



# InTouch

SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Winter 2019

## Spitfires fly into battle to help keep Fareham’s council tax low

### SPITFIRES have come to our rescue yet again.

Five of the iconic WW2 fighters fly from Solent Airport and fuel sales for pleasure flights are reaping thousands of pounds in revenue for the benefit of Fareham council taxpayers.

And wise business investment by the **Conservatives** is sparing Fareham households massive annual council tax rises.

Out of an annual Borough Council spend of £47m, less than £7m comes from council tax.

Council Leader Seán Woodward stressed: “So 85% of what we spend includes our trading activities, among them a portfolio of mainly local commercial property that brings in millions of pounds in rental.

“For example, most units at Southampton Road, Park Gate (B&Q, Dunelm, Halfords, PC World, etc) belong to the Council. Without this income our council tax, currently almost the lowest in the country, would need to be far higher.”

Despite losing all its Government revenue support grant, Fareham will raise its share of council tax for 2019-20 by only £5 a year, representing just a penny a day increase for the average band C property. Band D properties will pay £160 per year or just 44p per day for all Borough Council services.

In his budget summary, Councillor Woodward was upbeat about lucrative ventures at Solent Airport@Daedalus, where around £30m has been spent so far on infrastructure and new commer-

cial buildings such as newly-extended Fareham Innovation Centre, which is already 70% full.

Airport operations provide a financial return to the Council, flight movements increased to 30,000 annually and hundreds of new jobs were created at what is the Solent Enterprise Zone.

The target over the 25-year life of the Enterprise Zone for new jobs is 3,500, 1,100 of those being on the Fareham part of the site, of which half the total has already been reached.

Land was transferred to Fareham College to build a Civil Engineering Training Centre (CETC) to teach young people skills they need to undertake civil engineering works in this area where there is a huge skills shortage. A £39m capital

programme for future improvements includes:

- Ferneham Hall refurbishment £10m
- Spec build business units at Solent Airport@Daedalus £5m
- New council housing in Fareham, Portchester, Stubbington and Sarisbury £17.6m
- Phasing out single-use plastics by the Council
- Play area improvements £500,000
- Bus shelter replacement £300,000
- Holly Hill Cemetery extension £275,000

He added: “Setting a balanced budget without reducing services is more challenging every year. We have plans for another £1m of annual savings via efficiencies rather than service reductions.”



Photos: Richard Davies Photography



## Tigers give Seán a hairy biker experience

**HE THOUGHT he was just there to see young bikers put on a splendid display at Solent Airport.**

But the little dare-devils decided otherwise and used Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward as a prop.

“They placed me at the end of a ramp to jump over. Fortunately, they all made it across,” said Seán after surviving the ordeal.

The Tigers and The Rockets showed their skills, the latter enjoying their first day’s training at the airport where they are now based.

The Tigers donated cheques totalling nearly £4,000 to Wave 105 Cash for Kids and Sophie’s Appeal for cancer research.

After dusting himself down, Seán Woodward said: “We are pleased to have the Rockets join in using the community facilities at Solent Airport.

“It is good to see 40 children learning the importance of teamwork, leadership skills and discipline while wowing the crowds with their performances and raising money for good causes.”





**NEWS ROUND**



**New equipment**

A revamp of Sweethills Crescent play park will take place in the spring.



Additional equipment and surfacing will be added to the empty grass area and will include a toddler multi climbing unit, a basket swing and a climbing wall. Existing equipment will be painted and the play area tidied up.

**Tree roots hazard**

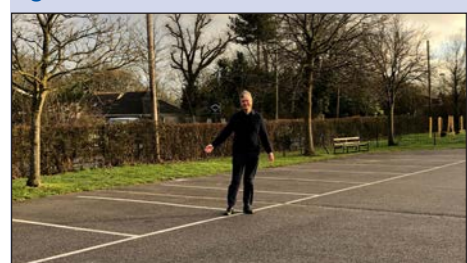
Alder trees planted some years ago as part of the 'roundabout' in Gull Cop-pice, Whiteley are tearing up the paving stones and presenting a possible trip hazard to pedestrians.



Councillor Seán Woodward (pictured) says it's likely to cost around £5,000 to remove and replace the trees and re-lay the paving.

**Extra hall parking spaces**

Burrige Village Hall users had difficulty parking due to a car sales company using the site to store vehicles.



Councillor Seán Woodward (pictured) said the Council extended the car park and placed a 4-hour limit on parking to ensure users can find spaces.

