



Same-day GP appointments scheme off to a steady start

A NEW SERVICE for Fareham people to make urgent same-day GP appointments welcomed its first patients in September as it got off to a smooth start.

However, only 40% of surgeries have so far agreed to participate and patients who use the others are encouraged to get their GPs to 'sign up'.

The Fareham Primary Care Service (FPCS), based at a hub at Fareham Community Hospital, Park Gate, dealt with 60 patient calls in its first three hours after going live at 8am.

Four of the ten GP practices in Fareham are working together to develop a new way of offering urgent appointments to patients who want to see a health professional on the day they make contact.

The participating practices are Highlands Practice, Jubilee Surgery and Whiteley Surgery. Stubbington Medical Practice will also join the scheme, from January 2, 2018. Other practices may follow if the initiative proves successful.

Routine appointments at GP practices are not affected, and continue as before.

Dr Tom Bertram, the Titchfield GP who is clinical lead for the project which has been funded by the Better Local Care initiative, said: "I would particularly like to thank the management team for all its hard work and meticulous planning.

"It's very exciting to see the hub in action. It's all gone



very smoothly. I'd also like to thank everyone at the Community Hospital for getting the room, IT, and everything else in place. They have done a fantastic job."

Amanda Gray, practice manager at Highlands Surgery who is on the project team, said: "Patients who have come here for appointments have been very positive. We have been delighted by the response to this new service so far."

Dr Donal Collins, one of the GPs triaging patients at the hub today, said: "I really value the fact that I can speak to colleagues from other practices in one setting here, and that we can all learn and share from each other. That has to be good for our patients."

Patients wanting urgent same-day appointments phone their GP practice as normal and, if they agree to their details being shared with the service, they will then be called back in order of clinical priority with a nurse/GP having a detailed conversation with them - which may result in the patient being given advice over the phone or offered an appointment, either at the hospital or the surgery.

Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis said doctors and nurses must be congratulated on their efforts and had worked very hard to ensure that this new scheme works well for all patients.

PHOTO: Dr Tom Bertram, from Jubilee Surgery, and Amanda Gray (left), the practice manager at Highlands Surgery, discuss the new service with Dr Derrin Wilkins.

LITTER – what a colossal waste of YOUR money



THE COUNCIL spends more than **£920,000** a year of your taxes cleaning up Fareham.

Tackling litter is one of our key objectives so we are launching a litter

campaign aimed at changing behaviour.

There are three strands to the campaign – general littering, dropped cigarette butts, discarded chewing gum.

Events and activities are planned across the Borough.

You may spot one of our newly branded litter lorries out and about carrying anti-litter messages (pictured).

Later this month residents will be able to get their hands on freebies to help them dispose of cigarette ends or chewing gum in a responsible way. Keep an eye on our social media for updates.

The Council can issue on the spot fines of £80 to those seen littering.

Councillor Leslie Keeble said: "By highlighting the damage caused by littering we hope to encourage more people to do the right thing and save money."



NEWS ROUND

Tusking into a curry

Eighty members of Fareham West Conservative Association enjoyed their annual meal at Café Tusk. Just over £500 was raised towards supporting the local office and costs of InTouch.

Fareham MP Suella Fernandes and her parents were among the guests.

Trivial pursuit for charity



Get your trivia books out now and start studying for the next Mayor's quiz on February 3, 2018 which is again being held at Palmerston indoor bowls centre.

As well as keeping the little grey cells active, there will be an excellent 2-course meal included in the £15 cost.

It is worth coming just to try and win one of the many decent raffle prizes.

This year, several hundred pounds were raised by the teams for the Mayor of Fareham's charities.

For further information ring Leslie 01329 845339, but be quick as people have missed the boat in previous years.

Huge planning application

Hallam Lands have submitted a planning application to build 1,023 houses on the east side of Peak Lane, from Stubbington to Longfield Avenue.

These houses are not supported by Fareham Borough Council in its local plan.

To make your views known, please write to FBC Planning Department or Councillor Tina Ellis or Councillor Leslie. Keeble.

