We have had the honour and privilege to represent Fareham as Mayor and Mayoress at countless businesses, various organisations and schools that we have visited during the last few months.

However, at this time of year it is traditional to think of others so this Christmas, we wish to especially think of and thank those in our community that help others as volunteers. These volunteers support the community of Fareham and are the ‘glue’ that makes our town such a wonderful place in which to live.

As Mayor and Mayoress, Susan and I have met countless dedicated volunteers during our visits since May. We wish to give our grateful thanks to all of these volunteers that help and support the youth of our community in the Scouts, Guides, Cadets, Youth Clubs, the volunteers at the schools and many others.

We thank the Fareham in Bloom volunteers who are dedicated in helping to brighten our community and have significantly contributed towards the town winning a number of the highest awards in the Royal Horticultural Society’s ‘Britain in Bloom’ and the South East in Bloom competitions.

We would also like to pay tribute to the many volunteers in charity organisations that aid and assist those in need, such as Fareham & Gosport Home-Start, Lions, Rotary, Talking Books for the Blind and the local bands of volunteers for national charities, NSPCC, Mind, Diabetics and countless others.

To all of our volunteers and all the residents of Fareham, we wish you a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and success in your activities in 2011.

Brian and Susan Bayford, Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham 2010/11
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Join our online panel and help to improve services
If you live in the Borough and are aged 18 or over, you can become a member of Fareham’s e-panel or if you’re aged 13-19, you can join the Young Person’s e-panel. Take the opportunity to comment on topics relating to us and our partners. To find out more, visit: fareham.gov.uk/consultation and click on the e-panel links.
Waste & Recycling

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection dates

There will be some changes to the day your bin is emptied over the Christmas and New Year period. The table below shows which day your bin is due to be emptied.

The information can also be found on the card we delivered to you during the autumn, or by visiting fareham.gov.uk/recycling.

Garden Waste collections are suspended from Monday 20 December and will resume on Monday 17 January 2011.

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From Mon 17 Jan garden waste collections resume on recycling collection days

### Christmas tree recycling

We’ll collect your real Christmas tree for recycling after the festive period. Just put the tree out on your first scheduled garden waste collection day when the service resumes. There’s no need to chop the tree up, just leave it beside your garden waste sack. Maximum trunk diameter 10cm - one tree per property.
Recycling at Christmas

Don’t forget to recycle your paper, card, plastic bottles, tins, cans and aerosols in your blue top recycling bin. Now that aerosols are accepted, all those festive cans of party streamers and spray snow can be recycled when they’re empty. Also, remember to recycle your Christmas cards and envelopes.

Unfortunately we can’t accept Christmas wrapping paper in your blue top recycling bin. This is because the wrapping is often not actually made of paper but is plastic or cellophane and if it’s covered in sticky tape, glitter etc, it’s not economical to recycle it.

Please take your empty glass bottles and jars to your nearest glass recycling bank. Locations of all the banks can be found at: fareham.gov.uk/recycling or by contacting us, tel: 01329 236100.

Love Christmas Food Hate Waste

Did you know we actually throw away more food than packaging in this country? If we stopped wasting food that could have been eaten, the environmental impact would be the same as taking one in four cars off our roads. Not to mention the amount of money we could save - an important consideration in the current economic climate. (Information from Love Food Hate Waste, part of the Waste and Resources Action Programme)

If you find you often cook too much or throw out food that’s gone off or passed its use-by date, visit: lovefoodhatewaste.com for lots of tips and ideas. How about Braised Christmas Chicken or Fish Salad on Pitta Crisps for that Christmas party? There’s even an idea for using up uneaten after dinner mints!
Strategy Update

Since January, we've been developing a new Equality Strategy for the Borough. The purpose is to improve our services by making them accessible to everyone.

This year the Single Equality Act 2010 passed through Parliament, designed to combine previous equality laws under one act. Part of the act made it our duty to promote equality for all the people we serve. Because we’re directly affected by this law we have to ensure our services are as inclusive as possible.

In May, a community involvement workshop was held to gather information about the issues that most affect you. Below is a summary of some of the views you have about Council services:

- The public transport network does not take enough account of the needs of disabled residents and should be upgraded.
- There is a lack of disabled access to recycling facilities, e.g. bottle banks which means that those who want to recycle specific items can’t.
- The condition of the roads in the Borough needs addressing as using the bus service means that journeys are uncomfortable.
- Uneven paving is a safety hazard for all residents and this is a particular issue in West Street.
- There should be District Offices spread throughout the Borough so that residents who find it difficult to access the central Civic Offices can still have direct access to the Council.

We’re still looking for your views to give us more ideas about improving our strategy, as it is still “work in progress”. If you have an idea you wish to contribute to the strategy or if you want to enquire about future events relating to this project, please contact the Equalities Officer, tel: 01329 236100, email: equalities@fareham.gov.uk or you can write to: Equalities Officer, Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Hampshire PO16 7AZ.

