



# InTouch

**Fareham North West** **GRAPEVINE No 101** **Autumn 2017**

## GP same-day appointments changes greeted with caution

**TRIALS** for a new same-day GP appointments procedure have hit a snag.

The plan provides a new Fareham Primary Care Service with Highlands, Jubilee, Stubbington and Whiteley health centres working together

But the drawback is that it will operate out of Fareham's Community Hospital which is a 40-minute bus ride or a £8 taxi ride each way.

Or patients will have to battle traffic along the A27 in their own cars.

Local GP Dr Tom Bertram said: "This is not just about same-day access, but extended hours as well and we are hoping to add new services."

But he added: "Fareham Community Hospital is not the easiest place for everyone to get to."

Fareham NW Councillor Peter Davies (pictured) said: "I welcome the greater opportunity to get same-day advice and the extended hours offered, but Dr Bertram is right. Coldeast is a difficult place to reach from Highlands. "When I'm ill the last thing I want to do is drive a car. This is a trial for six months, so let me know how you find this new approach and let the surgery know."

The new procedure is:

- Patients phone their GP practice as normal between 8am and 11am.
- They will be called back in order of clinical priority with



a nurse or GP having a detailed conversation.

- This may result in the patient being given advice or arrangements made for medication to be available at a local pharmacy or an appointment offered.

**NOTE:** In certain circumstances your GP or outpatient clinic can arrange the Patient Transport Service.

There is a voluntary car scheme for transport to medical appointments. Call 01329 231899. They may also be able to give the number of the similar Daisy Scheme.

## Henry Cort students celebrate a solid A-Level achievement



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Henry Cort students who are now at college after gaining good A-Level results.

Last year 67% of Henry Cort students gained the 'gold standard' of 5 grades at A\*-C including English and Maths. The grading system has now changed (in some subjects it is 1-9 with 9 being the highest) and over 50% of students gained the benchmark of 5+ in English and Maths and 30% gained the English Baccalaureate which is a solid academic achievement.

Councillor Peter Davies said: "It is sad that we no longer have A-Level provision in Fareham.

"We used to have the well-respected Prices College from 1974, but in 1984 it merged with Fareham Technical College to form Fareham College and A-Levels disappeared there in the late 1990s, so now over 1,500 16 to 19-year-olds have to leave the Borough every day to go to excellent sixth form colleges in Southampton, Eastleigh and Winchester.



**NEWS ROUND**

**Pop in for a coffee**

We have a 'Grapevine' drop-in coffee morning at the Highlands hub on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We would love to chat with you.



If it is more convenient, give us a ring and we'll come round to your home. Our contact details are at the foot of the page.

**Anyone for boules?**

Fareham Pétanque Club welcomes you to try the French game at a taster session on Wednesdays at 7pm, equipment provided.



The club has a floodlit terrain next to the North West Community Centre, near Henry Cort School. Just turn up or ring Mike and Mary Shepherd 01329 843295.

The centre has a Junior Youth Club (ages 10-13) on Thursday evening from 5.45pm to 7.30pm and 13 to 17-year-olds have their club on Friday evenings.

**Ryan's your man**

Do you need help in cleaning house or doing your garden? Peter and Fred recommend Ryan.

Ryan has very reasonable rates and Peter says: "I have a large garden and would be totally lost without Ryan." Contact Ryan now on 07950733048.

**A place to relax**

Why not join Hill Park Club in Highlands Road and relax?

Peter Davies says: "I'm looking forward to seeing The Foremost doing a concert there on November 25."

Ring the club on 01329 280782.

**Mayor for second time in 4 years**

FOUR YEARS after being Fareham's first citizen, Susan Bayford will don the mayoral robes again in May next year.

Meantime, Councillor Bayford wears the robes of Deputy Mayor after being appointed at the October full Council meeting.

It happened due to the sudden resignation from the Council of Councillor Chris Wood

Susan Bayford will have her husband, Park Gate Councillor Brian Bayford – himself a former Mayor – as Consort.

She said: "It's an honour to be Deputy Mayor for a second time and I look forward to helping the current Mayor, Portchester East Councillor Geoff Fazackarley, to fulfil his long list of engagements."

PHOTO: The Mayor and his new Deputy.



**Views on 20mph limit sought**

HOW do you feel about having a 20mph speed limit in residential roads in the ward?

Councillors Peter Davies and Fred Birkett want to hear your views. Their contact numbers are below.

They say there are many narrow, winding roads where 30mph is too fast.

Fred said: "The risk of serious injury dramatically reduces when speed is



limited to 20mph, and we are talking about adding seconds to a journey but potentially preventing a serious injury or something much worse."

He also reminded cyclists to make sure their lights are working as darker evenings approach, adding:

"The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said nearly 19,000 injuries were caused on our roads in 2015; do not let one of these be you."

**Action on issues flagged up by walkabout**

A WALK around the ward by Councillors Fred Birkett and Peter Davies highlighted several issues that are being addressed.

A resident showed them where flooding often occurs in Shannon Close.

A Council engineer said the location was directly above where the old deviation line had been filled in at Highlands bridge and it was more complex than just a minor bump in the surface.

Investigations by the Highways Laboratory were awaited to give the geotechnics team an idea of the road structure so a solution could



be worked out.

Peter and Fred also drew attention to vandalised fencing at the former ambulance station in Highlands Road where 10 flats will be built.

The footpath from Highlands Road to Nashe Way is overgrown again.

Peter and his gardener cut back some of the



worse overhanging brambles, but it needed tools they didn't have.

There was a fatal accident in August on the zebra crossing just to the right of the tree.

Unfortunately the CCTV evidence was limited as the tree obscured the crossing as the camera swung round.

Peter asked for this tree to be cut back last October but no action was taken. It has since been pruned.

"It's a shame it took a fatality to achieve that," Peter added.



**Westbury Manor reborn**

FAREHAM'S Westbury Manor museum reopened in July after £665,000 refurbishment.

The museum, which will be managed by the Hampshire Cultural Trust, has become a vibrant culture hub in the town centre.

On the first floor, three galleries tell the story of the town's rich heritage from its origins as a Stone Age settlement and its long traditions of strawberry growing and brickmaking.

The reception area and café were remodelled and a shop selling Hampshire produce introduced, while the second floor was turned into creative studios.

**A 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 and that's why 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. Look out for our newly branded litter lorries (pictured) carrying anti-litter messages. Later, freebies will be available to help people

dispose of cigarette ends or chewing gum. Keep an eye on our social media for updates.

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

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



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**They are not being very Co-operative**



**DELIVERY lorries along Highlands Road, especially those servicing the smaller Co-op, continue to cause traffic disruptions.**

The Co-op has been advised there must be no loading or unloading between 08.00 and 09.30 or 15.00 to 18.00.

However, deliveries still happen outside these hours which not only cause traffic congestion but could also affect pedestrians' safety.

Councillor Fred Birkett said: "I have contacted the Co-op to highlight the issues, and although it did improve for a while it is obvious that the disruption is returning."

Councillors Birkett and Peter Davies spoke to Fareham Council and will continue to pressure the Co-op to ensure the rules are kept.

**Upgrade for popular path**

Hamble Causeway, one of South Hampshire's most popular footpaths, is being repaired and upgraded.

Emergency repairs were carried out just before Christmas 2016, shoring up a major breach.

These have now been followed up with re-decking and the installation of ramps on the 'Chinese Bridge'.

Further work is planned for late winter/early spring 2018, improving the surface condition and further shoring up of the banks.

This is funded by Fareham Borough Council planning agreements, with additional capital from Hampshire

# 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 Port-

chester (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.