



# InTouch



FAREHAM SOUTH – Autumn 2019

## It's 'curtain up' in 2022 for a transformed Ferneham Hall

**THE LAST** night of this season's pantomime at Ferneham Hall will be a showstopper.

It will be two years before the curtain rises again, then it will reveal the present jaded building stunningly transformed into a new community, arts and entertainment venue.

This will be the flagship of the Conservative Council's vision to revitalise Fareham town centre over the next few years.

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "Ferneham Hall has become tired and dated over the 40 years of its life, and transforming it is one of the Council's key priorities. "This exciting concept will see it become a bustling hub of activity, daytime and evening, seven days a week, offering something for everyone."

And the new £12.3m centre will be professionally managed for the Council by leading leisure and events operator BH Live, which manages 17 venues in the South and London, including Portsmouth Pyramids and Bournemouth International Centre.

Ferneham Hall will close on January 6 after the cast in this year's panto 'Beauty and the Beast' take their final bow so the project can take centre stage. It will include:

- Main auditorium with 808 seats, retractable on the ground floor and fixed on the first floor balcony, bigger stage dimensions to attract wider range of professional productions.



**Vision:** Artist's sketches of the remodelled Ferneham Hall and (below) the spacious foyer.

- New larger foyer continuing up to a first floor bar and terrace, with areas for small pop-up exhibitions. All-day café on the ground floor, with outdoor seating available.
- Secondary performance space with 120-capacity auditorium, demountable seating, projector and screen. Flexibility allows uses such as cinema screenings, conferences, dance, community or club meetings.
- First floor studio to accommodate a range of activities eg yoga, dance, exhibitions and conferences.

•Large, flexible meeting room for hire on the ground floor. Organisations will be encouraged to hire the studio and other spaces if required.

The design team is looking to ensure the building has a low carbon footprint and is investigating solar panels, photovoltaic panels and an air source heat pump.

Councillor Fazackarley added: "Town centre shopping areas will have to transform over the next few years.

"The need for a traditional shopping centre is declining. We can see that in our own shopping centre. "Shopping centres will need to develop and attract residents for other purposes and a brand new community, arts and entertainment venue will bring residents into Fareham and be a vibrant venue in the town centre."



Artist sketch: Buckland Development

A NEW community north of Fareham moved a step closer when Council planners granted outline consent for Welborne Garden Village.

## Welborne development gets green light

Buckland Development Ltd plans include up to 6,000 new homes, new district and local centres, schools, shops and community facilities.

Other features of the development:
•Major improvements to Junction 10 on the M27 turning it into an all-moves junction
•More than 1,000,000 sq ft of employment space creating around 6,000 new

jobs
•Community and health facilities; local pub and hotel

•New secondary school, 3 new primary schools, nursery and pre-schools
•Sports facilities, play areas and allotments

•270 acres of natural green space
There is also the possibility of a new rail station to serve the community.



*We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*







# NEWS ROUND

### Scouts need volunteers

Local scout groups are desperately short of volunteers to help run them.

Long-time supporter Councillor Geoff Fazackarley, pictured below with Hampshire Deputy Scout Commissioner Sarah Ferguson, says it means only



giving up a few hours of spare time every month. Volunteers can fulfil many roles from leaders to treasurers.

### New housing strategy

The Council has launched a new policy on the provision of affordable housing.

It sets out how it will be delivered over the next 5 years, including Council housing.

There are around 4,200 affordable homes in the Borough, and it's estimated that another 3,500 will be needed by 2036 to meet demands.

### The best place to retire

Fareham has been named the best place to retire in the UK in Yopa's National Guide 2019.

Yopa - a national estate agent - cited our proximity to the sea, fantastic local amenities, relatively affordable house prices and location.

In an Office of National Statistics 'life satisfaction' survey, Fareham came third in the UK.

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## Social group aids chronic pain sufferers

SUFFERERS from chronic pain can find relief by contacting a social group that can help.

Friends Through Pain has been supported by Fareham South Councillor Geoff Fazackarley and his wife, Tina, since they were Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham two years ago.

Geoff said: "There are many residents who are in chronic pain, either with a terminal illness or disability which means they can't do very much."

The group meets the last Thursday of the month at Stubbington Baptist Church at 10.30 and members enjoy discussions, lunches, outings and a variety of speakers.

Tina (right) is pictured with charity president Brenda Hadfield, who can be contacted on 02392 524220 or email her at [brendahadfield@btinternet.com](mailto:brendahadfield@btinternet.com).



## Carbon neutrality by 2030 aim

FAREHAM is forging ahead with plans to mitigate the effects of climate change, aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.