For more information about the Equality Act, visit: equalityhumanrights.com and equalities.gov.uk

Community Development - Your Health & Wellbeing (BME)

- Are you a black or minority ethnic (BME) member in Fareham?
- Do you have a health issue and/or some cultural-related suggestions for the healthcare services that you would like to tell someone about?

Then Milai Livingstone, Community Development Officer (Hampshire CC Adult Services - BME) would like to hear from you. Her main remit is to work with BME residents who have a health & wellbeing issue along with their carers and family members; offering support, guidance and information.

Please contact: Milai Livingstone, BME Mental Health and Wellbeing - Community Development Officer (HCC), tel: 01329 236100 ext 2455, email: mlivingstone@fareham.gov.uk or visit: hants.gov.uk/bme-cdo
Residents and community groups across the Borough are being offered the chance to join together in their area to really make a difference. The Greening Campaign runs across the Borough and gives communities the opportunity to have an impact on energy use which saves households money and makes a difference to the CO₂ they emit.

The Greening Campaign began in Petersfield, when Terena Plowright decided to do something in her own town to try and ‘make a difference’. It was so successful that since then many other villages and towns across the South of England have joined together to reduce their carbon emissions and the amount of water they use.

Fareham Town - has joined and chosen a set of challenges for everyone with community groups already stepping forward to play their part.

The practical challenges selected, offer a range of ways to get involved, most of them needing zero investment. All of the challenges give the opportunity to save money, which is a great incentive for households and businesses in the Borough, especially in the current economic climate. As an example, one of the challenges is to turn down your thermostat by 1°C and save £50 every year, as well as 300kg of carbon emissions.

Stubbington - The launch is set and schools are joining together to get the message to parents and children across the village. The community is linking together and soon cards will come through doors so if you live in Stubbington watch your letterbox for your Greening Stubbington challenge card.

Other groups are just beginning in areas such as Portchester, Broadlaw Walk and Wallington, where residents are thinking about what they can do to start a campaign in their area. Thanks to Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council there is funding available to start these campaigns and people across the Borough can begin to cut their energy bills.

For more information or if you’d like to support the campaign in your area please contact Mark Holt (Fareham), email: markjbholt@googlemail.com or Oriana Taylor (Stubbington), email: orianataylor1@yahoo.co.uk or you can email: info@greening-campaign to put you in touch with your local group.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Could you make a difference in Fareham as a trustee of the local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)?

The CAB provides FREE, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination. Each Bureau is an independent charity.

Fareham Bureau is looking for someone who has the time and enthusiasm to become an active trustee. Apart from an understanding of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship, they’re looking to recruit a new trustee with specific skills, knowledge and experience in corporate governance, strategic planning, and business continuity.

Hours can be as you feel able to contribute in order to lead on the above and there are a minimum of four Trustee meetings each year, held on weekday evenings, together with subcommittee meetings as necessary. Additional training is available.

Please apply to Kate Rayner, Bureau Manager, Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau, 2nd Floor, County Building, Fareham PO16 7EN. Tel: 01329 237026 or email: manager@farehamcab.org
A new form of debt relief was introduced by the government in April 2009. Called the Debt Relief Order (DRO), it’s intended to help people who owe relatively little money, have little or no disposable income and no assets to repay what they owe, and who cannot afford to make themselves bankrupt.

DROs do not suit everyone. You’re only eligible for one if you meet the following conditions:

- You must pay a fee of £90 to the Insolvency Service
- You must apply through an approved intermediary
- You're unable to pay your debts
- You owe up to a maximum of £15,000
- Your total assets don’t exceed £300
- After taking away tax, national insurance contributions and normal household expenses, your disposable income doesn’t exceed £50 per month
- You must live in England or Wales
- You must pay a fee of £90 to the Insolvency Service
- You must apply through an approved intermediary

The introduction of DROs has been hampered by a lack of approved intermediaries nationwide but Fareham CAB was quick to get one of its volunteer debt advisors trained in this new role. As a result, Fareham CAB has been able to help 35 local people clear debts totalling £300,000 in the first year of offering this service. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the relief people feel at freeing themselves from debt, as they’ve been able to make a fresh start and get their lives back on track.

Payplan criteria relaxed

Another piece of good news for those battling with debt: Payplan, which is one of only two companies offering FREE debt management plans, says it can consider plans for people with as little as £50 a month left over after essential expenses. Previously the level was £100. Payplan is a useful option for people who need support with repaying non-priority debts and prefer a structured scheme where they can make a single affordable payment every week or month.

Facing the music

A widespread scam in which people are falsely accused of downloading music files from the Internet illegally and threatened with court action has surfaced in Fareham.

