment – we see clients in comfortable, soundproofed rooms offering total privacy.

Our advisers are predominantly volunteers and are highly trained to provide you with the advice and information you need to help you make decisions about the problems you face. Another important part of our work is to use your experiences to campaign for changes to the law and better services, both at local and national level.

Our FREE, confidential, independent and impartial service is available five days a week, as well as a variety of information on our website 24/7: www.farehamcab.org.uk

We hope you’ll find this feature useful and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kate Rayner, Manager
Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau

Case study
Distressed and frightened, a client phoned Fareham CAB on a Friday afternoon, after her landlord had threatened to evict her and change the locks later that evening. After the adviser’s intervention, the landlord backed down and has now started legal and appropriate eviction proceedings. If the client had not contacted us and given us permission to negotiate with the landlord the client would have been evicted and would have faced the weekend homeless.
Your rights, problems and issues

Watch out for scams!
Beware of scams by certain debt collection companies who send out official looking court forms. If you’re in doubt as to whether a form is from a court, ask at your Citizens Advice Bureau. And remember, debt collectors have no more powers than any lender or credit card company.

New “fit notes” introduced
Sick notes have been replaced by fitness for work medical certificates, known as fit notes. The new form allows a doctor to say an employee may be fit for work, subject to changes in the workplace. These could include an alteration to working hours or duties, a phased return to work or workplace adaptations.

Is your tax code correct?
HM Revenue and Customs says some of its tax codings for the year beginning 6 April 2010 were incorrect. If you think your tax code is wrong, check it using the guidance with the coding notice and at www.hmrc.gov.uk.

Phone contracts – new rights
New rules protect consumers from the mis-selling of fixed-line telephone contracts, when switching from one provider to another. These include the right to cancel without charge during a 10-day switchover period.

What our clients say
“The CAB is the most wonderful resource this country has. You are always very friendly, very helpful and willing to take the time to help with problems.”

“The CAB is without doubt one of the strong pillars that those who are most vulnerable can turn to. I myself have been so grateful for all the support given. A CAB you can trust.”

“Thank you for your help, I can relax now without the stress that my problem was giving me.”
Private Sector House Condition Survey

The private sector housing stock in Fareham (owner occupied and privately rented) accommodates over 92% of the Borough’s residents, one of the highest proportions in the country. The condition and use of these homes is of vital importance to the health and wellbeing of our residents, as well as the appearance and prosperity of the Borough. Although the main responsibility to maintain a property rests with the owner, the Council is committed to improving housing quality to meet the Decent Home Standard.

We carry out surveys to get a detailed picture of house conditions in the private sector. This helps us to determine local priorities for action, particularly how we can assist vulnerable occupants to live in a decent home. The survey provides evidence for us to bid for external funding and useful information about Borough housing.

At the end of 2009 we carried out a private sector house condition survey as part of a county-wide approach and we’re grateful to the 700 randomly selected local households who helped us with the project.

The results of the survey indicate that, given the comparative age of the Borough’s housing stock (82.2% built post war compared to 57.3% nationally) these homes are generally in good condition. However 18.9% of those in owner occupation and 24.5% that are privately rented are classed as “non decent” which can mean they contain an element that’s considered to be in need of some repair; are without modern facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms or they lack a reasonable degree of thermal comfort. The overall percentage of Fareham “non decent” homes (19.2%) is significantly below the national average of 35.8%, but it’s still a concern that approximately 8,000 of our residents are living in homes that do not meet the Decent Homes Standard.

The largest single reason for failure of dwellings as a decent home is a lack of warmth, which affects some 4,390 homes. This comprises homes that don’t have effective insulation or efficient heating. 3,860 households are classed as being in fuel poverty, which means that more than 10% of their income would have to be spent to adequately heat and provide hot water. This number has risen considerably since we last carried out a survey in 2004, showing that fuel bills have risen higher than incomes over that period. Many households in fuel poverty receive income related benefits and are eligible for assistance under the national Warm Front Scheme. If you think you may qualify for a Warm Front Grant, contact the helpline, tel: 0800 316 6011.

The survey shows that an estimated 7,800 private sector homes have at least one resident with a long term illness or disability. Of this number, approximately 3,220 would benefit from an adaptation to allow them to live more independently. Adaptations can range from simple grab rails to major extensions. This information will assist us to bid for future Disabled Facilities Grant funding.

