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A Christmas message from the Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham

As Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham 2011/12, Ruth and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

It is a great honour and also a pleasure to represent the Borough as first Citizen of Fareham and since being elected in May this year, we have attended many functions - from Scouts to Sailing Clubs - from local summer events to a Garden Party in Buckingham Palace - opened 3 new shops and also a Car Park! Visited many places of interest in the Fareham Borough, also 9 schools and watched numerous excellent amateur productions - to name but a few!

We have also attended a number of church services and would like to mention my Chaplain, the Rev Andrew Bowling Club, Lunch in Portchester church services and would like to Holiday Inn, Quiz Night at Palmerston Watersports and Warsash Wasps Sports and Football Club). Forthcoming events are: Hampshire Police Band Concert in Holyrood Church, Stubbington, in Plumpton Church, Fareham and his Team for their success again Visited many places of interest in the Fareham Borough, also 9 schools and attended many functions - from Scouts to Sailing Clubs - from local summer events to a Garden Party in Buckingham Palace - opened 3 new shops and also a Car Park!

We are very fortunate to have HMS Collingswood as a major employer and supporter of Fareham, and as such we have attended a number of functions there - including a Concert, Field Gun Run, and Receptions. We also had an enjoyable visit to the National Air Traffic Service - also a major employer within Fareham.

Our congratulations to Matt Wakefield and his Team for their success again this year in the South 6 South East in Bloom competition; also to the volunteers who organise Fareham in Bloom - an event which brightens the Borough and delights the eye with their beautiful garden displays.

The one thing that has impressed us most is the number of volunteers we have in this area. There are so many people who give up their time to help others - our congratulations to you all.

We would like to thank our Charity Committee and everyone who has supported our fundraising for the three charities we have chosen this year (Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Toe in the Water and Warglass Wasp's Sports and Football Club). Forthcoming events are: Hampshire Police Band Concert in Holyrood Church, Stubbington, Sponsored swim hosted by The Holiday Inn, Quiz Night at Palmerston Bowling Club, Lunch in Portchester Parish Hall, finishing with the Mayor’s Ball in Ferneham Hall on 20 April 2012.

With our very best to one and all.

Cllr Trevor and Mrs Ruth Cartwright Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham 2011/12

Tell us what you think!

If you live in the Borough and are aged 18 or over, you can join our e-panel and comment on topics relating to Fareham Borough Council and our partners online and help us improve services to you.

Just click on the e-panel link on www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation

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Free Christmas Park & Ride service for Fareham

Once again we’re running a FREE Christmas Park and Ride Service from Fareham College to Ferneham Hall (just to the rear of Fareham Shopping Centre). It’s really easy, just park at the College and jump on a bus that will take you almost to the door of Fareham Shopping Centre. When you’ve finished shopping return to the same stop and it’ll take you right back to your car. A great way to avoid the town centre traffic and do your Christmas shopping hassle free.

The FREE Christmas Park and Ride service will run on the following days:

- Saturday 3 December
- Saturday 10 December
- Saturday 17 December
- Wednesday 21 December
- Thursday 22 December
- Friday 23 December
- Saturday 24 December
- Saturday 30 December

The first bus will leave Fareham College at 9am and the last bus will leave Ferneham Hall at 5.30pm. Just turn up and jump on, there will be a bus roughly every 15 minutes. Both the bus journey and the parking at Fareham College are FREE.

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection times

There will be some changes to the day your bin is emptied over the Christmas period. The table below shows your usual collection day and the revised collection day for the Christmas and New Year period (the information can also be found on the card we delivered to you in the autumn, or by visiting www.fareham.gov.uk/recycling)

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Recycling at Christmas and all year round

Don’t forget to recycle your paper, card, plastic bottles, tins, cans and aerosols in your blue top recycling bin.

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

Love Christmas Food Hate Waste

For lots of tips and ideas on using up Christmas leftovers visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

Adverse winter weather

Any changes to services due to adverse weather conditions will be posted on our website www.fareham.gov.uk and regular tweets will be sent via our twitter account @FarehamBC

Normal refuse and recycling collections resume on 2 January. From Monday 16 January garden waste collections resume on your recycling collection day.