Praise for Fareham from 'oop North'

TINA ELLIS attended the Conservative Party Conference with other local party members, including Karen Healey.

She was delighted to meet these two northern councillors (pictured) whose son is serving at HMS Collingwood.

They and a trader, who also had a relation in Fareham, were full of praise for what the town had to offer, particularly the beautiful floral displays.

"Having just attended Fareham in Bloom awards where Fareham West residents did particularly well, it was great to see the impact our town has on visitors.



"We should all remember how fortunate we are to live in the Borough and it made me even more proud to be able to represent Fareham."

A 'paws' in the park leads to amazing coincidence

THEY WERE just sitting in Blackbrook Park chatting to one of the dog walkers taking a rest on a bench dedicated to the memory of Arthur and Frances Jeffery.

Their daughter, Mary Cawte, formerly of Abbeyfield Drive, told Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis her parents used to live at 173 Highlands Road before moving to Ferneham Road.

Leslie's and Tina's ears pricked up when that address was mentioned because that is now where they live.

Leslie said: "The Jefferys' house was demolished and replaced by two detached houses and eventually a bungalow was built in the back garden.

"What a coincidence! I lived in 173 and now live in

173B while Tina, my daughter, lives in 173A."

Unfortunately, mindless vandals have set fire to some of the benches, which are made from recycled materials.

Leslie added: "We must be vigilant."



In loving memory of Arthur & Frances Jeffery 1900-1992 1916-2016 Who loved to walk this park

1 Golds galore for green-fingered gardeners



Ann and Ian Gray (Photo 1) won golds for their wildlife garden (overall category winner) and large

IT WAS another golden year for Fareham's gardeners, with the Borough recording its 14th consecutive win in the Small City Category.

And there were golds for 5 of our public parks and gardens in the South & SE In Bloom competition.

West Ward again featured prominently in the Fareham in Bloom awards, with several magnificent displays.

Ann and Ian Gray (Photo 1) won golds for their wildlife garden (overall category winner) and large



Chris and Colin Tait (Photo 2) of Longmynd Drive won gold for their large plantsman's back garden which has a beautiful floral display and interesting collection of items.

They hosted a lunch for 28 guests, including Fareham Mayor and Mayoress Councillor Geoff and Mrs Tina Fazackarley.

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Steve and Jane Hurst (Photo 3) of Highlands Road, won 2 golds and a silver Gilt

to 4 with the Mayor and Mayoress) of The Cloisters, opened their garden for the first time and picked up 4 silver gilts.

Pamela Hobbs, of Pennine Walk, won a gold and 3 silver gilts. Many Fareham West residents won silver gilts or silvers.

Leslie and Tina have written to thank them for making our Borough a colourful place to live.



Val and Cliff Kearley (Photo 4)

Daedalus 100 a big hit



Spitfire built by David Bishop, brought around 2,500 visitors to the Daedalus 100 event.

There was a variety of displays and a raffle chance to win a flight.

Councillor Leslie Keeble, his wife Chris-

CLASSIC cars and a parade of aircraft, including a

tine and daughter Councillor Tina Ellis (pictured) spent the day there.

Many visited CEMAST or went to see the hovercraft and a rescue demonstration by the Coastguard rescue helicopter kept the crowds enthralled.

Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward hopes that a future event will stage an air display.

It is also planned to start a passenger service to the Channel Islands (Alderney)

Thanks again, Abu

ABU, owner of Gandhi's Take-away in Anjou Crescent, demonstrates his kindness and community spirit by raising many hundreds of pounds for Cancer Research.

For one night in April he donates the total takings to the Mayor of Fareham's chosen charities. This year, they were The Haven In Titchfield (Breast cancer charity) and Y-

Servic-

es for young people. Past Mayor Councillor Connie Hockley was delighted with the £600 raised.

She is pictured with consort Geoff Hockley, Abu, Leslie Keeble, Tina Ellis and neighbouring shopkeepers.



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If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Fareham West Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Leslie Keeble on 01329 845339.

