



Warsash in Westminster - Suella Braverman MP supporting our community

## Campaigning for better social care

Many residents are worried about social care for their elderly and vulnerable relatives.

The Government is committed to improving social care. £1.8 billion is allocated for 2019-20 through the improved Better Care Fund, ie a 23% increase on last year. For Hampshire, an extra £4.7m has been allocated for winter pressures. And in Fareham, I have visited excellent residential care homes like Gracewell, Hamble Heights and Abbeyfield where residents are brilliantly cared for.

Despite the good work, there are many people who find the Continuing Health Care system slow, bureaucratic and unfair. John

White, from Fareham came to see me about caring for his sister-in-law who was suffering with Alzheimer's disease. Funding applications were rejected by West Hampshire CCG and the appeals process was delayed so that funding was only granted after 6 years- too late for his sister-in-law who had sadly passed away.

I am working with local residents, Ministers and Hampshire CC to improve the system. I also spoke about the issue in Parliamentary debate on 24th April which you can read here: [www.theyworkforyou.co.uk](http://www.theyworkforyou.co.uk)

If you would like support on this matter, please get in touch with me.



## Government waste strategy

In January, the Government commenced a consultation on its waste strategy. This sets out how the country will preserve material resources by minimising waste, promoting resource efficiency and moving towards a circular economy. The strategy covers a broad range of topics and the proposals which are most likely to directly impact upon local Government. Fareham has a strong environmental track record and the launch of our single use plastics is a testimony to our commitment to improve the environment.

The Government is committed to meeting European targets of recycling municipal waste which are a recycling rate of 55% of all waste by 2025 increasing up to 65% by 2035.

We, as a Council, are committed to improved recycling, however we want to ensure that we maintain our high level of service and make our recycling systems easy to understand and use. This will include the continued collection of our dry recyclables and it is hoped that we will be able to extend this to include other materials such as plastic tubs and trays and not just limiting this to plastic bottles.

We all produce far too much waste and a key focus has to be to try and avoid producing waste in the first place and then ensuring that all waste that can be recycled is put into the recycling bins and is not contaminated with other materials as this reduces the value of the recyclable products and increases the overall costs of our waste disposal service.

## A brighter future for Brexit

Like many residents in Fareham, I am disappointed and frustrated that the Government did not deliver Brexit on 29th March as promised. As a Brexiteer, in Parliament I have consistently voted against extending Article 50, against holding European Elections and against a 2nd Referendum.

Instead, I voted in favour of No Deal so that we could just get out. Sadly I was in a minority in Parliament. The solution is clear: the Government and Prime Minister need to prepare for 'No Deal' and take the UK out of the EU. The relevant plans are in place and by providing certainty to the country and businesses, we will be able to move on from this damaging impasse.

I will keep working for this in Parliament and will do all I can to ensure that we deliver Brexit, ie leaving the Customs Union, the single market and taking back control over our borders and laws.

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## GIVING YOU A VOICE

### Draft plan revised

In July last year, the Council undertook a period of consultation on its Draft Plan, which covered the Borough's housing need through to 2036. As we know only too well here in Warsash, this included the greenfield area bordered by Brook Lane and Lockwood Road, as well as substantial areas of Portchester, Titchfield Common and South Fareham in particular.

More recently, the Government introduced a new formula for calculating housing need and which includes severe penalties for failure to deliver.

Cllrs Cartwright and Ford raised strong objections to these proposals that would increase the Borough's housing target and, along with colleagues on the Council, voiced these objections to Government in the strongest possible terms.

Regrettably, but perhaps unsurprisingly given the Government's drive for greater housing numbers, the objections have been rejected and the original draft plan has been put on hold whilst a full review of all sites not currently earmarked for development, are fully appraised.

Once completed, residents of the Borough will be consulted regarding the possible options. A special Spring/Summer edition of Fareham Today will contain all of this information and invite residents' comment. The options for preferred sites will then be developed and merged within the current draft plan, which will then go out for public comment in Autumn/Winter of this year.

## Serving our community for 20 years

In the current political climate it is a rare thing for an individual minister, let alone a whole Government to last for long. That applies locally as well as nationally. That is why we are delighted to be able to celebrate the fact that it is 20 years since the Conservatives won control of Fareham Borough Council from the Lib/Lab pact that had been running it for the previous 4 years.

This feat has not occurred by chance. It has needed the people of Fareham to consistently vote Conservative, often bucking national trends. This will only happen if the Council is seen to be delivering for local people.

Over the 20 years we have consistently delivered the lowest taxes and best services of most any district council. We provide high quality parks, open spaces and other leisure facilities, a good refuse collection service and as far as we can clean streets. We give support to local commerce and industry with fantastic business facilities including our industrial estates and business parks at Solent Airport@Daedalus. We invest in commercial property to raise millions of pounds to deliver excellent services.

We work with others to bring huge road infrastructure investment in our Borough.

Councillor Seán Woodward was elected as Council Leader in May 1999. He said: "We treat taxpayers' money as it should be treated; to be spent only as necessary and always prudently. Councillors live here too. We don't exist in some alternate universe so we have a very personal interest in ensuring that Fareham remains a safe, pleasant and sustainable place to live, work and enjoy leisure time. Such a state of affairs does not happen by accident. It takes a great deal of planning and delivery. We have an excellent team of officers who deliver for our residents day after day, month after month and year after year. I am so grateful to them for their work."



Members of your Conservative Councillors team, along with our MP, Suella Braverman

## It's festival time!

Mike and Trevor, who are both on the organising committee of the Warsash Festival, report that it's all systems go for another bumper event on 6 July. "We have almost sold out of stalls, an exciting entertainment programme is planned and all we now need is the weather," says Mike.