An elderly couple came to Fareham CAB after receiving a letter from a solicitor representing the music industry. The letter demanded a penalty payment of £295 to avoid court action. Although they use the Internet a lot the couple have never downloaded music and asked the bureau’s advice on drafting a letter to refute the allegation.

The scam had been the subject of a TV consumer programme and this solicitor is now under investigation by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority to whom the couple complained after visiting the bureau. The couple said they were angry at the letter, but concerned that many people would be frightened into paying up even if they had done nothing wrong.

Case Study

Losing one’s partner can be traumatic – and expensive too. Fareham CAB was recently able to help an elderly lady whose husband had died, leaving her burdened with money problems. One of her benefit payments was being paid into her husband’s account, which could not therefore be closed. More seriously, the Department for Work and Pensions asked her to return benefit payments that had been made to the couple after her husband’s death – and that she had already spent.

Fareham CAB was able to help this client by talking to her bank and the DWP. The bank account problem was sorted out and the DWP agreed to write off the overpayment of benefits. This timely action saved our client more than £500 and brought her peace of mind.
Energy Efficiency

Keeping warm this winter and thermal insulation schemes

As winter approaches we all remember the particularly cold weather we had early this year, resulting in higher fuel bills. The simplest, cheapest and most efficient way to cut down on your heating bill over the coming months and future winters is to ensure your boiler, radiator and thermostat controls are set correctly. This only takes a few minutes but can save you a lot of money. If you're not sure how to operate your controls, ask someone to check them for you.

Once your controls are set correctly, you should ensure you have adequate insulation in your loft and cavity walls. The roof and walls account for approximately half of the heat lost from the average home and by bringing both up to the highest standard, you can reduce your fuel bill by around £255 per year.

There are schemes available to help you insulate your home if you're a home owner or rent from a private landlord. Discounts are available to all households and for many on a low income, the installation is carried out FREE through Government sponsored schemes. Your fuel supplier will normally offer a significant discount on thermal insulation and you can also obtain independent advice and referral to various schemes through the Environment Centre in Southampton. Contact their FREE helpline, tel: 0800 804 8601.

Another way of getting grants and discounts is through our new HeatSeeker programme, which works with the Energy Saving Partnership by using the latest thermal imaging technology to identify properties which would benefit from insulation. Working at night during January to March 2010, thermal images were taken of over 28,000 homes in the Borough and the remainder will be made over the coming winter months. An approved energy adviser will contact you if your home is identified as potentially benefiting from insulation and give you the opportunity to view a personalised thermal report of your home. The energy adviser will be able to tell you whether you're eligible for FREE or discounted installation.

If you'd like to find out more about HeatSeekers, please contact the Energy Saving Partnership, FREEPHONE: 0800 111 4968 or visit: homeheatseekers.co.uk

If you're a householder on a low income and in receipt of most income related benefits, you're automatically entitled to FREE insulation through Government sponsored initiatives. However, we recognise that there are many households on a low income (less than £15,000 per year) which do not receive an income related benefit who are not entitled to the FREE insulation schemes. We've stepped in to help this particular group and whilst funding is available, will meet the cost of having the work carried out. Either the HeatSeeker energy adviser will be able to give you details of the scheme or you can ring our Customer Service Centre, tel: 01329 236100 or email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk for more details and to find out if you are eligible. This initiative is funded through PUSH 4 Safer Homes a consortium of local authorities in South Hampshire. Funding is limited and may not be available after 1 April 2011 so if you're interested, you should apply as soon as possible.

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100  email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk  Website: fareham.gov.uk
A day in the life...

of a Cleansing Technician
By Ian Matthews

I am responsible for cleaning up litter and other substances left by the public in Fareham town centre. My ‘patch’ includes the High Street, West Street and Osborn Road multi-storey car park. During the course of my day, most of the litter I clean up is discarded fast food rubbish and cigarette ends but occasionally I come across other more unusual or unpleasant things.

05:50 I arrive at the Council depot in Broadcut, Wallington and start my day with a thorough check of the street sweeping vehicle. This is required every day to ensure it’s roadworthy and safe to use in areas where the public are present. As it’s a Monday morning, I know the sweeper is spotlessly clean as it’s stripped down and cleaned every Friday afternoon. A job which takes about two hours.

06:00 I leave the depot, driving the sweeper and make my way to High Street. As I work my way along the pavements, the sweeper picks up all the litter people have dropped but there’s a lot of extra debris at this time of year because of the autumn leaves.

07:00 My next port of call is the multi-storey car park. There’s always a lot of rubbish left here, even though there are bins on three of the levels. Disposable nappies are a problem, with people dropping them by their cars before driving off. This morning someone has left a pair of curtains lying on floor two. Household items crop up on a regular basis and in the past I’ve come across televisions and stereos that people have left in the street. This is fly-tipping and could result in prosecution for the offender.

07:45 I’m on my way down to West Street where I start by checking near the pubs. This morning there’s broken glass where bottles have been smashed and someone has been sick on the pavement. This is one of the more unpleasant aspects of the job. The vomit has to be dealt with by soaking it with water and clearing it up by hand.