For more information visit www.snapdc.uk

2012 SNAP Dates:
- 2 March
- 25 May
- 6 July
- 28 September
- 23 November

SNAP’s are alcohol and drug free dance nights for 11 to 16 year olds. They’re held at Ferneham Hall on dedicated Friday nights, from 7pm to 10.30pm; with Resident DJs Small Paul and Eskay playing the latest and greatest sounds around, along with a variety of acts including local street dancers show casing their latest routines, live performances from local up and coming singing acts, Fire Eaters and Stilt Walkers. Tickets priced at £6 can only be booked in advance and are available from Ferneham Hall. Please call the box office on 01329 231942 to get your booking early.

It goes without saying the SNAP events couldn’t run without a team of regular volunteers, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer at SNAP then please get in touch. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and be prepared to undertake a CRB check.

For more information visit www.snapdc.uk

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Your Youth Council is on Facebook!

Fareham Youth Council has decided to relaunch itself on facebook with a new interactive page. The Fareham Youth Council page has lots of interesting online discussions going on about issues that matter to you in your local areas. It’s also a great place to keep up to date with the Youth Council’s work.

Your opinions are really valuable and FYC want to hear them. They believe their new facebook page will really help to raise the voices of young people within the Borough so why not look them up and give them a like! Find them by entering Fareham Youth Council on the facebook search.

If you’d like to find out more about what Fareham Youth Council do or would like to join them please get along to one of their meetings. They’re held every first Wednesday of the month from 4pm to 5.45pm at the Civic Offices in Fareham.

You can also email them: yc@fareham.gov.uk

Your Youth Council is on Facebook!
Your chance to recognise
• a 12-18 year old who has:
  • Carried out regular community or voluntary work
  • Coped with personal difficulties
  • Adapted to a disability
  • Carried out regular selfless acts

Nominate a 4-11 year old who has:
• Carried out regular efforts of others.
• Provided on-going care
• Worked for the community
• Provided unpaid public thank you services

Is there someone you know aged over 18 who helps others before themselves and never looks for praise?
Do you have a friend, relative or neighbour who lives in the Borough and deserves recognition for their contribution to the local community?
Well, now you can say a very public thank you for their hard work and dedication to the local community by nominating them for the Citizens of Honour Award 2012.
Fareham Borough Council has set up this award for residents and local groups to recognise the voluntary, unpaid efforts of others.

Nominations should be with us by 31 January 2012. Please return completed forms to: Citizens of Honour, Fareham Borough Council, FREEPOST, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7BR
Nominations can also be submitted online at www.fareham.gov.uk/citizensawards
NB. Only successful applicants will be contacted.
Fareham Town Centre Rejuvenation

We’re committed to continuing the improvement of the town centre. An Action Plan is being developed which will look at areas within the Town Centre that have potential development opportunities. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will also include a number of policies which will seek to support appropriate regeneration within the Town Centre, whilst retaining the character and assets the area enjoys. We will be seeking the views of everyone who uses the Centre when a draft Plan has been produced. This is expected to be during the summer 2012.

Retail Health Checks

We carry out Retail Health Checks twice a year to understand how Fareham Town Centre, as well as all the other centres in the Borough is performing. We collect information on the number of empty shops, types of uses and how many people use the centre. We also try to improve the centre in response to residents’ surveys. The checks have been carried out since 2009 and have shown that Fareham Town Centre has responded positively since the economic downturn. There are now 16 less empty shops than in 2009.

Reduction in Vacant Unit rates in Fareham Town Centre

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Fareham Shopping Centre

Fareham Shopping Centre has a brand new look with smart new entrances to complement its impressive line-up of stores including Next, Bhs, Boots, Monsoon and M&S. Household names such as the newly opened Debenhams mix well with independent specialist retailers and well-known regional stores to offer over 80 shops all on one level. Recently its portfolio has expanded with the introduction of well-known fashion retailer Pilot and, especially for the run-up to Christmas, unique gifts from Past Times. With nearly a quarter of a million shoppers a week at peak times, Fareham Shopping Centre continues to be a great place to shop.