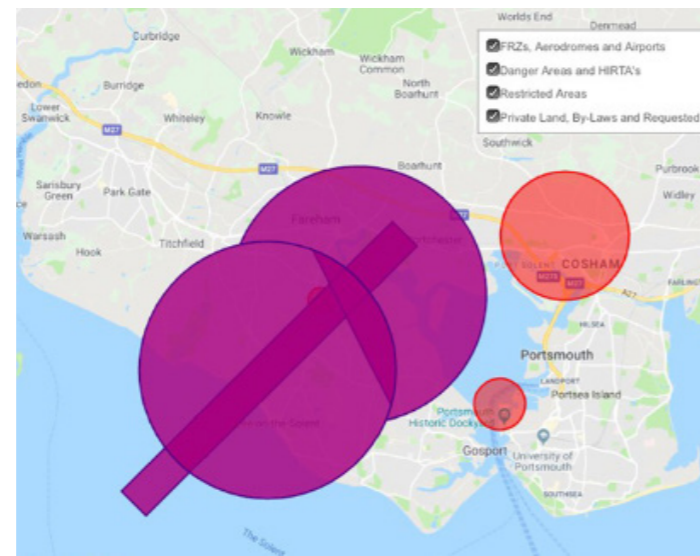
It's the latest environmental initiative promoted by the Council, including development of an extensive recycling service, a programme to plant 30,000 trees around Daedalus and removing Single Use Plastics from Council operations by the end of the financial year.

At the October meeting, councillors discussed the scope of a newly-formed working group.

Councillor Tom Davies said its first priority was to identify the Council's carbon footprint to provide a baseline against which progress could be measured.

It will look at all areas of Council services to identify carbon reduction opportunities and at initiatives under way across the Borough.

## New laws restrict drone flying over Fareham



DRONE flying is restricted over a large part of Fareham Borough.

Since new UK laws came into force this year, it is now illegal to fly a drone within 5km (3.1 miles) of an airfield.

Other sensitive areas such as prisons are included in the raft of new Government legislation.

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "I understand there are lots of rules about drones, and people may not be aware that flying drones in Fareham and in most of the Borough is illegal."

The map shows the banned zones; other sensitive areas are around Portsmouth Naval Base and the restricted Portsmouth MoD research establishments.

Flying drones in the no-fly zone is a criminal offence with a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison.

Drone users can only fly within our restricted

zone with permission from Air Traffic Control or the airport.

From November, any drone weighing more than 250g must be registered with the Civil Aviation Authority and users will be required to undertake mandatory online safety tests.

Drone pilots who fail to register and sit the tests will face fines of up to £1,000.

Police have also been given new powers to enforce the drone laws

Aviation minister Baroness Sugg stated: "Whilst we want this industry to innovate and grow, we need to protect planes, helicopters and their passengers from the increasing numbers of drones in our skies. "These new laws will help ensure drones are used safely and responsibly."

Useful updates on the new laws and codes for drone flying can be found on [www.heliguy.com](http://www.heliguy.com).

## We're seeking local heroes

RESIDENTS are asked to nominate local heroes for Citizen or Young Citizen of Honour awards.

The annual awards honour those who have made a difference to the lives of local people. There are 2 categories – under 18s and 18+.

Previous winners have been nominated for bravery, helping others at school or college, coping with something life changing, volunteering, helping the local environment or caring for an individual.

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "No matter what it is, we want to hear about it, so we can give local heroes the recognition they deserve."

To nominate your hero either fill out a nomination form online, call 01329 824310 or email [publicity@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:publicity@fareham.gov.uk)



## Help the lonely at Christmas

SANTA - that's Geoff Fazackarley - will serve Christmas lunches again in Portchester for 70 local residents who would have gone without.

He said: "Church group volunteers are getting donations of food from Sainsburys and Lidl.

"I have enough helpers and places are full. Sad thing is I could fill every social hall across the Borough with residents who have no one."

Geoff is asking residents to show the Christmas spirit by helping the elderly and lonely. If you can help, go to [www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/loneliness](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/loneliness).



## Street Aid card will help tackle South Ward's rough sleeping problems



A DONATION card has been launched making it easier to give money to a charity which directly helps rough sleepers in Fareham rather than giving cash directly to individuals.

It will be particularly welcomed in Fareham South where the problem has led to demands from residents to tackle it.

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said Fareham Street Aid had created the card with a QR code which can be scanned with



money going straight to the Two Saints charity.

He said: "It can also be shown if you are approached for money as a way of saying that you are donating to a Fareham Street Aid partner."

"They are available from reception at the Civic Offices, One Community in Fareham Shopping Centre and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

"Those using the card should carry it close to hand so it can be easily produced when needed."

Geoff and East Ward Councillor Tom Davies are working to encourage volunteers to promote the new card. One Community will take clothing and food donations.