08:15 Someone has written something on the play area equipment with a marker pen, so using my special ‘graffiti wipes’ I clean it off.

08:30 The sweeper is full and needs to be emptied. I take it to an area behind one of the shops, where we keep our bins. The hopper on the machine is very quick and easy to empty so I am soon on my way again.

08:45 I continue with the sweeper, making my way along West Street, towards the station end and then return along the other side. Occasionally I have to stop to pick up rubbish that people have left on the seats. For some reason, people seem to think it’s okay to do this as it’s not been left on the ground but it’s still litter. This job is like painting the Forth Bridge so as soon as I have completed my round I have to start all over again. There’s time to go round once more before I am due to meet my colleague for handover.

10:45 I empty the sweeper again and meet my colleague Stuart at the Performance Podium. It’s his turn to have the mechanical sweeper which he takes away to use in the areas around the edge of the town. I take the hand cart, complete with broom and shovel and start emptying all the litter bins. There are 32 in total so this takes me a while to do. Being in the town, I get to meet a lot of people and because I’ve been doing the job for a long time, everyone knows me. They often tell me about litter that’s been dropped.
12:30 Time for some lunch.
13:00 I continue on my round which includes Trinity Church car park and the church grounds, Market Quay car park and Quay Street as well as the bus station. There are always a lot of cigarette ends at the back of the station. The litter warden makes regular visits there to try to discourage smokers from dropping their cigarette ends.
14:30 My shift is over and I return to the depot. One of my colleagues continues to make sure West Street is as clean as possible and will be there until 4pm. I’ve been doing this job for 24 years and in that time I’ve seen it change a lot. When I started, all the cleaning up was done by hand with brooms and shovels. Then about 15 years ago we got mechanical sweepers which are controlled by walking along behind. This year we have the new ride on sweeper which means that now I have some protection from bad weather.

Keep Fareham tidy
Protecting and enhancing our environment is one of the Council’s priorities and we’re committed to a ‘zero tolerance’ approach towards litter and graffiti. In 2009/10 we collected 1,647 tonnes of street litter and issued 17 fixed penalty notices for littering.
We’ve secured the support of Linpac Environmental to launch a local anti-littering campaign. They provided 12 advertising posters (below) which have been attached to the sides of our street cleansing vehicles. The campaign is aimed at raising public awareness of littering, its impact on the quality of the local environment and the likely consequences for those who are caught dropping litter, or fly-tipping.
We hope the campaign will help raise awareness of our ‘zero tolerance’ approach to littering.
A celebration of parks

This year has seen some amazing accolades for the Borough and its community for the sterling work that’s carried out through the Fareham in Bloom campaign. Hundreds of people support its aims of improving horticultural and environmental excellence across the Borough by working in partnership.

There were a staggering 15 awards bestowed upon the Borough this year through its participation in South and South East in Bloom along with representing the region as UK finalist in the prestigious Britain in Bloom, organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

The South and South-East in Bloom awards

These took place on 10 September at the Prestfield Stadium in Gillingham, Kent; when for the seventh consecutive year, Fareham received a Gold Award and the title Champion of Champions. We also received The Hampshire Life Award for the entry with the highest marks in Hampshire. Holly Hill Woodland Park was awarded Silver Gilt in the Countryside Parks category along with Westbury Manor’s gardens which gained Silver. Portchester Memorial Gardens gained Gold in the best commercial/landscape category and Portchester Northern Community School won Gold and Overall Winner in the schools category. One of Fareham’s In Bloom co-ordinators, Heather Scott, received an outstanding contribution award for services to the community.

Portchester Northern Community School’s gold winning entry

The RHS has also developed the ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ campaign with the emphasis on recognising and supporting local people who care for their open spaces and we were delighted by the results of our six Borough entries. The Friends of the Sensory Garden, Northern Junior Community School - out of school groups along with the residents of Eleanor’s Wood received the highest, level five, outstanding award. At level 4 were Fareham Allotments Association and The Wild Bunch at Warsash and at level 3, the residents of Burnham Wood.

This really was an outstanding year and testament to everyone that supports the various campaigns and initiatives to protect and develop our parks and open spaces; with the help of our many volunteers, sponsors, grounds maintenance and cleansing teams. We’re very grateful to our community and the kindness of our sponsors Lucketts Travel, Fareham Shopping Centre, Portchester Memorial Gardens, St Margaret’s Nurseries and Gum Clear.

The Britain in Bloom awards

These took place on 29 September at the Centennial Centre in Birmingham where Fareham was proud to receive a high level Silver Gilt Award.

Northern Junior Community School picked up the award for the best school entry in the UK and our Horticultural Development Officer, Matt Wakefield, was awarded the National Community Champion award for services to the Bloom, horticulture and the community.

