



Warsash in Westminster - Suella Braverman MP supporting our community

Fareham Community Hospital

Fareham Community Hospital (FCH) Taskforce, which I set up and chair, has published a report welcoming the GP-led Same Day Access Service and calling for its further rollout, better public transport links, greater collaboration with the voluntary sector and more signposting to mental health services and support services for the elderly.

I surveyed the public last year to gather views of what local people want from FCH. The report sets out a vision of how we could better use FCH. You can find it here: https://issuu.com/suellabravermanmp/docs/fch_future_vision

The Future Vision report was published just as Portsmouth Hospitals Trust confirmed to me that it will deliver a Renal/Dialysis Training Hub at FCH to support

patients with kidney problems, saving them the travel to QA Hospital.

The Friends of Fareham Community Hospital, which sits on the Taskforce, said:

“The Friends are pleased that our local MP has shown such an interest in Fareham Community Hospital and hope some of the ideas in this report are taken on board by the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, the General Practices, Hants County Council, health trusts and others providing services to the hospital.

“The Friends and their volunteers will continue to promote and support the hospital and the local community it serves through various activities such as running dementia support groups, holding regular talks on health related matters which help us to help ourselves, and supporting new initiatives.”



New textile recycling banks

You may have noticed the textile recycling banks in Warsash and indeed across Fareham have changed! This is to reflect the Council's new partnership with The Salvation Army. Fareham Borough Council is now working with The Salvation Army to manage textile recycling across the Borough.

The new banks can be used for all clothing, household textiles, shoes, bags, belts, handbags and accessories. The only household textiles that can't be used are quilts and pillows. Shoes must be tied together in pairs, and everything should be tied in plastic

bags before being put in the textile banks.

99% of clothing donated is reused or recycled. Your donations help fund local services, and help The Salvation Army help those in need.

Cllr Ford says, “As well as supporting an excellent organisation, re-cycling textiles also helps our carbon footprint”

“Residents are also now able to place glass of all colours together in the council's recycling banks, including metal caps and lids. More details will be published soon.”

Time for optimism

There are many reasons to be optimistic. With a new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the country can unite and focus on leaving the EU by 31st October. Our new PM has also prioritised investing in the Police so we have more Bobbies on the beat - something we desperately need in Fareham to stop anti-social behaviour and increasing funding for local schools. Above all, we must never allow Jeremy Corbyn to enter Number 10. His brand of Socialism (modelled on Venezuela) would bankrupt the country and diminish the UK's place in the world.

In personal news, my son, George Jeffrey, was born on 10th July. My husband Rael, and I, are delighted. Like many working mums, I am taking a period of maternity leave but my office will be fully operational. If you need assistance on any matter, get in touch and I will continue to work on your behalf: it's business as usual for Fareham residents.

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Remembering those at sea

Cllrs Ford and Cartwright attended the annual Sea Sunday service on 14 July on the Warsash hard by the D-Day memorial, which recognises those who work on the seas both in the Royal Navy or as merchant seamen. This was particularly poignant this year, being the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings, with many of our forces embarking from this very spot on 5th June 1944.

The Reverends Nicky-Sue and Mike Terry presided, with the choir of St Mary's and Warsash Band also attending, along with the Warsash Sea Cadets. This was a lovely service held on a beautiful summer's evening and at a perfect location.



Warsash Festival breaks records

The ninth Warsash Festival saw a record-breaking 7,000 visitors attend this July, with the glorious weather helping to draw the crowds to the Strawberry Fields to enjoy the fun and games. Cllrs Trevor Cartwright and Mike Ford are both members of the organising committee. “We thought that we had reached our attendance limit at the 2017 Festival,” explained Trevor, “but even more folk came down to this one.”

Some 77 local organisations, groups and businesses exhibited at the Festival, with the four arenas providing a focal point for the entertainment. The hugely popular fun-dog show was a highlight and we are grateful to the Stubbington Ark for organising this. Another popular attraction was the extremely impressive display of classic cars.

“I am sure that everyone will have been impressed by the array of scarecrows around the village in the couple of weeks leading up to the Festival,” Mike added. Voting took place at the event, creating a tie for the winner in the children's section between the Tiny Explorer's Super Heroes and Hook with Warsash

Academy's Ecobugs, and the Harbour Master's unique seaborne Scare Crab 'nipping' first place in the business or organisation category. A huge well done to all entrants.

