### **CONSERVATIVES** keeping our community



#### **LOCKS HEATH - Summer 2017**

As developers run riot across the Hamble in Lib Dem controlled Eastleigh...

## Planned strategy to prevent Fareham building free-for-all

DEVELOPERS are climbing on the bandwagon after pressure to provide over 2,000 more homes on greenfield sites by 2036 is forcing Fareham Council to rewrite its Borough Plan.

Blame for the crisis rests squarely on landowners' shoulders for being already 3 years late in bringing forward development of Welborne.

By the time the first homes are occupied there it will be 4 years late, hence the provision of fewer than 6,000 by 2036.

Meantime, developers have inundated planning officers in a frenzied offer of over 100 greenfield sites with a total of over 10,000 houses – 2,600 of them in Warsash. This does not include Welborne.

#### **Importance of Welborne**

Council Leader Seán Woodward explained: "We are rolling forward the Borough local plan outside Welborne from 2026 to 2036. We would obviously need extra homes in that period.

"Welborne will still help protect greenfield sites. Without Welborne we would need sites for a further 6,000



houses which would use a lot more than a few additional greenfield sites.

"Because Welborne will be 4 years late it could threaten our 5-year housing land supply, meaning we would lose every planning appeal if we do not make new allocations now."

#### **Running riot**

It's happening in Lib Dem controlled Eastleigh where they don't have a local plan and developers are running riot

Fareham was required to review its two strategic countryside gaps and

conduct an early review of its local plan, which is now under way.

"The housing we are allocating is for Fareham's assessed housing need. These are not externally imposed figures, but are our own needs and not open to challenge.

"We have over 1,000 families on our waiting list today; many more will join over the next 20 years."

#### **New strategy**

Officers are now reviewing every site to determine which are the most viable, deliverable and sustainable so as to prepare a strategy.

Importantly, Fareham can still use its existing plan to exercise judgement on the current need for greenfield sites. Such applications are being refused.

Locks Heath Councillors Susan Bayford and Keith Evans (pictured) have been keeping a close eye on these housing needs and the possible impacts.

"We will continue to closely monitor the situation going forward and campaign strongly against any excessive or inappropriate development that may be proposed in our area."

#### Innovation Centre impresses The Princess Royal

A ROYAL visitor gave her seal of approval to Fareham's successful Innovation Centre when she visited Daedalus to start centenary celebrations of flying from the former Fleet Air Arm HQ.

HRH The Princess Royal is pictured being welcomed by Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward.

She was impressed to learn about the airfield's history and how the burgeoning Solent Enterprise Zone is helping to create 3,500 jobs.

She also toured CEMAST and met members of the Marine Coastguard Agency, before presenting the chief executive's Volunteer of the Year Award to Mike Saunders, who served in HM Coastguard for 46 years and helped save many lives after responding to 3,000 incidents.

The Princess unveiled a plaque and cut a celebration cake made by Fareham Council worker Andrea Cripps,

whose grand-daughter, Lydia (4), presented her with a smaller version.



There will be a celebration of 100 years of flying at Daedalus on September 16. Tickets available on line, at Ferneham Hall and the control tower.



#### Keith Evans thanks voters

My sincere thanks to you for my reelection as your Hampshire County Councillor on May 4.

This was with one of the best majorities in all of Hampshire which is testament to the excellent Conservative County Council that we have.

I continue to be available when needed and all my contact details are available in this InTouch.

With the local Borough councillors, will continue to ensure that all my residents are represented to the best of my ability - even if we do not always agree politically

#### Weeding needed

Weed control on our highways is the County Council's responsibility and they pay Fareham to undertake one weed spray treatment per year.

Councillor Susan Bayford says it's not enough in many areas and complaints from residents are increasing.

"If you have specific areas causing concern, contact us and we will raise this with Hampshire County Council."

#### New role needed



What is to be done with this unique, historic building and its garden? Holly Hill Mansion, built in the woodland park by George Winn for his family, stands empty.

It had been home for older people needing support, but has been replaced by the new luxury Sylvan Court (see story on Page 3).

Councillors have invited residents' views: "Should it be commercial or residential. Let us know your ideas."

#### **Y-Services double decker hits the streets**

A YELLOW double deck bus is a familiar sight in the Borough.

Y-Services youth charity was given the bus after Councillor Seán Woodward approached First's MD, Marc Reddy.

The Volvo Olympian was brought from Cornwall, First made it roadworthy and fundraisers fitted it out with a kitchen, soft play area and painted it in the distinctive yellow and black livery.

Seán Woodward was delighted to help an 'amazing charity' to achieve their dream. His County Council grant of £6,000 went a long way towards fitting it out.

PHOTO: The Y-Bus is officially launched.



## **Relieved of traffic duty**

TRAFFIC management has reverted to Hampshire County Council after the agency agreement with the Borough Council was terminated...

Inquiries about Traffic Regulation Orders, yellow lines, highway restrictions/calming and disabled bay requests should now be sent to the Highways Operations Centre roads@hants.gov.uk.

It's also the contact point for highway maintenance inquiries, but local Councillors Susan Bayford and Keith Evans will be available to discuss your con-

The Borough Council retains responsibility for onstreet parking enforcement, electronic speed reminder signs and road closures for events on the highway.

## Visitors flock to the manor reborn



HISTORIC Coldeast Mansion has been officially opened as a hotel and functions centre after a multi-million pound restoation.

It was opened for viewing for one day recently when visitors had a tour of the building. The ground floor has a large number of function rooms, while the first and second floors have been developed as very high quality apartments for holiday lets and for persons visiting functions. There are 36 studio and one-bedroom apartments.