The Borough was particularly praised for its extensive community involvement, its innovative approach to engaging a diverse range of groups and the sustainable approach in supporting this. Cleanliness, the extensive range of horticultural provision, both public and private along with quality promotional and marketing approaches were also in high acclaim.
Getting Red Hot and Blue

At our own presentation evening on 12 October some 200 awards were bestowed upon Borough residents, businesses and community groups who greatly helped Fareham in achieving its recognition as part of this year’s Fareham in Bloom competition.

Each year brings gardeners new challenges and the 10 week dry period earlier in the summer, without doubt, tested even the most accomplished of horticulturists. However, our residents produced some stunning displays with glorious colour schemes following the ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’ theme. Not only does this show people’s creative talent but contributes to the local street scene, our community and adds to the beauty of the environment we all see.

This year’s Gardens Open Day, comprising seven of Fareham’s In Bloom award winning gardens, raised a breath taking £2,600 for the Mayor of Fareham’s charities and the Studley Horticultural Trust.

To start our new ‘Red Hot and Blue’ theme for next year, this autumn we’ve given away over 30,000 daffodil, crocus and chionodoxa bulbs for our communities to plant; adding to the nearly 5,000,000 that burst into bloom every spring throughout the Borough. Thirty trees, again following the new theme, are also heading to local communities under the tree adoption scheme and both this winter’s and next year’s summer floral schemes will be a stunning palette in shades of blue and red.

‘Bringing People and Parks Together’ is very much at the heart of the community, making a real difference to the value of parks, the environment, our community and all those who visit our green and pleasant Borough.

For further information on ‘In Bloom’, community horticulture and events, please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, tel: 01329 236100.
Community Safety

A Safer Fareham

The Borough of Fareham is a particularly safe place in which to live or visit, with a crime rate which is the second lowest in Hampshire.* This achievement is a result of the efforts of individual agencies such as the Police and Fire Service, together with other perhaps less well known but equally important partnership organisations.

Fareham’s Community Safety Partnership involves organisations, ranging from the local authority to volunteers such as Neighbourhood Watch. The partnership includes services set up to support young people or those with drugs and alcohol issues.

A recent partnership meeting held at Fareham College

Members of the partnership meet on a regular basis, to share information in order to identify crime and disorder priorities - both for location and crime type. They then develop plans and initiatives to deal with them. By prioritising in this way, we can ensure that the use of resources is minimised and solutions are appropriate and long term.

To help with this joint approach and keep both the public and partners informed, the Safer Fareham website has been launched. It contains facts and information on local crime rates, latest initiatives and details of priority areas of work. Visit: saferfareham.co.uk

* Latest available Home Office statistics - 1 April to 30 June 2010

Say No And Phone!

SNAPS are alcohol and drugs free dance nights for young people between the ages of 11 and 16. These nights were previously led very successfully in Fareham by Hampshire Constabulary and have recently been taken on by Fareham’s Community Safety Partnership.

The dance nights are held at Ferneham Hall and run from 7pm until 10.30pm. Tickets cost £6 and are available in advance only through the Ferneham Hall Box Office, tel: 01329 231942.

The next two dates are:
Friday 28 January
Friday 29 April

For further information visit: snapdc.co.uk
Community Action Teams

New Speed Limit Reminder signs across the Borough

Six mobile Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) signs have been purchased through Community Action Team (CAT) and Hampshire County Council funding and have been placed in various locations across the Borough, to remind motorists of the speed limit in that particular area.

There is one SLR sign in each of the five CAT areas and these are moved fortnightly, plus one ‘floating’ which can be used as an extra across any of the areas when required. They’re located in various places as a very useful prompt to motorists about the speed they should be travelling, along a certain stretch of road or in a particular neighbourhood. We asked residents via our summer Community Action Team meetings, where they felt the SLR signs were most needed. Put together with information from the Police and local Councillors, we produced a list of where these signs would best be positioned and they’ve been in place since September.

Of the six signs, four read “30 Slow Down” (or “40 Slow Down”, depending on the speed limit in that location). The remaining two record the speed of each vehicle as it approaches and flash “30 Slow Down” or “40 Slow Down”, when the speed limit is exceeded.

