



# InTouch

## FAREHAM SARISBURY DIVISION

We alone have got the priorities right

# Conservatives put the elderly at top of the social care list

**SOCIAL CARE** for Hampshire's elderly is in the safest hands – the **CONSERVATIVE** County Council.

The proof lies in the financial facts.

This year, social care costs will increase by £21 million, so we had to make a bold decision to increase council tax by 4.99% to ensure our old folk are properly looked after.

That was the maximum allowed without a referendum and that was what we did at the February budget meeting.

So where did the other parties stand on this vital issue?

**Labour:** Proposed a 3.99% increase which would have produced a shortfall of £5.3 million.

**Liberal Democrats:** Voted against the budget, but as usual offered no alternatives as to how it could be funded.

County Councillor Seán Woodward commented: "I don't like paying extra council tax any more than anybody else, but I could not face the electorate unless everything had been done to protect the elderly in need of social care."

"No one in Hampshire is getting any younger and any one



of us might wake up one day needing it.

"Yes, the **CONSERVATIVES** REALLY DO CARE."

**PHOTO:** Seán visits Sylvan Court, Sarisbury Green which provides 36 apartments for older people needing support and cost £5 million.



### WHAT CONSERVATIVES HAVE DONE

- Kept council tax low for a decade
- £100m Fareham road improvement package
- Dualing A27 Fareham to Segensworth
- Upgraded St Margaret's roundabout
- 90% of schools rated 'outstanding' or 'good'
- Traffic calming Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley
- Provided £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre
- Brought superfast broadband to 95% of homes
- New roads, jobs at Solent Enterprise Zone
- Top priority for adult social care and education

### WHAT CONSERVATIVES PLAN TO DO

- Upgrade M27 Junctions 9 and 10
- Extend Whiteley Way to north of Curbridge
- Biggest school building programme in UK
- Top priority for elderly with extra care homes
- Build a new hotel for Fareham town centre
- Traffic calming Swanwick Lane
- Light controlled Barnes Lane/A27 junction
- Botley Road, Burrbridge traffic calming survey
- New play scheme for Holly Hill Leisure Centre
- Extend Holly Hill Cemetery

**So many good reasons and more on Thursday, May 4 to vote CONSERVATIVE for**

**X SEÁN WOODWARD X**



## 31 years of dedication and an enviable record of achievement for the community



### Dear Residents

I am writing to ask for your support on May 4 and to highlight some of my achievements over the past 31 years as your Councillor and my future priorities, if you re-elect me.

With the support of Hampshire's Children's Services, the Church of England and local parents all obstacles were overcome so the new Cornerstone C of E Primary School could open in Whiteley. I will continue to fight for a secondary school for Whiteley as well as to see Cornerstone move to a permanent site as soon as possible.

I have been instrumental in providing such facilities in Whiteley as a community centre, doctors' surgery, playgrounds, school, skatepark and local shops. It is equally important that established areas achieve new community facilities so I was delighted to propose the funding for and to help open the new £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

I am fighting for the completion of Whiteley Way which will help Whiteley as well as relieving traffic congestion in Burr ridge and Swanwick. I successfully supported a government grant for £14m to bring forward Whiteley Way's (and Bluebell Way's) completion and dualing it to the shopping centre. I met the roads minister to ask for funding to improve M27 junction 9.

At the last election I guaranteed that, following the permanent opening of Yew Tree Drive to all traffic after public consultation, appropriate mitigation measures would be put in place including traffic calming, permanent flashing speed limit reminder signs and HGV bans on Swanwick Lane and Yew Tree Drive. Yew Tree Drive measures were completed and are being improved; Swanwick Lane measures are going in shortly. Following that, I have asked highways officers to undertake studies on Botley Road, Burr ridge to see what may be possible. I am also keen that once Whiteley Way is complete it will be designated A3051, meaning that Botley Road can be downgraded to allow better traffic calming.

One of my top priorities is road safety. I have run anti-speeding campaigns on several roads including Botley Road, Swanwick Lane (where I achieved a lorry ban) and Yew Tree Drive. I granted funding for equipment for Community Speedwatch and flashing 30mph warning signs.

Congestion must be eased on Barnes Lane, Sarisbury and I have proposed traffic lights at the A27 junction. This will also reduce rat running through Allotment Road past Sarisbury Junior School. I also got consent for a new pedestrian crossing on the A27 near the Bold Forrester.

I work hard as Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee to ensure that the Hamble is looked after for the benefit of all users, sailors and walkers.

I will continue to work with the Police to further reduce criminal damage and anti-social behaviour and closely with Sarisbury and Burr ridge & Swanwick Residents' Associations and Whiteley Community Association, and continue to publish InTouch – Sarisbury, Swanwick, Burr ridge, Park Gate, Priory Park and Whiteley's only local newsletter. If you re-elect me I promise to continue to fight on your behalf to preserve and improve the area we all share.

Yours sincerely

*Seán Woodward*

## A LEADER IN EVERY RESPECT

SEÁN WOODWARD is married to Rosemary and they have an 18-year-old son.

He lives in the Sarisbury Division in Whiteley, having lived in the Western Wards for over 46 years.

He has an Honours Degree in biology and works in healthcare in the field of physiotherapy and rehabilitation for LBhealthcare in Whiteley.

Seán is the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council. He is also past-chairman of Sarisbury Conservatives, founder of the InTouch newsletter, now in its 32nd year, and a keen conservationist.