“Once we have set aside the funds needed to put on the next event in 2021, we donate the balance to local charities or worthwhile organisations.” Mike explained. “We invited Festival attendees to nominate charities at the event and have subsequently asked local residents to nominate recipients. We will announce who are to receive donations shortly”

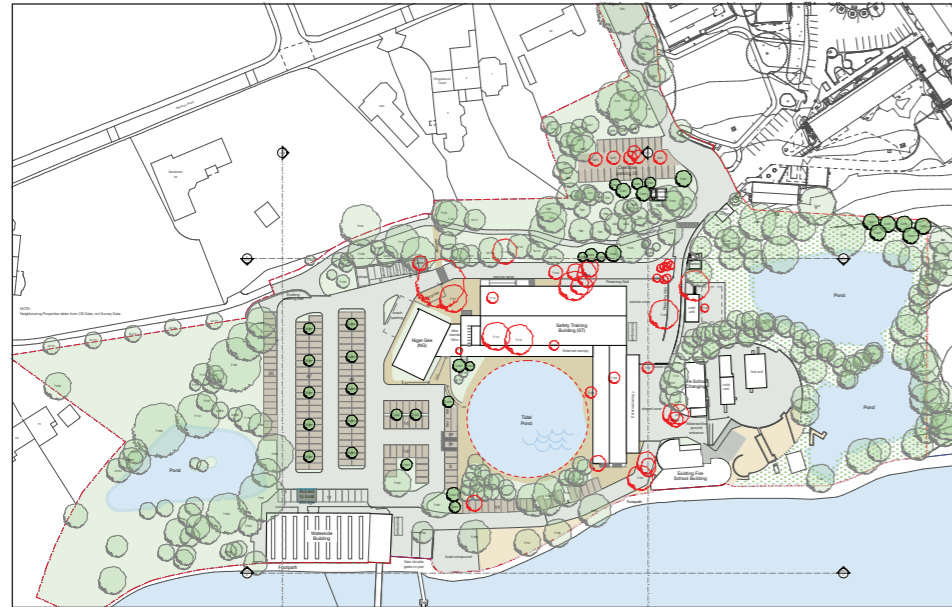
The next Festival is scheduled for 2021, so remember to put 3 July 2021 in your diary.



Nearly 7,000 visitors attended this year's Warsash Festival on Strawberry Fields

Full steam ahead for Maritime Academy plans

As most of you are aware, the Maritime Academy on Newtown Road has consolidated its main teaching and accommodation functions into their Southampton campus. They are however retaining a significant presence in Warsash and investing substantial funds into the 3.8ha (9.4ac) lower (river side) location.



These plans include the demolition of a number of buildings, which will be replaced with new fire and pool training centres. These will include a Helicopter Underwater Escape Training pool facility. The current access onto Newtown road will be retained.

Cllrs Ford and Cartwright were on the planning committee that approved these plans on 17th July. "We are both delighted that the Academy are retaining a significant presence in Warsash and the other very good news is that the applicant confirmed to us that the 30 additional on site parking places, giving a total of 216, will mean that there will be absolutely no requirement for any on road parking from those using the Academy going forward."

D-Day 75 celebrated at Daedalus

Around 15,000 people flocked to Solent Airport at Daedalus over the weekend of 8th and 9th June 2019 to commemorate 75 years since D-Day. Despite the challenges presented by the extreme weather overnight on Friday and then throughout much of Saturday, a number of aerial displays including a Spitfire, Dakota and gyrocopter did go ahead, with the Red Arrows providing a welcome flypast.

Other attractions included static aircraft, a classic car display and a children's funfair. There was also a full programme of events including the Team Green Rockets children's motorcycle display team.

A number of D-Day veterans were welcomed as guests of honour. Stanley Richardson, who was based at Daedalus and will celebrate his 100th birthday later this year, joined the Mayor of Fareham on stage to unveil a special plaque.

On Sunday, the Great War Display Team flew replica World War One aircraft over Fareham and The Royal Navy Raiders performed an exciting parachute display.



D-Day veteran, Stanley Richardson and Fareham Mayor, Pamela Bryant unveil the commemorative plaque at Solent Airport.

Solent Airport at Daedalus was the perfect place to mark the occasion as it was the busiest Allied airfield in the UK on D-Day with more than 400 aircraft movements - the largest number from any UK airfield.

Chairman of the Daedalus Steering Group, Cllr Trevor Cartwright, said

"I'm delighted that we were able to mark such a historic occasion with this fantastic community event. It was an honour to be able to welcome veterans as the VIPs that they are, and to show how much we value what they did for us on D-Day."

National Recognition for local parks

Fareham has been named as having two of the best parks in the country by the prestigious Green Flag Awards. Holly Hill Woodland Park has won it for the 12th year in a row, and the Sensory Garden of Reflection in Osborn Road, Fareham has won it for the tenth time.

The awards recognise parks and green spaces which boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities.

Cllr Cartwright commented "We are so pleased to receive these two awards.

It is great news for the people of Fareham and our thanks go to all of our fantastic staff and volunteers who do such a good job in looking after our open spaces. We hope our residents take full advantage of our lovely surroundings."

New housing impacts nitrate levels

The Solent has recognised problems from nitrate enrichment which causes excessive growth of green algae which is having a detrimental impact upon protected habitats and bird species.

As can be seen from the illustration below, nitrogen entering the Solent comes from a number of sources. Of these, agriculture (fertilisers and livestock manure) can account for around 85% with the balance from a range including residential.