The survey also tells us that there are an estimated 220 long term empty properties in the Borough, which represents 0.5% of the total housing stock. This is well below the average for England (1.5%), but still represents a substantial wasted resource. We’re already working with the owners of empty homes to persuade them to return these properties to use.

If you’d like to learn more about the survey, a copy of the full report can be found on our website: fareham.gov.uk
A day in the life...

of a Co-ordinator for the Fareham Park Project

By Angela Luke, Learning Links (Southern) Ltd

I have a part-time role working two days a week for networkfareham, ‘Fareham’s Community Partnership’ in the Fareham Park area (Fareham North West Ward) on a new community development project. This project has been set up to involve you, the local residents, to find out what you’d like to see happen in your area and for you to help identify and improve on existing provision and services. I’ve started making contact with local groups, schools and residents to tell people about the exciting new project and this is a single day out of my diary.

09:00 My day starts with checking my emails and phone messages and I re-prioritise my ‘To do’ list for the day. I attend a website training workshop for the project at the Community Action Fareham office.

10:30 I have a meeting at Fareham Police Station with the Inspector and I find out all about the neighbourhood team. These officers help and advise on their walk about the estate and have a regular presence in the Highlands Road shopping precinct on the first Friday of each month from 1 to 4pm to help with any concerns and enquiries.

11:15 I meet the Mobile Library Co-ordinator and the Manager of Fareham Library. They explain about their local services for people with disabilities and community links and how they may be able to assist with the project.

11:45 I have a follow-up meeting with the Vicar of St. Columba, he explains his pastoral care role with both C of E Schools - Henry Cort and Oak Meadow Primary. He’s very keen to see an information centre bringing local services and people together in the community.

12:15 I make my way to Fareham North West Community Association and stop on the way to check the notice boards, to see that information about free activity workshops I have arranged is displayed. The boards are changed every two weeks and it’s good to check regularly for all events happening in the area. I give out posters to the shops and medical centres where I hope to have them displayed and ask if they can be put in the staff room.

12:45 I arrive at the Community Association centre where I’m greeted by the local Councillors and have a coffee with the people that attend, gaining an insight into the history of the area. A resident shows a map of the area and opens up a debate on local housing and farmland, bluebell woods and railway to the Meon valley. This gathers momentum and attendees offer ideas on use of the land and walkways already in place for people to revisit these sites and their local heritage. Other information gathering reveals that people would like to see a picnic area and facilities for the community to benefit. Training includes confidence building, health and safety, food hygiene, cooking on a budget, beginners’ computing, gardening & the environment, easy language in literature and advice on careers and work.

14:30 I pop in to Henry Cort College to speak to the Extended Services Co-ordinator, she informs me about the next Parents’ Coffee Morning drop-in and I confirm I will be attending.

15:00 I attend Oak Meadow Children’s Centre; meeting with the Family Support Workers team, the Manager and Headmistress. We discuss how we can work together with local parents; offering both our training and support for the project and future joint events. These encompass a “Spring into Action” Fun Day funded by Business Link, and Learning Links’ delivery of the free Community Champions and Researchers training.

16:30 I return to my desk space and check my emails. I have an information, advice and guidance session with a client. This is a free service to help people to refresh skills, gain qualifications and find out about volunteer and work placement opportunities.

To find out more about the project and how you can access advice and training, please contact Angela Luke, tel: 07736 806039, email: coordinator@farehampark.org.uk or visit: farehampark.org.uk

For more information about Learning Links please visit: learninglinks.co.uk
Waste & Recycling

A lot more than emptying bins

Waste and recycling in Fareham is a team effort, involving dedicated collection crews, waste and recycling officers; and office and call centre staff behind the scenes. Together, you’ve helped recycle nearly 40% of your waste. Collection crews are the public face of the service, out emptying over 1,000 bins a day. The team is responsible not just for bins but garden waste, glass banks, and providing a trade waste and recycling service to local businesses.

Anything unusual they see on their rounds is fed back to the office. For example, if crews find someone who’s not sure what to recycle, waste and recycling officers follow it up and contact the resident concerned. We’ve made considerable progress on recycling and now have a recycling rate which is one of the best in the county.

Emptying bins is the part of the service most residents see all the time. We also write to residents where necessary, and give talks and organise events to help raise awareness of recycling.

Even our vehicles are used to remind people to recycle (above). Have you seen them as they drive around the Borough with their eye-catching recycling messages? We’re planning to put messages on more vehicles in the future.