New multi-storey car park

To enable Debenhams to come to Fareham Shopping Centre it was agreed to demolish the old Civic Way Multi Storey car park and build a new one. The new Fareham Shopping Centre Multi-Storey car park, which opened in August, has 209 spaces and is built on 4 floors with access and exit ramps at either end. It also features pay on foot machines, which mean that you pay for parking on exit rather than the pay and display option where you park and pay before going shopping, allowing you to browse at your leisure without having to keep looking at your watch to ensure you do not run over your ticket time limit. The car park has two lifts which directly link you to the shopping centre next to Debenhams and Bhs.

Tesco store

The new Tesco store in Quay Street, Fareham which is due to open before this Christmas, will employ 270 staff and offer a variety of goods including large fresh foods, meat, fish and a deli counter, bakery, groceries, clothing, electrical and entertainment departments. The new store will also have car parking spaces for 331 cars.
A year to celebrate!

Fareham has again seen its eighth consecutive Gold and winning category entry in the South and Southeast England in Bloom regional competition.

At a presentation held at Fontwell Racecourse in September, four Gold awards were presented to the Borough and its community for the first class work that’s carried out through the Fareham in Bloom, Bringing People and Parks Together campaign. The awards acknowledge the tremendous efforts given by the hundreds of people who support its aim of working with the community to improve horticultural and environmental excellence.

In total there were an amazing 12 awards given to the Borough and for the second year running Fareham also received The Hampshire Life Award for the entry with highest marks in Hampshire.

Holy Hill Woodland Park and the Sensory Garden gained Gold awards and the Civic Gardens, a first time entry, gained Silver Gilt.

Portchester Memorial Gardens achieved Gold in the Best Commercial Landscape category and back in July Portchester Northern Community School achieved Gold for their outstanding school entry.

Fareham in Bloom’s long serving volunteer co-ordinators were also recognised with Pam Chisham received an outstanding contribution award, along with Jean Kingdom and Bridget & Geoff Thickett who received the commendation award for their services to the community.

Bridget & Geof Thickett who received the commendation award for their local green spaces and we were delighted to see five Borough entries receive high level grades. The Friends of the Sensory Garden, Northern Ground Force Rainbows and Brownies along with the residents of Eleanor’s Wood receiving the highest level 5, outstanding award. Fareham Allotments Association along with the residents of Burnham Wood received the level 4, thriving award.

A gala evening

A celebration of the year’s successes was held at the annual Fareham in Bloom presentation evening held in mid September at Ferneham Hall, attended by 300 people. The evening, sponsored by Luckett’s Travel, Fareham Shopping Centre, Portchester Memorial Gardens, St Margaret’s Nurseries and Segensworth Autos, saw more than 170 local awards given to Borough residents, businesses and community groups who entered into the 21 local in bloom categories.

Bringing People and Parks Together is strongly established at the very heart of our community and a huge thank you goes to everyone who makes these achievements possible through the year round commitment of our participants, volunteers, sponsors and community groups.

For further information on In Bloom, Horticulture and Parks Events please contact, Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, 01329 236100

It’s your neighbourhood

The RHS ‘Its Your Neighbourhood’ campaign is aimed at small community led groups who care for their local green spaces and we were delighted to see five Borough entries receive high level grades. The Friends of the Sensory Garden, Northern Ground Force Rainbows and Brownies along with the residents of Eleanor’s Wood receiving the highest level 5, outstanding award. Fareham Allotments Association along with the residents of Burnham Wood received the level 4, thriving award.

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Come and get involved!

Forthcoming events

December 2011 – Fareham 2012 Legacy Launch Presentation

We’re launching our Legacy Plan on Tuesday 20 December at Ferneham Hall, with a presentation by Barry Kitchen, Hampshire’s 2012 Co-coordinator and followed by a Q & A session with top sport personalities, including:

- Jocelyn Hunt (Commonwealth Silver Medalist - Gymnastics)
- Peter Hull MBE (Gold Medalist Paralympian - Swimming)
- David Faulkner (Gold Medalist Olympian - Hockey & England and GB Hockey Performance Director)
- Bronwin Carter (Paralympic Coach - GB Athletics)

If your sports club or organisation would like further information or would like to attend, please contact us for a booking form, or visit www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

January 2012 – Making Your Time Count – Volunteer Workshop

If you’re a volunteer, are interested in becoming a volunteer, or are a group or sports club wanting to work with volunteers, then this workshop is for you.

