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# InTouch

**FAREHAM NORTH – 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**

Louise Clubley thanks the 1140 residents who supported her in the May Borough Council elections.

She has been appointed to the Streetscene Panel and is vice-chairman of the Leisure and Community Panel.

Chris Matthews thanks those who voted for him in the County Council by-election in which he gained a resounding majority.

He has been appointed to the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.

**Everyone Active triathlon**

The annual triathlon on May 15 again attracted large numbers of competitors and included a junior section for the first time.

Starting and finishing at the Leisure Centre, the course took in many roads in North Fareham. We congratulate all competitors.

**Ticking again**

We are pleased to report the extensive works to Holy Trinity tower and clock have been completed.

The Rev Sally Davenport and her team worked tirelessly to accomplish a first class renovation.

**No smoking**

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

**Better sight lines**

Yellow lines are to be extended along Funtley Road near the junction of Lakeside to allow a better sight line for drivers.

It follows several accidents at this junction and concerns raised by local residents.

**Civic honour for swimming coach**

NORTH WARD resident Stewart Crowe became one of this year's Citizens of Honour at the Mayor Making ceremony.

Stewart is well loved and respected within the swimming community, having been connected with Fareham Nomads Swimming Club for over 35 years.

During this time he has fulfilled many roles, including the chairman of the club and has been a coach for over 25 years.

He has helped many children through local competitions – county, regional and national championships; British, European and World Masters championships, junior internationals and even coached someone for the 1992 Barcelona British paralympic team.



**New home for defibrillator**

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

It has now been fitted in the porch at SS Peter's and Paul's Church.

It will be easily accessible for anyone needing it.

Help with funding to provide the electric 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.



**Scouts will have to do more than their best to raise £25,000 for new roof**



A SCOUT group will have to pull out all the stops to earn its fund-raising badge with a massive target of £25,000.

1st Fareham Scouts launched an appeal for the cash to replace the dilapidated roof of their Crescent Road headquarters which has asbestos contamination.

Group chairwoman Linda Wells outlined the appeal to a group of councillors, which included former Mayor Councillor Mike Ford, Council Leader Seán Woodward, County Councillor Peter Latham and Councillor Pam Bryant.

Linda Wells gave a presentation explaining the problems with the roof which had started leaking badly.

She said: "With more than 100 youngsters regularly involved, this is a popular, lively group bringing many

local families into the Scouting movement for generations.

"A programme of fund-raising events has been organised and volunteers work tirelessly to assist, but £25,000 is a lot for such a small group to find."

A two-day bag pack and 100-mile cycle ride in the Tesco store in Quay Street raised £1,243 and Fareham Rotary Club is helping with a Teddy Bear Hunt at Hundred Acres, near Wickham, in the summer.

The group was delighted when County Councillor Latham offered funding from his devolved budget.

**PHOTO:** Scout group representatives Jon Skinner and Tesco community champion Kari Pratt with the Council delegation.

**Civic honour reward for John's long service**



Councillor Connie Hockley.

**JOHN BRYANT has been appointed an Honorary Alderman in recognition of his service to the community.**

He was installed with the honour at the June meeting by the Mayor,

He said: "I am humbled and honoured to receive

this recognition as I have enjoyed being involved for so many years with such a well-run Council."

At his final meeting in April when former Mayor Mike Ford presented him with a plaque marking his time as a borough councillor (pictured), John said he had enjoyed his 17 years serving the residents of North Fareham.

He thanked Council officers past and present for their help and patience and his colleagues whom he would miss, but it was time for the next generation to shoulder responsibilities and bring new ideas.

**Funding for Funtley**

**THANKS to the Council's Community Action Team (CAT), Councillor Pam Bryant has worked with Funtley Village Society to provide money for two new benches in the village.**

One is positioned in the recreation ground and the other in Funtley Meadows.

CAT funding has also provided a new notice board near Roebuck Avenue, which will assist residents from that part of the village to see all advertised events without having to walk through the village.

**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.

Councillor Louise Clubley promised to pursue the issue in her election address.

She reports that a task force has been set up by Fareham MP Suella Fernandes in the wake of a visit by Health Minister Jeremy Hunt in February.

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

Louise Clubley 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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## 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

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at [www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter](http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter)

### 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](mailto:suella@suellafernandes.co.uk) to get updates on future dates.