Trevor adds, "The Strawberry Fields in Newtown Road will again provide a spectacular setting for the Festival, which runs from 12.30 to 4pm"

Local groups and organisations will be providing music, selling all types of food and drink and displaying and selling a multitude of products, so

there is something for everyone.

This is the 10th Festival and it is fitting that it is to be opened by Mike and Nicky-Sue Terry, the Vicars at St Mary's, as it was our local Church who first conceived the idea of a Festival in 2000.



## Access all areas

Cllr Cartwright is very pleased to report that, once again, the Council will be running Access All Areas during the school summer holidays.

It is proposed to hold one large outdoor event with giant inflatables and activities, followed by a number of smaller events with a water theme, which will include inflatable pool parties at the Leisure Centres and scuba diving. Once again, Salterns Sailing Club will be running a sailing event, and Portchester Sailing Club are also interested in getting involved



this year. The registration process will remain the same, so any parent/guardian will have to register their child in advance and a wrist band will

be sent to them in the post. First Bus have agreed, once again, to provide free bus travel to and from the events to those that are registered.

## Report published into emergency care at QA

Cllr Cartwright, as Executive Member for Health and Protection, has received an e-mail from Mark Cubbon, Chief Executive of Queen Alexandra Hospital, informing him that the Care Quality Commission has published its report following a recent inspection of the Emergency Department.

This inspection visited the Department, unannounced, in February as part of the series of focused inspections of NHS Trusts during the winter. The Trust has currently rated it as "requires improvement". This latest inspection was not rated and does not change the overall rating for the Trust. It is encouraging that Inspectors recognise that improvements have been made and welcome the steps

taken to help reduce pressure on the emergency department. The Report also highlights that the staff feel supported and want to make a difference; however, they recognise that, as outlined in the Report, there is more work to do and they will continue to focus on ensuring the required improvements are made.

## Knife amnesty in Fareham

Cllr Cartwright, as Chairman of Fareham's Community Safety Partnership, is pleased to report that, during March, across Hampshire Constabulary, Operation SCEPTRE was carried out which gave people the opportunity to surrender knives with no questions asked. In Fareham, this was a huge success in that two swords, 53 knives, an asp, and a set of

nonchucks were surrendered via the knife bin at the front desk of Fareham Police Station. In addition, the Police conducted 14 school engagements focusing on knife related crimes and also conducted three weapons sweeps using metal detectors across Fareham town. This was a huge success, and my congratulations go to the Police on this initiative.

## New technology refuse bin

The Council are carrying out further trials of the latest technology in litter collection which are solar bins or "Big Belly". These have been installed at Holly Hill Play area and Passage Lane (image attached). The current trial will last until August to see how it works.

Big Belly is a smart waste and recycling system which allows easy disposal of litter by both a handle operation and a foot pedal opening hopper system allowing full enclosure of the waste. In addition, the Big Belly's solar compaction technology increases its collection capacity up to 808 litres

when full, further reducing collection frequencies and therefore the operational cost of waste collection, vehicle movements and carbon emissions.

The bin is designed to harness the solar energy and use it to compact the litter several times each day or as required so that the fill capacity of the bin is increased significantly when compared to a standard bin. Keep an eye out for them and let us have feedback on what you think so your comments can be considered when we evaluate the trial.

## Fareham in Bloom

### – an event for the whole family

Since its start in 1996, Fareham in Bloom has grown into a well-known and successful gardening campaign involving communities throughout the Borough and attracting more than 400 entries each year. It encourages local communities - from private garden owners to large businesses - to provide bright and colourful planting schemes. It has raised the profile of our parks and green spaces and developed a sense of community spirit and local pride. On one day a year, award winning gardens from previous Fareham in Bloom community gardening competitions are open for the public to visit and enjoy.

You can get involved in your local parks and countryside through a host of activities, workshops and events to

support. In March this year Fareham held a free meadow sowing class with attendees given a free packet of seeds to plant and develop their expertise.

Filling Fareham with Flowers has developed beyond all expectations. Organised by our parks section and run by a group of dedicated volunteers, it is one of the largest of its kind on the south coast. Volunteers work throughout the year to encourage people to take part in parks projects, planning new ideas, designing displays and running competitions. This is supported by many sponsors who offer funding for the eye-catching displays on our roundabouts and who provide the wonderful prizes and trophies for our presentation event each September.



## In brief

### Weed spraying update

After the complaints raised across the Borough last year, we have been busy discussing improvements with Hampshire County Council to try and make sure that these problems don't happen this year. We have now received confirmation that weed spraying started at the end of April in the Western Wards. If there are any problems with weeds in your area please let your local councillors know.

### Youth activities fund

£26,000 has been awarded in Youth Activity funding to Youth Clubs across the Borough. The Council recognises the value that these services provide for the engagement and well-being of young people. The focus of the funding is to promote the continuation of open access youth provision at times when many other funding streams are no longer available to them.

The youth clubs that have been awarded Youth Activities Funding for 2019 are:

- The Genesis Centre (Locks Heath)
- Crofton Youth Project (Stubbington)
- Fareham North West Youth Club
- Oasis Youth Centre (Titchfield)
- Odyssey Youth Centre (Portchester)
- XPerience Youth Centre (Fareham)

### Deliverers and pictures needed

We are committed to keeping you all informed of what is going on, regardless of how you may vote in the election. We produce four In Touch editions a year in Warsash, which are hand delivered to the 3,200 properties in the Ward.

This takes time, and would be so much easier if we could expand our band of deliverers. If you are interested in becoming one of them (to deliver as many or as few as you could commit to) we would be delighted to hear from you.

We are also on the look out for images of Hook or Warsash for the next issue of In Touch. If you have a great shot you'd like to share, please send them in.

Please contact Trevor or Mike for further information.