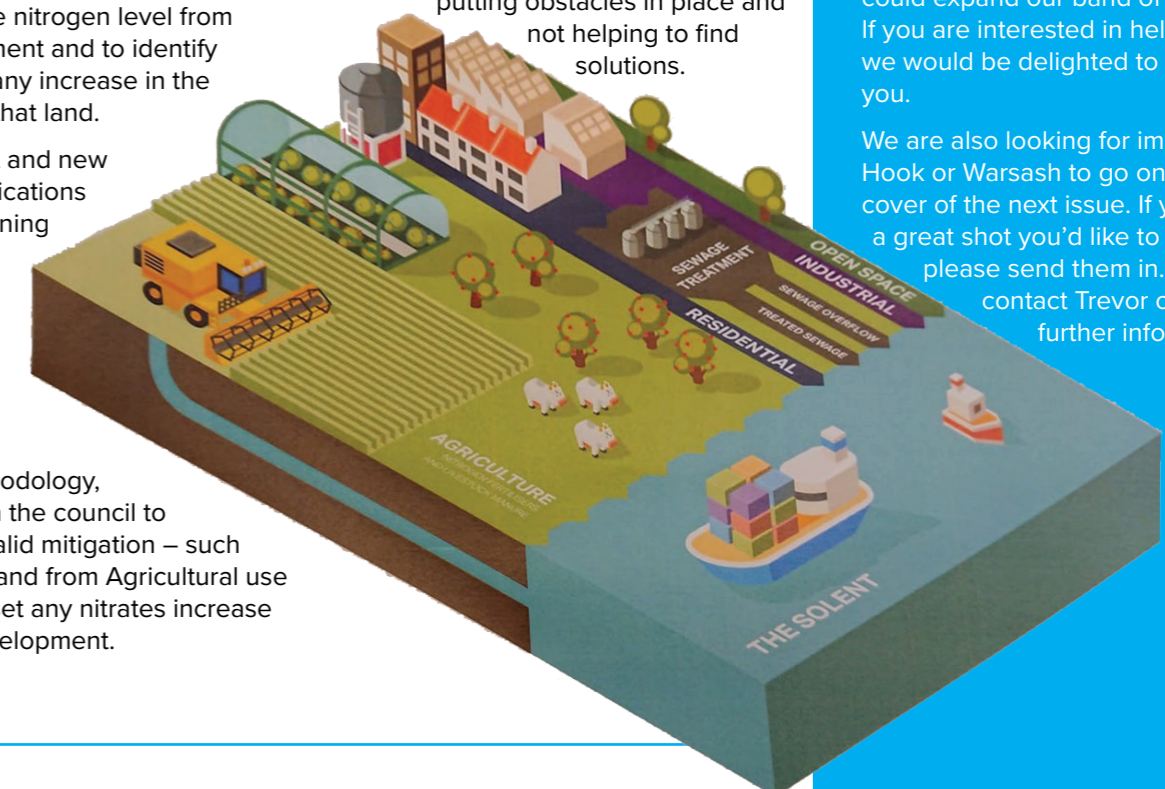
Natural England, the government's adviser on nature conservation, raised concerns that increased levels of new housing could lead to increased levels of nitrates as a result of increased amounts of wastewater. In addition, exhaust emissions from increased traffic passing close to the Solent or watercourses leading to it may also result in some nitrates increases.

Since this April, Natural England have required all housing development to quantify the nitrogen level from that development and to identify and mitigate any increase in the nitrates from that land.

For all current and new planning applications Fareham Planning staff are requiring developers to undertake a nutrient assessment, using Natural England methodology, and work with the council to identify any valid mitigation – such as removing land from Agricultural use which will offset any nitrates increase from new development.

As a good example of this approach, the nutrient assessment of the planned Welborne development north of Fareham, which is being built on farming land, indicates nitrogen increase neutrality and will continue as planned.

Fareham will work with developers to identify mitigation measures but, says Cllr Keith Evans, ultimately this issue needs to be dealt with at government level and Fareham is working with other Councils, The Partnership for South Hampshire and other organisations to find a long term solution. It is plainly nonsense to have one side of government pushing for additional housing, with sanctions if not achieved, and another side putting obstacles in place and not helping to find solutions.



In brief

Hampshire Children's Services

County Cllr Evans is pleased to report that they have just received an Ofsted Grading of Outstanding for overall effectiveness in all areas of service. Hampshire is only the second county in England to have ever received this level of overall assessment. This is really welcome confirmation of the skills and dedication of the Social Workers and their continuing commitment to meeting high standards.

Protecting Wildlife

The many verges across the County offer a vital refuge for rare species of plants and wildlife. Hampshire County Council's maintenance teams seek to preserve these habitats as far as possible, without impacting on road safety. Rural grass verges are cut once a year, usually in the summer, with the cutting timed to minimise the impact on seeding and flowering season. Protected areas are cut in April and/or late summer, depending on species that are present.

Deliverers and pictures needed

We are committed to keeping you all informed of what is going on in our community and produce four In Touch editions a year.

Delivering In Touch to the 3,200 properties in the Ward takes time, and would be so much easier if we could expand our band of deliverers. If you are interested in helping out, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We are also looking for images of Hook or Warsash to go on the front cover of the next issue. If you have a great shot you'd like to share, please send them in. Please contact Trevor or Mike for further information.