It’s now time to make your place in local history and become part of the 2012 legacy, by attending this free workshop on Wednesday 19 January from 6.30pm-9pm, you will find out about local volunteering openings, funding opportunities and much more. Booking is essential, so please contact the Leisure & Community team to register your place. For further information please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

Future events to watch out for

Saturday 21 April 2012 - Olympic Power Wheels Competition
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Leisure & Community Team Tel: 01329 236100
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If your club or organisation has an Olympic event or activity planned for 2012 and would like it to feature, for free in Fareham’s ‘Get Involved’ Events Programme, then please get in touch with us.

Olympic Flame is coming to Fareham

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In the build up to the start of the event, the Olympic Flame will make its journey from Greece and arrive in the UK on 18 May 2012, ready for the Olympic Torch Relay to begin the following day. Representing peace, unity and friendship, the Flame will start its 70-day journey around the UK towards the Stadium carried by 8,000 inspirational Torchbearers.

We are proud to confirm that on Sunday 15 July the Olympic Flame will reach the Borough and torchbearers will carry the Olympic Flame through Fareham. Full details of the Relay will be announced closer to the time, inviting people from across the area to welcome the Olympic Flame. The Olympic Torch Relay will shine a spotlight on the people and places of Fareham and demonstrate that the Olympic spirit is alive and well.

For more information visit www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

Jocelyn Hunt
D.O.B: 16th November 1994 (17)
Name: Jocelyn Hunt
Sporting Talents: Artist Gymnastics
Achievements to date Silver medal at the Commonwealth Games
What’s next for Jocelyn: To compete in the 2012 Olympic Games
For more information on Jocelyn visit www.jocelynhuntofficial.co.uk

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Residents have a chance to have their say on the proposed changes to opening hours at libraries across the county, from now until 28 December. The changes are designed to ensure that everyone has reasonable access to library services in the county within tough budget constraints.

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To have your say please visit your local library or log on to www.hants.gov.uk/library to read the full proposals and submit your comments before 28 December.

Air Quality in Fareham

As part of our requirement to monitor nitrogen dioxide levels (formed in vehicle exhaust emissions) we use small monitoring tubes at over 40 sites in the Borough. In addition we also have an automatic monitoring station located on the Gosport Road, Fareham, which provides detailed information on a daily basis which can be viewed at www.fareham.gov.uk.

Using this information we’re required to designate areas of poor air quality and then try to improve air quality in these areas. Part of the Gosport Road and Portland Street, Fareham have been declared Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) and an Air Quality Management Plan (AQAP) has been developed by the Council and its partners, including Hampshire County Council, NHS Hampshire, First Group and Gosport Borough Council. The main aim of the AQAP is to reduce congestion on these and nearby roads and therefore improve air quality.

How are we doing this?

South East Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

An example of reducing congestion and improving the air quality is the construction of a Bus Rapid Transit system between Gosport and Fareham for use by high quality, low emission buses and cyclists. This is known as Phase 1 of the wider South East Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The BRT is hoped to provide a wide ranging and efficient public transport system connecting key towns and destinations including Gosport, Fareham, the new community to the north of Fareham, Portsmouth and beyond.

Hampshire County Council believes that up to 100,000 households will benefit from the completed BRT scheme by giving them a viable alternative to car travel.

The Fareham - Gosport phase of the BRT is using the old railway line to provide a new, dedicated corridor for reliable and frequent bus travel as an alternative to travelling on the very congested A32. It will provide low emission buses; waiting facilities with real time information; high specification seating and lighting; CCTV for security; and accessibility for all. Cyclists will also be able to use the route.

The 2.5 mile busway from Redlands Lane to Tichborne Way is due to be completed by April 2012. Further information on the BRT can be found at: www3.hants.gov.uk/ftsh/bus-rapid-transit.htm

Redevelopment of Quay Street Roundabout

The redevelopment of the Quay Street Roundabout, in association with the new Tesco store at the old foundry site, is predicted to result in improvements in air quality particularly in the vicinity of the Portland Street AQMA.

The major highway works to the Quay Street roundabout, includes the development of a “throughabout” to change the A32 directional flow northwards to the M27, reducing the amount of traffic passing the houses on Portland Street.