"We will be arranging a two-ward public meeting to get to grips with the problems. Your Conservative ward councillors are doing it, not just saying it," added Geoff.

PHOTO (l to r): Geoff Fazackarley, Hayley Hamlett from One Community, Gemma from Two Saints and East Ward Councillor Tom Davies.

## Battling the silent killer

George Ringrow, chairman of Diabetes Fareham, supports our residents with all aspects of this silent killer.

Geoff Fazackarley, pictured with George, says many residents don't know they have the condition.

The group's next meeting is at Holy Trinity Church at 7.30pm on December 5.



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**Let us deliver Brexit and get back to domestic priorities**



I am honoured to be standing for re-election as your **Conservative** Member of Parliament on 12th December.

This General Election is vital because we need a new Parliament to support Prime Minister Boris Johnson to get Brexit done. Like the majority of voters in Fareham, I voted and campaigned to leave the EU in the 2016 Referendum because I see the many opportunities for trade, migration, sovereignty and laws.

Boris' new deal offers these opportunities and that is why I support it. Your vote will make the difference on 12th December.

By voting **Conservative**, we can secure a majority in Parliament so that we can deliver Brexit, restore democracy, bring this constitutional crisis to an end and move onto other domestic priorities like more police in Fareham, more funding for our local schools and better NHS services.

None of the other parties offers this. Labour and the Liberal Democrats want to prolong the uncertainty and not honour democracy. Vote **Conservative** on 12th December to get Brexit done!

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# Suella BRAVERMAN

AS YOUR **Conservative** Member of Parliament since 2015, I have worked on a large variety of local issues and been a voice for Fareham in Parliament.

My track record includes:

- 1 Leading Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce to support more services there, including the Same Day Access to local GPs
- 2 Supporting young people and skills through my 4 annual Apprenticeships and Jobs Fairs with Fareham College and seeing a doubling of the number of apprentices in Fareham since 2015
- 3 Fighting for better transport such as upgrades to Junction 10 and better train links.
- 4 Assisting thousands of people in Fareham to find better housing, resolve problems with pensions or benefits, secure a school place and better social care for an elderly relative.

Thousands of residents have at-



tended my public events for Senior Citizens, Health Services, Brexit and better Broadband.

More needs to be done and that is why I am pleased that Fareham will see more police on the beat locally following worrying incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Fareham Town Centre and Locks Heath.

I am delighted that all schools in Fareham will see an increase in their funding with Sarisbury Junior School, Hook-with-Warsash, Park Gate Primary, Brookfield Community School and Cams Hill schools receiving significant amounts to address their previous lower levels of funding.

And I am glad that we are seeing record investment in our NHS, mental health services and social care.

I hope that I can count on your support to continue the work.

## Nitrates pollution disrupts Fareham housing plans

**FAREHAM** planners are well advanced identifying new sites to meet Government demands for up to 2,500 extra homes, but the Council could still fail housing delivery tests due to the nitrates pollution factor.

After being forced to take its development plan back to the drawing board, it hopes to put the revised strategy and any necessary new policies before the December Executive meeting.

But Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans said that although progress was being made to achieve nitrate neutrality on development

sites, there were still 1,700 on-hold house applications.

He said: "These delays are not good news because until this backlog is cleared, Fareham is at serious risk of failing government housing delivery tests with resulting penalties requiring even more short-term housing delivery – a real mess.

"Fareham, with other local authorities, is strongly engaging with government departments and statutory organisations to get some common sense applied and to see longer term solutions as opposed to short term fixes."

Meanwhile, if the Executive agrees the

revised strategy there will be a public consultation during the winter.

The Council will then merge the results with the 'on-hold' draft Stage 1 and prepare the plan that it proposes to submit to the Planning Inspectorate.

This new overall Borough Plan will be published for general comment in early summer 2020, before going to the Inspectorate in mid to late summer.

The examination timetable is up to the Inspectorate but should be over the autumn – winter period, allowing formal Council adoption of the plan in early 2021.

## Prestigious Queen's award for Fareham's Y-Services



**Y-SERVICES** the charitable organisation looking after youth services across the Borough, were honoured to receive a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

It's the highest award a voluntary group can receive and was presented by the Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire, Mr

Nigel Atkinson.

Andy and Maria Kennedy, who founded the charity in 2011, received the award.

Councillor Geoff Fazackarley said: "Y-Services is well-known across the area as being a great organisation offering a range of diverse groups and young people fantastic oppor-

tunities.

"This prestigious award is well deserved."

**PHOTO** (l to r): Y-Services CEO Andy Kennedy, quadriplegic yachtsman and Deputy Lord Lieutenant Geoff Holt, Fareham Mayor Councillor Pamela Bryant and Lord Lieutenant Nigel Atkinson.

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