**Delay won't affect pupil places**

A DELAYED start for new housing North of Whiteley will affect the relocation of a Whiteley school.

Cornerstone CEA Primary School should have opened for the 2020-21 academic year.

Councillor Seán Woodward said a decision had been taken with the school to reschedule the start of building and to open in September 2021.

Despite the delay, the forecast for pupil numbers indicates there will be sufficient places for pupils at either Whiteley Primary or Cornerstone Schools for the 2020-21 academic year.

PHOTO: Seán Woodward with new InTouch team member Joanne Bull.



**Joanne revs up to give us a Rocket boost**

WELCOME to Joanne Bull who has joined our InTouch team.

She has lived in the area for over 30 years, works in Whiteley and has two children, one still at a local school.

In her spare time, she is involved with The Rockets Children's Motorcycle Display Team, a not-for-profit community interest company comprising an enthusiastic group of youngsters who train every week and take part in events throughout the summer.

Joanne says the emphasis is to encourage the children to understand, learn and develop the importance of teamwork, discipline and attitude.

"The children very quickly learn they are part of something of which to be proud. In turn, the children gain and build confidence, which leads to the strong interpersonal skills they will carry into later life."



**Leader's vision results in the most stunning scout hut ever built**



AN INSPIRED leader's foresight paid off for 1st Sarisbury Scouts with an amazing new headquarters.

Dr Toby King raised the possibility in 2016 of moving the group to a permanent home in Burrige.

It took off from then and members spent the next year carrying out a massive fund-raising campaign.

Their efforts resulted last year in the building of the most energy-efficient, stunning scout hut ever seen.

Total build cost was £185,000, but on top of that were many thousands of hours of volunteer labour to complete the group's dream of a home for future generations who will regularly use it.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "In the couple of years since Toby came to see me so we could discuss how a scout HQ could be accommodated at Burrige, the most amazing fundraising and volunteering project got into gear and the success is there for all to see."

"I was pleased to be able to facilitate a lease for the Fareham Borough Council land and also to agree grants from both Fareham and Hampshire Councils to enable this building to be created."

"The 1st Sarisbury Scouts should be really proud of their achievements."

**Volunteers appeal**

Helpers are needed for Whiteley Computer Club, which is for 7 to 11-year-olds with an interest in computers, robotics and programming.

Members get hands-on with Scratch, Python, BBC Micro Bit and Minecraft Programming, LEGO robotics kits, stop-frame animation, 3D printing and much more in a friendly, informal environment.

The club meets Tuesday evenings 7pm-8.30pm at Whiteley Community Centre.

If you can help, please contact Huw Millington at WhiteleyComputerClub@gmail.com

**Extra police tax hike**

Hampshire Police Crime Commissioner Michael Lane has responded to residents' demands.

200 new officers will be recruited, plus 65 staff police investigators and training for new PCSOs.

But it will cost an extra £24 a year on Band D council tax bills. It is not known how many of the new recruits will be assigned to Fareham.



**Slotting in J9 upgrade**

ANOTHER component in the major programme to upgrade the M27 and its access junctions is ready to start fitting in.

It's the £22m project to improve Junction 9 and Whiteley Way/Solent Hotel roundabout.

The County Council scheme is designed to reduce traffic congestion, improve access and support future development. It includes:

**Junction 9:** Carriageway widening to provide an extra lane on both motorway off-slip roads, the westbound on-slip road and the Whiteley Way approach, plus additional lanes on the northern and southern sections of the circulatory carriageway.

**Solent Hotel Roundabout:** New, larger fully-signalised roundabout, with carriageway widening to provide additional traffic lanes on all approaches.

Work ties in with other local investments, including £14m from Solent Local Enterprise Partnership to widen Whiteley Way from the Solent Hotel to the shopping centre, connecting Bluebell Way to Botley Road at Curbridge, extending Whiteley Way and the £244m Smart Motorway scheme now underway.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "The entire regional package of measures being implemented on the M27 is a fundamental supporting part of the 'improving access to Fareham and Gosport' strategy which I introduced in 2015."

**New trustees secure historic venue's future**

FIVE new trustees were welcomed to Sarisbury Parish Rooms committee.

They responded to InTouch appeals after we reported the future of the historic building was at risk.

Trustees of the Louisa Seymour Trust (pictured) manage the venue for the benefit of residents, supporting local clubs, activities and celebrations.