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

- Cllr Kay Mandry (Crofton), Gerry Hill-Jones
- Cllr John Bryant (Fareham Town), Mark Dunning
- Cllr Nick Walker (Portchester), Richard Wright
- Cllr Tiffany Harper (Titchfield), Narinder Bains
- Cllr Brian Bayford (Western Wards), Janine Hensman

Forthcoming Community Action Team meetings

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

**January - March 2011**
- **Titchfield** - Wed 19 Jan at Abshot Community Centre, Kelsey Close, Titchfield Common
- **Portchester** - Tue 1 Feb at Red Barn Primary School, Linden Lea, Portchester
- **Western Wards** - Thu 3 Feb at Burridge Village Hall, Botley Road, Burridge
- **Fareham Town** - Tue 15 Feb at Octagon Lounge, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road
- **Crofton** - Thu 3 Mar at Holy Rood Church, Gosport Road, Stubbington

For more information contact one of the CATs Officers, tel: 01329 236100, email: cats@fareham.gov.uk or visit: fareham.gov.uk/cats
Help us promote the Youth Council

Fareham Youth Council (FYC) has been successful in securing £6,000 in funding from PUSH (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire) Find Your Talent. They’re putting this money to good use, using their creative skills to produce a DVD to promote FYC and encourage new members. With the help of Compulsive Productions Ltd, the aim is to have the DVD ready for distribution by March 2011 and shown in schools, youth clubs etc.

You can also join the Young Person’s e-panel

If you’re 13-19 years old, you might like to join our new Young Person’s e-panel. We’ll be asking you about issues affecting life for young people in our Borough, as well as inviting you to take part in wider consultations with the main panel.

• Are the priorities for Fareham right?
• Are we spending too much money on some things and not enough on others?
• What do you want done differently?

Have your say and join the e-panel today!

To ensure it’s as professional as possible FYC is currently learning new skills including, camera training, storyboarding (planning the film), interviewing, presentation skills and post production (editing).

There’s also a media related trip planned, when they’ll visit the Museum of Animation in London and the IMAX cinema; this will help with understanding more about the media industry.

If you’d like to find out more about FYC and how to join, just go along to a meeting. They’re held every first Wednesday of the month from 4pm to 5.45pm at the Civic Offices in Fareham or email: yc@fareham.gov.uk

To find out more, visit: fareham.gov.uk/consultation and click on the e-panel link
Citizens of Honour

Do you know someone who deserves recognition?

Fareham’s Citizens of Honour and Young Citizen Awards 2010

You can say a very public thank you for their hard work and dedication to the local community by nominating them for the Citizen Awards 2011. Fareham Borough Council has set up this award for residents and local groups to recognise the voluntary, unpaid efforts of others.

Recommend an adult (over 18)
Is there someone you know who helps others before themselves and never looks for praise?
Do you have a friend or neighbour who lives in the Borough and deserves recognition for their contribution to the local community?

Recognise a child (4-11 years) who has:
- Shown outstanding bravery
- Carried out regular selfless acts
- Adapted to a disability
- Coped with personal difficulties

Nominate a young person (12 - 18 years) who:
- Carries out regular community/voluntary work
- Provides on-going care
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Nominee’s name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________
____________________________________________
Tel: ____________________________ Date of birth if 4 - 18 ___________

Please give your reasons for nomination as briefly as possible.
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Your name: ____________________________
Your address: ____________________________
email: ____________________________

N.B. If the nominee is being put forward by more than one person, please use one form and list your details on a separate sheet. We will only contact successful applicants.

Please send by 29 January 2010 to: Fareham Borough Council, FREEPOST, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7BR. Nominations can also be submitted online at: fareham.gov.uk/citizenawards
We’re currently in the process of reviewing and updating our corporate vision and objectives and we’d like to hear from you about what you think of our plans for the next six years.

We last did a major review of our vision and objectives in 2006 and we’ve been working hard to deliver this strategy. However, the world in which we live has changed a lot since then, what with the banking crises, the budget deficit and the election of a new coalition government. Therefore, we think that this is a good time to review what’s important to the people and businesses of Fareham and how we can best use the limited resources we have available to maintain and improve the prosperity and quality of life within the Borough.

Our vision
Our vision for Fareham’s future is based upon the assumption that residents want to preserve all that’s good about the Borough, whilst increasing prosperity and making it an even more inclusive and attractive place to live and work.

Our values
Everything we do is guided by a set of values which are shared by all elected members and employees. These guiding values are:
- Listening and being responsive to our customers
- Recognising and protecting the identity of existing settlements
- Enhancing prosperity and conserving all that’s good
- Being efficient and effective and providing value for money
- Leading our communities and achieving beneficial change.
Our priorities for improvement

To achieve our vision, we’ll focus our efforts and resources on achieving the following priority actions for all of our seven corporate priorities.

**Affecting all Priorities**
- Plan for a new sustainable community to the north of Fareham which achieves high environmental and design standards and provides a wide range of transport choices.

**Protect and Enhance the Environment**
- Reduce the quantity of household waste and maximise the amount that is reused or recycled.
- Provide leadership to residents and businesses in the Borough to reduce energy usage, conserve natural resources and save money.

**Maintain and Extend Prosperity**
- Work with government and developers to deliver a thriving aviation-led employment area at Daedalus that is supported by a viable airfield.
- Further improve Fareham town centre to provide enhanced shopping and public facilities, with improved access and parking.
- Work to support economic growth and improved skills through the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH).

**A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work**
- Work with our Community Safety Partnership to continue to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in Fareham.