We work with groups of people aged three to 103, giving presentations about recycling at pre-schools and schools, Cubs, Brownies and other youth groups. We also visit adult groups such as sheltered housing coffee mornings for older residents, tenants’ groups, residents’ associations – anyone we can; after all everyone has rubbish.

We’ve run a swap shop (pictured right) with Whiteley Conservation Group, where residents were invited to bring something no longer useful to them, and they could take away something they wanted. No money changed hands; instead things which would have been in the bin found a new owner - after all, one person’s rubbish is someone else’s treasure!

We organised a textile collection from the Civic Offices (pictured below) to help raise awareness of textiles recycling; the mountain of textiles was recycled for the benefit of Hampshire Air Ambulance. Can we organise a similar collection where you work? Just let us know.

(right) Bazza Bank promotes the textiles for recycling initiative to raise funds for Hampshire Air Ambulance in 2009. (Inset) Bagged textiles are loaded into the van.

(above) Waste and Recycling Officer, Karima Englefield at the swap shop
Love Food Hate Waste

We work with other groups and organisations where possible. During our ‘Love Food Hate Waste’ event, 33 Field Hospital brought a touch of military glamour to West Street, when they were a huge part of the campaign. In this country we throw away more food than packaging and a lot of it is perfectly good food which could have been eaten. As well as the Army, the Co-operative and Somerfield supermarkets and Antonio’s Spanish Restaurant contributed to the event to help us send out the message to ‘Love Food Hate Waste’.

Solar Challenge

We also promote recycling through other events. For example, six schools in Fareham have been selected to take part in the Hampshire Solar Challenge, where they have to make a model out of waste materials with one moving part powered by a solar cell. Children will be thinking about the best way to reuse and recycle materials in their model design. The children who’ll be our future designers, decision makers, etc. will need to consider how easy it will be to recycle a product at the end of its life. Schools in Fareham taking part in the Solar Challenge are Lord Wilson School, Oak Meadow Church Of England Primary School, Orchard Lea Junior School, Ranvilles Junior School, Red Barn County Primary School and Titchfield County Primary School. The final will be at Intech in July.

WEee!

Don’t forget your WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment). Items such as mobile phones and larger electrical items like TVs and vacuum cleaners are often recycled. However, smaller electrical items like toasters, hairdryers and electric toothbrushes are often overlooked and are simply thrown away with the household rubbish or left to gather dust in the loft or garage. These smaller electrical items can still be recycled or reused by taking them to the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Please don’t put them in your refuse bin.

If your group would like to work with us to run a swap shop, textile collection or host a presentation or run activities, please contact the Council, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk and ask for a Waste & Recycling Officer.

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk Website fareham.gov.uk
Did you know that...?

Hampshire Police have a Male Voice Choir

The successful Police Male Voice Choir has grown so much that it moved last November from its rehearsal venue at the Sarisbury Green Parish Rooms to Sarisbury Green Social Club. Using a larger venue means the choir can grow even more and they’re looking for new members.

You don’t have to be a police officer. Although the choir was originally made up of police officers and support staff it now includes members of the community. Neither do you have to be a ‘Pavarotti’ or be able to read music. The Choir has an excellent music team to help you improve your singing, and who knows, you could be the next Andrea Bocelli! Perhaps you have been inspired by the television shows ‘The Choir’ or ‘Last Choir Standing’, or have just retired with time to take on new interests or challenges. Whatever the reason, why not try it out?

The choir, formerly known as the Portsmouth City Police Choir, was formed in 1940 and has raised thousands of pounds for charities and local causes. Most of its performances are in Hampshire, about eight concerts a year. It recently had a very successful concert performing with the Police Band at Ferneham Hall and in 2008 they performed in the London Welsh Festival of Male Voices at the Royal Albert Hall which they described as an “awesome experience”.

Being a member of the Police Choir is very satisfying and great fun, singing a wide range of music. Singing is also proven to be good for your physical and mental health. Practices are held at Sarisbury Green Social Club from 7pm to 9.30pm every Wednesday. Why not come along and try it?

Further information can be obtained at: www.hampshirepolicechoir.org.uk or by contacting the Chairman, Brian Wareham, tel: 07771 724421 or email chairman@hampshirepolicechoir.org.uk or Vice Chairman, Geoff Culbertson, tel: 07971 783660 or email: vchairman@hampshirepolicechoir.org.uk
Contact your Councillors

Key: ● Conservative group ● Liberal Democrat group

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