One of the trustees, Councillor Jon Butts, said: "Many thanks to all who have supported the team over the



last few months." Retiring trustees, including Gwen Davies (treasurer) and Jane Swanbrow who, for 30 years helped many people with their bookings, received special mention.

Hand-over to the new secretary will be at the agm on May 22 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms.

Booking contact will then be Dave Meredith on 01489 559932 or 07884 458 302 (mobile) or email davemeredith500@yahoo.co.uk

**Community fund launched**

A £500,000 community fund has been launched by County Councillor Seán Woodward.

Hampshire's Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage says it will help local communities to thrive and organisations to be financially self-supporting.

Small one-off grants from £1,000 to £3,000 will also be awarded to boost community events and activities.

He said: "For the first-time young people's uniformed organisations such as Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts, as well as sports clubs, will be able to apply for funding."

He hopes the fund will attract applications from hitherto unknown organisations which would benefit from extra support.

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### Why I voted against original Brexit deal

Despite Brexit turbulence, unemployment remains at a record low, wages are rising faster than prices and the economy is growing faster than forecast.

As I wrote in the *Daily Telegraph*, no-one can doubt the Prime Minister's indefatigable pursuit of a Brexit deal, so it was with regret that I voted against the original deal in Parliament in January.

That deal was not Brexit. It would have locked the UK indefinitely into the EU's single market and customs union whilst annexing Northern Ireland so that it would be treated as a 3rd country by Great Britain.

I sincerely want to support a Government deal and am hopeful meaningful changes will be secured.

The last year was very busy. Over 2,500 residents came to my local events and I replied to more than 35,000 emails!

In some welcome personal news, I am expecting a baby in July. Rael and I are looking forward to becoming parents!

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# Suella

## BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham

Suella was delighted to hold the first ever Solent Festival of Engineering at Fareham Leisure Centre which was attended by over 1,000 local children and students.

The aim of the event was to showcase and bust the myths about engineering, technology and the sciences.

The UK faces an estimated shortfall of 20,000 engineering graduates every year and Suella is passionate about encouraging the next generation of innovators.

She brought together over 50 national and international companies such as Rolls Royce, Google, NATS, Southampton and Portsmouth Universities, and the



Royal Navy and RAF to enable young people to learn more about the opportunities from further study and careers in the field.

From virtual reality, rocket cars, coding challenges, 3D printing, Lego building, drones, model railways, AI, learning about wi-fi, jet engines and gas turbines to life

on Mars and deep sea diving, pet scanners, magic and ship tankers, attendees were not short of interactive engineering experiences.

Suella holds regular events open to the public. If you would like to stay up to date with her events and news, sign up to her monthly e-newsletter by emailing [suella@suellabraverman.co.uk](mailto:suella@suellabraverman.co.uk).



## Daedalus D-Day Diary Dates



It was a pivotal moment in the history of the Fleet Air Arm base where 435 units – the largest to operate from any UK airfield on D-Day – were deployed.

The Fleet Air Arm was joined by RAF squadrons, Royal Canadian Air Force Typhoons and Mustangs and US Navy Spitfires, softening up Hitler's Atlantic Wall and protecting the invasion armada.

That historic day which paved the way to victory over the Nazi regime will be recalled during 75th anniversary events commemorating the landings.

Plans are under way for a weekend spectacular at what is now Solent

Airport on June 8 and 9, from 10am to 4pm, and residents are asked to diary the dates.

Vintage aircraft will play a key role and details of those taking part will be released soon.

There will also be children's activities, market stalls and stage performances by local groups.

Salisbury Councillor Jon Butts said: "Council officers are planning to make it a day to remember, so make sure you don't miss what will be the biggest event of the year."

### D-Day 0441 hours, June 6, 1944.

The first aircraft take off from HMS Daedalus to support Operation Overlord – the Normandy Invasion.

## Residents celebrate as developer's Swanwick homes plan is rejected

**SWANWICK residents are overjoyed after a planning inspector threw out a developer's plan for 42 homes off Sopwith Way.**

Reilly Developments appealed against Fareham planning committee's refusal to allow the scheme.

The planning inspector said he shared

residents' concerns, particularly:

Remoteness of the site from facilities meaning occupants would have to use their cars

The suburban appearance would have adverse effect on the semi-rural character of the area

The inspector added: "The development would be contrary to the rel-

evant policies of the Council's development plan."

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "I am delighted that, despite the government massively increasing our housing quota, we can still successfully fight off planning applications and appeals on ecologically and environmentally important land."