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FAREHAM EAST & WALLINGTON – Summer 2016

Tory councillors win **£6.5m** to ease traffic bottleneck

We hope it's goodbye to this...



LONG OVERDUE improvements to ease traffic flows at the station roundabout are well under way.

Work on the A27 between Bishopsfield Road and the roundabout started on May 16.

The £6.5m scheme aims to reduce congestion and increase capacity at the junctions with Western Way, West Street, Gudge Heath Lane and Redlands Lane.

The highway will be widened to improve traffic flow, there will be wider footpaths and upgrades to the train station with better access to further improve transport infrastructure.

The roundabout part of the project aims to achieve a more balanced traffic flow, new pedestrian access from West Street to the station including modifications to the subway, a new bus lane and bus stop.

There will be an extra lane for westbound traffic while retaining the right-hand turn into Gudge Heath Lane.

Urban realm improvements will enhance the present run-



...and an end to daily frustration



down appearance of the area, with better passage for cyclists and pedestrians.

It is estimated the work will take just over a year and inevitably there will be frustrating delays, but councillors ask residents and drivers to be patient.

The work is funded by Hampshire County Council secured by your local **Conservative** Councillors and forms part of wider improvements planned at junctions 9 and 10 of the M27 and the proposed Stubbington by-pass.

Fareham Town County Councillors Chris Matthews and Peter Latham, pictured above when work began, stated:

"We appreciate the funding provided by **Conservative**-led Hampshire County Council to continue to improve transport links for Fareham and the business and investment that this will bring.

"We plan to continue our work at HCC to secure the funding needed to provide the necessary Stubbington by-pass to further improve Fareham's infrastructure."

Stripping bureaucrats' powers could boost local economy and enterprise

THE GOVERNMENT proposes certain powers wielded by Whitehall bureaucrats can be decided by local council leaders working with an elected mayor.

A deal has been offered to councils in South Hampshire, including Fareham, which would provide:

- Annual £30m funding for 30 years to invest in economic growth and housing including power to borrow
- Extra to funding already announced for Local Enterprise Partnership and 8 local councils; will meet estimated

£2bn costs for infrastructure in South Hampshire

- Keeping local business rates (£400m); leaving current system of government funding for local councils
- Powers over statutory plans for housing and infrastructure, ability to designate greenbelt
- Increase productivity, create more and better jobs by supporting business growth
- Control adult education and training budget, focusing on skills so people

get jobs and businesses prosper

- Deliver much-needed new homes, particularly affordable homes for local people.
- Control of dedicated transport budget, franchised bus services and local authority roads

Once in place, we hope to demonstrate our successes and negotiate for further powers for Solent region.

It does NOT mean reorganising or scrapping borough councils and creating a unitary council covering Hampshire as proposed by HCC.

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NEWS ROUND

'Thank you' to our supporters
Chris Matthews would like to thank everybody who supported him in the May County Council by-election in which he was elected with a re-sounding majority.

Tom Davies and Jackie Hudson also thank supporters who voted for them in the Borough Council elections.

Although unsuccessful, they will continue the hard work they have put into the ward and keep a very close watch on the elected Lib Dem councillors.

No smoking

Following residents' comments, all bus shelters in the town will carry stickers requesting the public not to smoke while waiting.

Summer fun for kids

There's free summer activities for 11 to 16-year-olds.

Fareham has the 'Access all Areas' Scheme: <http://www.fareham.gov.uk/leisure/accessallareas.aspx>

Park runs set the pace

The first Parkrun in the Borough was a big success and attracted scores of people.

Parkrun UK operates as a non-profit organisation, staging weekly 5km timed runs in open spaces around the UK.

Parkruns are open to all abilities, are safe and easy to take part in. Events take place every Saturday around 9am.

The route of the Fareham Parkrun is the easy-access coastal path around Cams Hall Estate and the golf course, starting and finishing at the Cams Mill pub.

Fareham Council provided community funding of £3,000 to help set up this project.

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Church finds home for defibrillator

A NEW central relocation has been found for the defibrillator after its former home at Wykeham House School closed.

It has been fitted in the porch at SS Peter's and Paul's Church, where it will be easily accessible for anyone needing it.

Help with funding to provide the wiring has been offered by County Councillors Peter Latham and Chris Matthews from their devolved budgets.

PHOTO: Church wardens Christine Allen and Margaret Chappell with the Rev Roger Jackson are delighted the church is helping the community.



Resurface this road

SIXTEEN weeks of disruption, closures and diversions due to water works and it's still not over for North Wallington residents.

Portsmouth Water sent letters to every household saying the anticipated finish date is now August 12.

The company apologises for the extra time it's taken, which was due to engineering difficulties.

InTouch team leader Tom Davies said: "The road is in a dreadful state.

It's uneven where they filled in the trenches and the surface undulates all over the place.

"The Lib Dem councillors have done nothing about it, so I will be contacting our Conservative county councillors to get some action."



Tom renews promise to get more play areas



IT WAS a lighter interlude during their May election campaign, but a visit to Salterns got Conservative candidates for Fareham East Tom Davies and Jackie Hudson swinging into action.

They found this part of the ward lacking in children's play areas and put more and better facilities at the top of their campaign list.

Unfortunately, two Lib Dems won the seats and have since done nothing towards improvements.

The situation was highlighted the other day by local parent Neil Remnant, who lives near the creek by Eastern Parade.

He said: "We have a pretty awful play park for young children, although it is used a lot by children under 7.

"Older kids have nothing to do, except to play football on the field using two old basketball posts as goals."

Hardly had Neil said it than Council workers arrived and removed the posts.

"What exactly is there for kids to do? Nothing down

this end of Fareham. No play rangers here any more and now no goals

"I've seen plans for new play areas in other parts of Fareham, but that's no good to the hundreds of children who use Salterns Field."