**Leisure for Health and Fun**
- Provide community facilities at the Coldeast site to include a swimming pool, cemetery, allotments, parkland and sports pitches.
- Implement the findings of our review of community centres and sports pavilions and modernise buildings as appropriate, with the replacement of Portchester Community Centre being a high priority when funds permit.
- Develop new and improved parks, play areas and sports facilities using developers’ contributions and external funding.

**A Balanced Housing Market**
- Enable the provision of 500 new affordable homes by 2017.
- Modernise and improve sheltered accommodation across the Borough.

**Strong and Inclusive Communities**
- Tackle the underlying causes of deprivation through projects such as the Fareham Park ‘Gateway’ Project.
- Focus on customer needs and satisfaction through improved communications and targeted service delivery.

**Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council**
- Maximise the value gained from assets that are owned by the Council.
- Save money, raising income and working in partnership with others to achieve more for less and continue to minimise council tax increases.

To read the full draft strategy and to complete an online feedback form, visit: fareham.gov.uk/consultation
To request a paper copy, tel: 01329 236100 or email: performancereview@fareham.gov.uk

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

Events along West Street

Dates for your diary:

Fareham’s popular markets

- Special Markets every Thu ‘till Christmas 9am-4pm
- Fareham Farmers’ Market 9am-2pm, Sat 4 Dec and 5 Feb (Sat 1 Jan cancelled)
- Special Christmas Farmers’ Market 9am-2pm Sat 18 Dec
- Fareham Country Market 9am-3pm Sat 11 Dec, 29 Jan and 26 Feb
- Traditional Markets every Mon 9am-3pm

(right) Christmas lights at the Performance Podium in Fareham’s West Street shopping precinct - photo taken by Mick Young

Town Centre Events

Festive performances in the podium

Sat 4 Dec TS Tenacity Band
Sun 5 Dec Portsmouth City Band
followed by The Pitchpipers
Ladies Harmony Chorus and
The Solent City Chorus
Tue 7 Dec Kyla Franz classical tunes
Fri 10 Dec Carol Singing for Mencap
Sat 11 Dec King John’s Morris Dancers
Sat 18 Dec Hampshire County Youth Orchestra
Sun 19 Dec Street dancing with Street Vibes and 2nd2Nun
Tue 21 Dec Carol singing with Stars in the Sky Hampshire 5-9pm
Wed 22 Dec Portsmouth City Training Band and classical tunes from Sylvia Rosa

For up to date details on town centre events, contact www.fareham.gov.uk/towncentre. If your group would like to perform in the Performance Podium, contact the Town Centre Manager, tel: 01329 824474.

Fareham Leisure Card

Have you got yours yet?

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts on a whole range of leisure activities across the Borough. The scheme, which is only available to residents of Fareham, offers a wide range of discounts (between 5% and 50%) on leisure activities including sport, entertainment, beauty, travel, dining out and gardening.

The cards cost just £6 per person, £14 for a family membership, £4.20 for a student card or FREE to eligible residents on a low income and are renewable annually.

(Please see the Terms and Conditions on the back of the application form).

Joining the Fareham Leisure Card scheme couldn’t be easier, simply pick up a leaflet and application form from either Fareham Leisure Centre or Ferneham Hall.

For more information about the Fareham Leisure Card or if your company would like to be part of the scheme and offer discounts, please contact the Leisure Card Officer, tel: 01329 824894 from Tuesday to Thursday. You can use your Fareham Leisure Card at:

- Ambush Paintball and Lasertag
- Amnesia The Hair Fitness Centre
- Andark Diving & Water Sports
- Bathroom World Fareham Ltd
- Bembridge House Bed & Breakfast
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- Body Fusion On-form Sports Injury Clinic
- Cameron Flights Southern Ltd
- Clever Cats (Children’s mime & music)
- Compass Trailers - NEW
- Crofton School of Shotokan Karate
- Curves
- Cuts and Clobber
- Direct Electrical
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Ferneham Hall
- Go Bowling
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Gosport Ice Rink
- Hargroves Cycles
- HFT (Interior Home Touches)
- Kitesurf UK
- LBhealthcare - NEW
- Life Coach and Mentoring - NEW
- Liquid Logistics and Earth Events Ltd
- Luckett’s Travel
- Manor Farm Country Park
- Meon Valley Cycle Hire
- Mid Hants Railway Watercress Line
- Naz Indian Cuisine
- Passion Flower Florists
- Razzamatazz
- Ready and Reliable - NEW
- Royal Victoria Country Park
- Royal Victoria Railway
- Solent Nurseries
- South Coast Appliances - NEW
- St Margaret’s Nurseries
- TAGF Activities Ltd
- Team Sport Indoor Karting
- The Oakleaf Brewing Company Ltd
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- The Spirit Within Holistic Therapies
- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
- Wickham Vineyard
- Zebra Waste Skip Hire
JANUARY
Fri 21 19:00 The Mayor of Fareham presents
The Seventh Annual School Prom £7 (Under 10s FREE)