He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Fareham, a founder member of the Rotary Club of Whiteley and a member of the National Trust. He also set up the Friends of Bursledon Brickworks where he remains a member.

Seán was first elected to Fareham Borough Council in 1986 to represent Sarisbury Ward and has been re-elected in the 7 subsequent elections.

He was elected to Hampshire County Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009 and 2013. He chairs the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.

He was for 3 years Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment during which time he drove through a £100m investment in road infrastructure for Fareham.

Seán serves on many local, regional and national bodies representing Fareham. He created and chairs the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), committee of 12 local authorities whose role is to improve economic development in the area while holding the government to account for provision of much needed infrastructure.

He formed the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership which is tasked with enabling the provision of new jobs and skills in South Hampshire and is a director.

He is founder and past-chairman of Fareham Road Safety Council and Whiteley Community Association and a former trustee of Sarisbury Parish Rooms.

## ALWAYS AVAILABLE

You can reach Seán any time at:

ADDRESS: 8 Persian Drive, Whiteley PO15 7BJ

TEL: 01489 881030

EMAIL: sean@sean-woodward.co.uk

WEBSITE: www.sean-woodward.co.uk

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/In-Touch-with-Sarisbury-Whiteley-349346608520119>

TWITTER: www.twitter.com/farehamwoodward

## Yellow double decker bus is just the ticket



YOUNGSTERS can enjoy a busman's holiday thanks to Seán Woodward.

Destination for the smart yellow double decker Leyland Olympian is Y-services, a youth charity operating across Fareham.

Seán approached First Bus to ask whether they would like to donate a bus

for dedicated youth work.

Managing director Marc Reddy said 'yes' and the charity set out on the long fund-raising route to make it happen.

Y-Services, which provides youth workers and play rangers in the area, was given £6,000 from Councillor Woodward's grant budget and fund-raised to realise their dream of a truly mobile, fully-equipped service for young people.

The bus has been completely refurbished and painted bright yellow.

It will have its livery applied and will then be ready to go. All but 8 seats have been removed to make space for children's activities.

Maria Calway-Kennedy, who's pictured with Seán before the refurbishment, said:

"We were delighted to be presented with this amazing project which means we will be able to deliver our services to young people across the area exactly where they are needed."



## Helpful, receptive – does what he promises

**RESIDENTS** have voiced their appreciation for Seán's hard work and prompt attention to any issues they raise, however small.

**Sarah Martin, Botley Road, Burr ridge:** "We moved relatively recently to Burr ridge as it is a lovely area in which to live. We like the Village Hall which I know Seán was instrumental in finding the money to refurbish. I am also pleased that he is trying to get further traffic calming through Burr ridge. I will certainly be voting for him so that he can continue to work hard on our behalf."

**Rosemary Dugdale-Jenkins, Badgers Copse, Park Gate:** "I contacted Seán recently to point out problems for residents in using the bus stops in Telford Way at Park Gate. "He acted instantly in getting them placed far more sensibly and safely. I will certainly be voting for him on May 4th."

**Dave Meredith, New Inn Court, Sarisbury Green:** "I have just read through the latest InTouch flyer. It reminds me of what a lovely place we live in. Thank you for all your efforts that make it so. "There is a huge silent majority out here that appreciates all that you and your colleagues do."

**David Deacon, Oldenburg, Whiteley:** "Seán has been my local Councillor all of the time we have lived in Whiteley. I have always found him to be extremely receptive and helpful whenever I have contacted him on any issue. "He returns calls promptly and does what he promises - an ideal local representative."

**Mary Cordina, Lower Duncan Road, Park Gate:** "I have lived in Park Gate for many years and Seán has been a great local Councillor. "I first met him back in the 1980s when he helped us and our neighbours have a positive influence on a local development and he has been there for us ever since. I will certainly be voting for him on May 4th."

**Karen Healey, Rowe Ashe Way, Sarisbury:** "I have attended many meetings where Seán has been presenting to us local residents. "He always puts his points across in a reasoned way and answers every question put to him knowledgeably and thoughtfully. I very much hope he will be re-elected on May 4th."



# Around and about with Seán

## Transport investments



Seán recognises the vital role of local transport. Above: Celebrating the expansion of Eclipse services in Fareham. Inset: Launch of Solent Ranger investment.

## Ice swimming



Presenting an award to Kate Steels-Fryatt at the International Ice Swimming Championships at Swanwick.

## Nature reserve improvements

Seán is an avid supporter for Fareham's fine parks and open spaces. Here, he's discussing with Ranger Dawn improvements to Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve.



## Yes Minister, we need millions



Seán and Meon Valley MP George Hollingbery tell Andrew Jones, Minister responsible for England's motorways and trunk roads, that cash is urgently needed to upgrade Fareham's motorway system.

## Holly Hill Leisure Centre opening



The £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre is the Western Wards jewel in the crown. It was opened by Olympics gold medallist Adam Peaty, pictured with Seán and Mayor Connie Hockley.

## Tough time at Brexit debate



Fareham College students gave the panel, including Seán, a tough time in a lively debate about Brexit.

Promoted by Councillor Simon Martin, 230 Botley Road, Burrigade SO31 1BL on behalf of Councillor Seán Woodward, 8 Persian Drive, Whiteley PO15 7BJ. Printed by Cedar Group, Unit 3 Triton Centre, Premier Way, Abbey Park Industrial Estate, Romsey SO51 9DJ