To assess the possible improvement in air quality, we are keen to install another continuous nitrogen dioxide monitor at this location and have secured a contribution from the developer towards the purchase and operation of a monitoring unit for at least three years. The unit will be in place soon after the opening of the store. Further information on the Quay Street development can be found at www.quayst.co.uk/

For further information on Air Quality please contact Regulatory Services on 01329 236100, email regulatory@fareham.gov.uk or visit the pollution section of the A to Z at www.fareham.gov.uk

Private Sewer Ownership

Southern Water Services is now responsible for private shared sewers and are part of the public sewer network. This change in responsibility has affected the whole country, with other sewerage companies taking over responsibility for the private sewers in their areas, in the same way.

In the past shared sewers were private and the responsibility of the householders who connected to them, meaning that when things went wrong, it was the householders who had to pay for the repairs. Now householders are only responsible for the section of pipe that serves their property alone and lies within their boundary.

If you currently have insurance to cover your drains and sewers we do not recommend that you cancel it as you may need it in the future if anything goes wrong with the section of pipe that remains your responsibility. Repairs to sewers and drains can be extremely expensive.

There are some exceptions to this including septic tanks and cess pits and further details can be found on Southern Water Services website at: www.southernwater.co.uk/privatesewers

If you have problems with your shared sewer you should contact Southern Water Services on 0845 270 0360.
Insulate Hampshire will help residents save money

Fareham residents can now benefit from cavity wall insulation and loft insulation at a fraction of the price, thanks to ‘Insulate Hampshire’. The scheme is open to all homeowners, thanks to ‘Insulate Hampshire’. The insulation at a fraction of the price, from cavity wall insulation and loft insulation, Fareham residents can now benefit from completing free home insulation, including the over 70’s.

Insulate Hampshire is an excellent low cost scheme which offers homeowners in the Borough insulation at a fraction of the normal price and will help residents save money on their fuel bills.

We would like to advise the Fareham residents that it has come to our attention that other insulation contractors are ‘door knocking’ residents claiming to be part of the ‘Insulate Hampshire’ scheme which is untrue. Insulate Hampshire’ advisors will not cold call in Fareham and will visit by appointment only.

Fareham residents who want to find out more about the Insulate Hampshire scheme or to book an assessment with an Insulate Hampshire Energy Advisor (by appointment only) should contact the freephone number 0800 952 0037 or visit www.insulatehampshire.co.uk

Residents are advised to always ask to see ID from any caller at the door and to contact Hampshire County Council on 01962 833666 or the police on their non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 to verify the person’s identity.

*Statistics from the Energy Saving Trust and are based on average 3 bedroom semi-detached property.

Why do you have a topic for the agenda?

If you have any requests for an agenda item at the next round of CAT meetings, please contact your local CAT Chairman or CAT officer.

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

- Cllr Kay Mandy (Crofton)
- Cllr John Bryant (Fareham Town)
- Cllr Nick Walker (Portchester)
- Cllr Tiffany Harper (Titchfield)
- Cllr Trevor Cartwright (Western Wards)

Scott Mills

Email: cats@fareham.gov.uk or tel: 01329 236100

When are the next CAT meetings?

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

- Titchfield – Tuesday 24 January 2012
  The Malt Room, Titchfield Community Centre, Mill Street, PO14 4AB
- Crofton – Wednesday 15 February 2012
  Holy Rood Church, Gosport Road, Stubbington, PO14 2AS
- Western Wards – Wednesday 22 February 2012
  Locks Heath Free Church, Hunts Pond Road, Locks Heath PO14 4PG
- Fareham Town – Monday 27 February 2012
  Erstreeham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7DB
- Portchester – Tuesday 28 February 2012
  Portchester Parish Hall, Assheton Court, off Castle Street, PO16 9PY

For more information visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/cats

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Advice for struggling homeowners

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offers free, independent advice to homeowners struggling to keep up with their mortgage payments. Nationally the CAB has helped more than 100,000 cases of mortgage and secured loan arrears over the past year and prevented 5,000 people becoming homeless. For tips on what to do if you start to fall behind on your mortgage visit: www.farehamcab.org.uk

Phone company called to account

A Fareham resident was persuaded to switch to a different phone company by the offer of free international calls. Finally, after more than two months of wait and worry, she was delighted to receive a revised bill from the company showing a credit of £360 and offering to repay her the money.