FEBRUARY
Fri 4 19:30 The Rat Pack with special guest
Buddy Greco £24.50
Sat 5 19:30 Hit Parade Heroes starring:
Jet Harris, John Leyton and Mike Berry £18
Thu 10 19:30 Chris Dean’s Syd Lawrence Orchestra
‘On The Beat’ £16 (£15 Leisure Card)
Sat 12 19:30 Havant Chamber Orchestra
£18, £15.50, £12, £7
(Students: U19 in full time education £1, over 19 - 1/2 price)
Mon 14 19:30 Three Degrees £22.50 (£21.50 Leisure Card)
Wed 16 - 19:30 STP presents £30 (£29 Loyalty discount for those who came to the last performance)
Fri 18 Gleeful Weapon £10 (U16s/over 60s £8)
Thu 24 - 19:30 Stage One presents
Sat 26 Guys and Dolls £9.50 (U16s/over 60s £8)
Sun 27 19:30 Chris Packham - ‘A Wild Life Exposed’ £13 (£12 Leisure Card, U16s £11)

MARCH
Thu 3 19:30 John Hylton’s Real Diamond £16 (£15 Leisure Card)
Fri 4 19:30 The Soldiers £30 (£29 Loyalty discount for those who came to the last performance)
Thu 10 19:30 Colin Fry - Free Spirit Show £20 & £19.50
(Leisure Card £18.50 on lower price ticket)
Fri 11 19:30 The Great American Soulbook starring: Gary U.S. Bonds and Ben E. King £20 (£19 Leisure Card)
Sat 12 19:30 Hampshire Police Choir - ‘Coppers for Heroes’ £12
Tue 15 - 19:30 Fareham Musical Society presents £12 & £10 (U16s/over 60s £10.50 & £8.50)
Sat 19 (Sat matinée 14:30) Thoroughly Modern Millie Tue only - all seats £9.50
Tue 22 19:30 Jethro £18.50
Wed 23 19:30 Chas & Dave - The Final Tour £22.50 (£5 off a pair of tickets before 31 Jan)
Fri 25 19:30 for 20:00 Mayor’s Charity Ball 2011 £45 (tables of 10 £400) Tickets tel: 01329 824303 or email: mayorpa@fareham.gov.uk

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

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Did you know that...

The next census for England and Wales will be on Sunday 27 March 2011, and it follows a rich tradition. The first thorough survey of England was in 1086 when William the Conqueror ordered the production of Domesday Book. This detailed inventory of land and property was a massive undertaking at the time. It took many years to complete and provides us with a remarkable picture of life in Norman Britain.

In Tudor and Stuart times, bishops were made responsible for counting the number of families in their diocese, but Britain was still reluctant to adopt the idea of a regular official census.

Towards the end of the eighteenth century however, it became increasingly obvious that there was little idea about the number of people living in Britain, and in 1800 Parliament passed the Census Act, with the first official census of England and Wales taking place on 10 March 1801.

Since 1801 there has been a census every ten years except in 1941, during the Second World War. The basic principles of census taking remain the same, though new questions have been added and others have been omitted. Technology started making census taking simpler in 1911, when punch cards and mechanical sorting and counting machines were introduced. Later, computers were introduced for the 1961 Census.

In 2011, for the first time, the census can also be completed online. You’ll need the internet access code from the front of your questionnaire to do so. Census questionnaires will be delivered during March 2011. Once you’ve received yours, keep it handy to complete on or soon after Sunday 27 March 2011.

For more information on the 2011 Census, visit census.gov.uk

Remember to complete your census questionnaire and help tomorrow take shape.

Portchester Crematorium to be upgraded

Work at Portchester Crematorium will start in early 2011 on a £2 million scheme to install specialist equipment to enhance the quality of the emissions from the building. The work will comply with a government timetable that requires mercury emissions from British crematoria to be halved by the end of December 2012.

Portchester – one of the largest crematoria in the UK, with over 4,000 cremations annually - has decided to completely stop mercury emissions rather than the 50% target. In order to accommodate the new equipment it’s necessary to enlarge the buildings. This will be achieved by adding a first floor plant room for which planning permission has been granted. Specialist contractors will be employed and the aim is to have the new equipment running by early 2012.

As with previous improvement schemes, services will continue to take place as normal in the two chapels at Portchester as the upgrade work will largely take place outside of normal working hours to minimise any inconvenience to crematorium users.

The cost will be met with money that has been set aside over several years to pay for improvement works. The crematorium is owned and managed by a joint committee of councillors from Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth councils.
NEW and improved FAREHAM Leisure Centre

• More choice of activities
• Over £300,000 worth of new equipment and facilities
• New kids and family activity programme

Better value for all

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