Eastern Parade and Bath Lane play areas underwent a mini makeover last summer, the latter having a new toddler multi climbing unit installed.

The old goals were removed as they will be replaced with new ones shortly and the Council says it could ask the play rangers to consider returning to Eastern Parade.

Tom Davies added: "This is not enough to meet the needs of children of all ages in this part of the ward and I will keep pushing to make sure it's on the Council's agenda."

InTouch will keep you informed.

Hunt is on for country lane fly-tippers



AN EPIDEMIC of fly-tipping in country lanes has led to a resident demanding Council action to catch and prosecute the culprits.

InTouch team leader Tom

Davies was contacted by Anneke Ring who said roads were blocked where she lives. There have been at least 20 incidents this year.

She said: "It appears that it's the same person who has been charging people for rubbish clearance and then tipping around the Whitedell/Spurlings/Pook Lane/Nine Elms Lane area.

"The two enforcement officers have been great, again arranging clearance and



following up leads.

"I had an email last week from the farmer who was fly-tipped at the same time as we were a couple of months ago.

"He's been advised by Winchester Council that they've now got enough evidence to take the culprit to court."

She asked whether Fareham Council would tag the Whitedell fly tip as promised and follow up with prosecutions to make an example of the culprits.

Tom Davies said the situation was unacceptable. He had emailed Deputy Council Leader Councillor Trevor Cartwright and was awaiting a response.



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Task force works to resolve hospital red tape scandal

POSITIVE action is under way to cut the NHS red tape that ties up progress at Fareham's £24m Community Hospital.

The hospital has operated office hours only 5 days a week since it opened 5 years ago.



InTouch team leader Tom Davies said the hospital's under-use was a scandal, particularly in view of the recent damning report on the failings of Queen Alexandra Hospital by the Care Quality Commission.

He said that a task force had been set up by Fareham MP Suella Fernandes in the wake of a visit by Health Minister Jeremy Hunt in February.

The minister asked it to explore ways of resolving management problems and making better use of the building and its site.

Tom Davies said: "The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) taking control of the total building would allow greater flexibility as well as working towards creating GP 'hubs'.

"This would enable a minor Injuries unit to be incorporated, supported by GPs."

The task force comprises representatives from all local NHS organisations, Friends of Fareham Community Hospital and Councillor Brian Bayford.



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Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to everyone in the community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours.

Minister praises Suella for work on landmark Bill



TERRORISTS, paedophiles and serious fraudsters exploit the Internet, social media and other sophisticated communications

to scheme online, making it more challenging to keep track of them and gather the vital evidence to secure a prosecution or thwart plots.

The Commons passed the landmark Investigatory Powers Bill to regulate the interception powers used by our intelligence, security and law enforcement services.

I have taken a close interest in this issue and served on the joint committee of MPs and Lords that studied the draft Bill, and on the subsequent Commons committee that looked at current proposals.

Replying to the debate, Security Minister John Hayes congratulated me on the role I played in both committees.

He said: "The threat she described so vividly is, as she said, worldwide and of a kind that would allow us to do nothing other than take the necessary steps to counter it in the defence of our freedoms."

Suella



FERNANDES MP for Fareham

Time to unite in the wake of Referendum

THANK you to everyone who voted in the EU Referendum. Nearly 80% of Fareham residents took part in the biggest exercise in democracy in decades, resulting in an historic decision.

Whichever way you voted, I was pleased to see many new people vote for the first time, increased numbers of young people taking part and vigorous campaigning from both sides.

People, volunteers, attending meetings, speaking up in debates – all these are the lifeblood of politics and democracy.

By over 1,000,000 votes, Britain voted to leave the EU. Fareham reflected that trend, with a strong majority of residents voting to take back control of our democracy, our laws, immigration and our money and to look beyond the EU to forge more global trade and commercial links.

Many people did not vote to leave the EU and were disappointed, but I reassure them Britain has a robust economy, the talent and experience to secure the best settlement for the country.



I held my 'Big Fareham EU debate' in Portchester when over 100 local people asked questions to find out more about the issue.

I will be working hard to contribute to this effort in Parliament and I know that the spirit of open-mindedness, enterprise, economic prudence, compassion and tolerance that make our country great will be maintained.

As we navigate the next chapter of our history, we need to put past divisions aside and unite in the national interest, respecting each other while engaging in healthy discussion.

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Surgery dates

I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me.

Keep up to date

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Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents.

To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months' notice, as they are very popular.

FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS



APPRENTICESHIPS offer young people a great opportunity to learn professional skills, gain confidence and earn a living.

They also enable businesses to develop careers of talented young people in Fareham, ensuring the workforce of the future has the skills it needs.

I was grateful to work with local companies such as NATS (pictured) and Parcar who sponsored my first Apprenticeships Fair and Fareham College, where it was held, to enable young people to meet employers and learn more.

Many local businesses took part such as Yo Telecom, Babcock International, Lloyds and MB Air Systems, plus the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Over 500 young people attended.

Look out for my event next year. If you are a

local employer keen to learn more about taking on an apprentice or holding a stall, let me know.

Broadband meeting

Many residents have contacted me about problems with their broadband service.

I have organised a public meeting for residents on October 28 at 7pm at Whiteley Community Centre to meet representatives of BT, the County Council and phone companies to voice their concerns. Let me know if you plan to attend.

Join me for a coffee

I enjoy meeting local residents and listening to their concerns.

As well as regular surgeries, you can join me for a Q&A and discussion on any topic at my coffee mornings and town hall events.

I recently held them in the Victory Hall, Warsash and Highlands Hub (pictured). Sign up to my monthly newsletter via suella@suellafernandes.co.uk to get updates on future dates.