Unfortunately some of the windows (including stained glass) were vandalised recently and are under repair.

According to NHS records, the mansion was bought by the Montefiore family who owned it until the late 19th Century.

During WW1 it was used as a hospital for wounded servicemen and later in the mid 1920s as a hospital for persons with learning difficulties.



The ground floor was used for staff and doctors, the first floor for student nurse training and the second floor for student nurse accommodation.

It was closed in 1997 as part of the Care in the Community philosophy.

It was a 'home from home' for Councillor Brian Bayford, who worked there for the NHS, and by coincidence he is pictured (left) next to Susan Bayford in his old office describing details of the history of the mansion to some of the visitors.

## Sheila is delighted to show off her fine new home at Sylvan Court



**SHEILA MALTBY was** so delighted with her new home at Sylvan Court, she wanted to thank the person who made it happen.

So she invited Councillor Susan Bayford to come and see for herself.

Sheila had contacted Susan in early spring to ask if she was eligible to move from her sheltered accommodation to Sylvan Court.

Susan spoke to a Council housing officer and it wasn't long before Sheila moved into her new accommodation.

She is pictured chatting to Susan in the delightful living room with her balcony

Sylvan Court is a Borough Council-owned and funded sheltered homes project for Fareham residents over 60 with a medical condition, who can live independently on site but with a degree of support.

It is situated in beautiful surroundings on the old Coldeast Hospital site and has been built to a very high standard, providing 36 flats with their own balcony or patio.

Among the facilities is a lounge, activity room, hairdresser's and communal gar-

Susan praised the Conservative Council's imaginative design. "I hope it won't be long before it's fully occupied," she added.

## Food waste campaign

FAREHAM has received £30,000 funding from Sainsbury's as part of the supermarket's 'Waste less, save more' campaign.

The project works with local communities, led by a group or the council.

Fareham was chosen to be one of 160 communities across Britain and successfully bid for a share of the £1m.

A Food Saver Champion will be recruited to work on the project, which is also supported by the County Council.



THEY could probably have danced all night with joy... Thanks to the

devoted group

known as the Lockswood Six, the long-awaited dance studio has become reality at the Community Centre.

It was a special occasion for Community & Sports Association trustee and treasurer Ray Randall

## Put on your dancin' shoes when former Fareham Mayor Connie Hockley of-

ficially opened the splendid Studio 6. Ray had set his heart on transforming the old activity room into a dance studio.

Thanks to his commitment, a £5,000 grant from the Borough Council, matching finance from the charity and support from local councillors, it's on with the dance.

PHOTO: Trustees Jacqueline Palmer, Ray Randall, Jeremy Sedgebeer, Geoff Eales. Councillors Connie Hockley, Susan Bayford and Keith Evans.

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political events or **help** by delivering **InTouch** in your street, why not join Locks Heath Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Susan Bayford on 01489 577772.

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

#### Access All Areas

The popular summer play scheme will take place again this year at various locations and times across the Borough from July 27 to August 31.

All activities are free and open to 11 to 16-year-olds who live in the Borough. For details and to register visit www.fareham.gov.uk/aaa or call 01329 236100.

#### Brexit Bills will kick-start the EU leaving process

Brexit in now underway and the UK is officially leaving the European Union.

Parliament voted to trigger Article 50 in March, starting the process of withdrawal.



The Queen's Speech in June reflected the opportunity ahead for the UK and included:

- •A Repeal Bill to provide legal certainty as we leave.
- •An Immigration Bill giving us control over the number of people coming here from Europe.
- •A Trade Bill and a new Customs Bill to enable the UK to conduct its own independent Trade policy, helping British businesses trade with thriving global markets.
- •A Fisheries Bill and an Agriculture Bill so that we can make a success of Brexit.

# Suella



## **FERNANDES MP for Fareham**

## Record vote share for Conservatives in

**General Election** 

I WAS DELIGHTED to receive the ringing endorsement from the voters of Fareham at the General Election.

Serving in Parliament is an honour and I am grateful to all those who placed their trust in the Conservatives to make Fareham and our country a better place to live.

Over 35,000 people voted Conservative in Fareham – an increase of over 5,000 since 2015- consisting of 63% of the vote which was the largest share since 1935.

Thank you to my wonderful team of volunteers who canvassed, delivered and helped at my events to make it possible.

Particular thanks must go to Councillor Susan Bayford who acted as my Election Agent and Campaign Manager.

Nationally, we would have liked a better result.



**Victory:** Conservatives celebrate an historic win by Suella after the count at Ferneham Hall on June 8.

Now that a confidence and supply arrangement has been reached with the DUP, we can all get behind Theresa May

to lead our country through Brexit and the challenges ahead.

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#### **FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS**

#### **Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce update**

I am pleased that local GPs, supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group, are planning to offer a Same Day Access Service at Fareham Community Hospital.

This will involve GPs and nurses being available from 8am to 8pm to see patients from across the Borough who need to help that day, alleviating the burden on other surgeries and meeting the local demand.

#### **Politics in the Pub**

I was delighted to see so many local residents join me for a pint and a chat about politics at The Cormorant, Portchester.

We discussed the General Election, young people, jobs and Brexit. To hear about my events, sign up to my newsletter by sending an email to suella@suellafernandes.co.uk



I run a network of small and medium sized businesses in our local area called the Solent Business Forum, ably assisted by Tim Geoghegan.

Lord Digby Jones recently spoke to the Forum about how business can make the most of trade and investment opportunities. Drop me an email if you run a business in Fareham and want to come along.





## Surgery dates vill hold surgeries at

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/contact

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.