To contact the CAB, call 0844 772232 (calls cost 5p/minute from landlines, mobile costs may vary), drop in to 2nd Floor of Fareham Library Building – Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Thursday evenings from 5pm to 6.30pm, or drop in at Highfield Hub on Tuesdays 9.30am – 3pm.

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau is a registered charity offering FREE, confidential, independent and impartial advice. For more information and for other ways to get advice, go to www.farehamcab.org.uk

Select Your Rights and Issues.
Ferneham Hall ‘Beauty and the Beast’ Christmas Card Competition

Ferneham Hall & Jordan Productions have joined together with Fareham Today to offer one lucky winner an exclusive chance to get a family of four ticket to the last night of the pantomime Beauty and the Beast (Sunday 1 January 2012 at 6.30pm) and meet the star of the show, Ian “H” Watkins from Steps!

In addition 29 runners up will receive a special last night ‘2 for 1’ offer, to what is sure to be the most talked about pantomime on the South coast!

To enter: Simply send a Christmas Card to Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham PO14 1BX, writing your name, address and contact telephone number/email on the inside of the card. That’s all there is to it! Closing date will be Saturday 10 December when the winning card will be drawn ‘out of a hat’ by Ian himself.

Winners will be contacted by telephone. 2 for 1 vouchers will be valid for Sunday 1 January at 6.30pm only (one free ticket per booking). No refunds on previously purchased tickets. No cash value.

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A day in the life of...

Fareham Borough Council Planner Emma Betteridge

As a Planner my role involves dealing with a variety of enquiries and applications for all forms of development. My work is partly paper based within the office and partly on site within the Borough visiting people’s homes and commercial premises, no two days are the same.

08:30 I arrive at my desk and log on to my computer to check my emails and to plan my day ahead.

09:00 I am a duty officer today so I am on call to deal with any phone calls or visitors to the office who may need advice or guidance on planning matters. As part of my duty officer role I have to validate the planning applications which were received the day before by checking that all the documents have been submitted and to advise the Business Support Team about what publicity needs to be carried out and who to consult.

09:45 I receive a phone call from someone who is buying a property and would like to make an alteration to it. I advise them about what publicity needs to be restricted and who to consult.

10:10 I head down to the ground floor to see a visitor in our reception area who would like to talk about a residential property. I assess the character of the street scene and the amenities of neighbouring properties. I take some photographs and determine if the development is acceptable. Site visits can also involve visiting neighbouring properties to view the proposals from within their house or garden. My next visit is a rear extension, so they fully understand the character of the site.

10:45 I return back to my desk. My manager has sent me a message to call someone regarding a proposed extension on a residential property. I assess the character of the street scene and the amenities of neighbouring properties. I take some photographs and determine if the development is acceptable. Site visits can also involve visiting neighbouring properties to view the proposals from within their house or garden.

11:15 The planning reception put a call through to me to give advice on the installation of solar panels. I give the caller some general advice and send them a pre-application form to enable them to put a response in writing.

12:00 I have another visitor in planning reception who would like advice on parking standards as they’d like to convert their integral garage into a room which has a planning condition restricting it. I have another visitor in planning reception who would like advice on parking standards as they’d like to convert their integral garage into a room which has a planning condition restricting it.

12:45 I have another visitor in planning reception who would like advice on parking standards as they’d like to convert their integral garage into a room which has a planning condition restricting it. When I return back to my desk my manager has sent me a message to call someone regarding a proposed wall that someone wishes to erect on their front boundary of their property.

13:00 My duty session is finished and I go to lunch.

13:45 Back from lunch I collate four applications for a report for an application for a neighbour’s light or outlook. I have another visitor in planning reception who would like advice on parking standards as they’d like to convert their integral garage into a room which has a planning condition restricting it. When I return back to my desk my manager has sent me a message to call someone regarding a proposed wall that someone wishes to erect on their front boundary of their property.

14:00 I arrive back to the Civic Offices after carrying out my site visits and check my emails that I have received whilst I was on site.

16:00 I download the photographs that I took on site and check that all my site notes are complete and update the computer system to confirm that a visit has been completed.

17:00 I check my emails once more then log off for the day and go home.

18:30 I start my next visit by visiting a proposed front development for all forms of development. My work is partly paper based within the office and partly on site within the Borough visiting people’s homes and commercial premises, no two days are the same.
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