WE SERVE YOU ALL 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.

Extra 3,100 homes plan goes for consultation amid protest storm

AMID A STORM of controversy and protests, the vital new draft Fareham Plan was approved by the Executive for public consultation

It followed heated debates, deputations from residents and objections from councillors whose wards will be affected.

It covers the period 2011 to 2036 to include the Welborne element and extends the rest of the Borough from 2026 to 2036 – an extra 10 years – to have a single terminus date.

And it is essential to prevent scores of developers climbing on the bandwagon in a free-for-all as happened in **Lib Dem** controlled Eastleigh.

Councillor Keith Evans, executive member for planning and development, said housing requirements were co-ordinated by local councils participating in the South Hampshire area using a premeditated formula.

The method covers aspects such as population growth, age, household sizes and economic growth.

Fareham's requirement for the plan period is 8,300 houses and 85,000 sq metres of employment space.

He said: "We are 6 years into this timeline so some of the houses and some employment space has already been delivered or agreed.

"The net balance for which sites need to be identified and agreed are around 3,100 houses and 13,000 sq m of employment space.

"Developers and landowners have submitted over 200 sites to be considered, but if all these were used, we would have an extra 10,000 to 11,000 houses and an extra 65,000 sq metres of employment space. We have prioritised using brownfield sites in the town centre.

Council officers faced the massive task to assess

each site's suitability, sustainability and developability with reference to other bodies such as education and health.

Many sites were rejected with others identified with varying degrees of suitability, leading to development of a planning strategy with a 3-pronged approach:

1 Large (or clustered) sites that would enable delivery of community benefits.

This resulted in proposed sites in Warsash (700 homes), Titchfield (400 homes), town centre (600 homes), North Portchester (350 homes), South Portchester (350 homes) and Stubbington (475 homes)

2 The balance (about 500 houses) from smaller sites

3 Try to spread the burden and impact across the Borough

The plan is a statutory requirement to meet annual housebuilding aims of the political parties.

In fact, **Conservatives** have the smallest target of 200,000 homes, while the **Lib Dems** want to build 300,000.

The consultation period ends on December 8 with all responses being considered in the preparation of the formal plan to be published by next summer.

This will be subject to further consultation before

everything is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to arrange a public examination, probably at the end of 2018.

He added: "Any Borough Plan is contentious and frequently unwelcome to many, it brings changes to locations and areas, some good and welcome, but others, such as increased road traffic, not so welcome.

"I strongly urge all residents to find time to read the plan and respond to the consultations."

The plan with all supporting documents is available on line and paper copies in libraries and the Civic offices.

The table below shows the total number of houses on sites across the Borough on which developers want to build. Most will have to be defended at public inquiries.

Fareham N	304	Portchester E	103
Fareham NW	133	Portchester W	921
Fareham E	785	Sarisbury	1,124
Fareham S	0	Stubbington	2,302
Fareham W	254	Titchfield	1,161
Hill Head	198	Titchfield Common	438
Locks Heath	0	Warsash	2,698
Park Gate	64	TOTAL	10,485

Conservatives stress the importance of affordable homes.

We have over 1,000 Fareham families on the housing waiting list needing Fareham homes.

These could be for rent (council housing @ 60% market rent, housing association @ 80% market rent), shared equity (part rent part buy), starter homes at a 20% discount on market value or even self-build.

*See Fareham Today Special at <https://tinyurl.com/y8f3f54t>

Fareham's schools will benefit from fairer funding formula

FAIRER national funding has been welcomed by Fareham schools.

From April 2018, the new national funding formula will replace the out-of-date system that saw Hampshire's schools get one of the low-

est levels in the country.

All secondary schools will receive at least £4,800 per pupil and all primary schools will receive at least £3,500 per pupil in 2019-20, as well as a minimum cash increase in respect of every school of 0.5% per

pupil, rising to 1%, up to 3% gains per pupil in 2018-19 and a further 3% in 2019-20 for under-funded schools.

High needs funding will also be increased which supports the most vulnerable children.