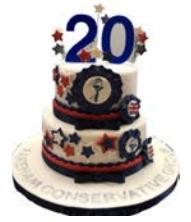




# InTouch



LOCKS HEATH – 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 Keith Evans 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 remodeled 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 Susan Bayford 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."



## Climate-conscious councillors aim for carbon neutrality by 2030

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

It's the latest of the environmental initiatives introduced by the Council, which include development of a comprehensive recycling service, a programme of planting 30,000 trees around Daedalus and removing Single Use Plastics from Council operations by the

end of 2019-20 financial year.

At the October meeting, councillors discussed the scope of a newly-formed working group led by Executive Member for Streetscene Councillor Simon Martin.

First priorities will be to develop a carbon reduction plan to identify the Council's carbon footprint to provide a baseline against which progress can be measured.

It will look at all areas of the Council's services to identify carbon reduction

opportunities and at initiatives being progressed across the Borough, eg by businesses and community groups.

Simon Martin, who will regularly update the Executive with progress and put forward ideas for consideration, said:

"There is strong public interest in climate change, so any proposals which emerge will be presented to residents at Community Action Team meetings so they can have their say."



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



**NEWS ROUND**



**80 years of good advice**

Citizens Advice in Fareham has celebrated its 80th year of service in the town, a real achievement as the centre requires a large number of regular volunteers.

It largely uses its own resources and project funding, although the Council continues to assist with financial support.

The main office is located in Fareham Library, but there are outreach advisors at locations around the Borough, including Lockwood Library every Tuesday 12pm to 4pm.

**Easier glass recycling**

Recycling glass has become easier as there is no need to separate colours in any of Fareham's bottle banks.

Glass recycling is an efficient way to reduce our carbon footprint. The banks are all painted blue making them easy to identify.

No need to take off the metal caps either as these will be removed as part of the recycling process.

Fareham Council is one of the first in Hampshire to become totally free from single use plastics in its buildings.

**The best place to live**

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

We won the best place to retire category, with Yopa - a national estate agent - citing 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.

ONS data shows the Borough's reputation in this category has been steadily rising.

**New housing strategy**

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

The Affordable Housing Strategy 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, but the Council estimates that another 3,500 will be required by 2036 to meet demands.

**Queen's Award for Fareham 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 Hampshire Lord Lieutenant Nigel Atkinson.

Andy and Maria Kennedy, who founded the charity in 2011, received the award. Locks Heath Council-



lor Susan Bayford said: "Y-Services is well-known across the area as being a great organisation offering a range of diverse groups and young people fantastic opportunities.

"This prestigious award is very well deserved."

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

**Donor card to aid rough sleepers**

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 wards where the problem has led to demands from residents to tackle it.

Councillor Susan Bayford 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.

"It can 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."

One Community will take clothing and food donations.



**'In my Father's house there are many rooms'** John 14.2



**HARD** to believe this is a church, yet behind its ultra modern design it is still very much God's house where a Christian community worships.

The break with tradition was formally sealed when the former Locks Heath Free Church was reopened in September as Waypoint Church.

The £5m showpiece took a lot of time planning with valuable contributions from parishioners and £40,000 each from Fareham Borough and Hampshire County Councils.

Wishing Waypoint good luck, Councillor Seán Woodward said: "With The Edge youth club and the many groups meeting within the church the positive outreach is inspiring."

The external design opens into a fresh-looking, bright and welcoming entrance way.

There's a new cafe and the large bright worship area continues the open and welcoming design, plus a fantastic sports hall that adds to the new community centre facilities.

Seán Woodward added: "Congratulations are due to Senior Minister Mark Madavan, the elders and congregation for what they have achieved for the community here."



**PHOTO:** Councillor Connie Hockley, Councillor Seán Woodward, ward Councillor Sarah Pankhurst and Senior Minister Mark Madavan, who formally opened the extension in Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common.

**Crossing demands for danger roads**



**MUMS** and toddlers have to 'chance their luck' running the gauntlet to cross a busy Locks Heath road.

And elderly residents in sheltered accommodation also fear for their safety trying to cross.

Both situations led to demands to ward Councillors Susan Bayford and Keith Evans for improved safety measures.

Keith Evans said residents were worried about the danger of parked cars blocking the street and making it hazardous crossing to the shops.

They were particularly concerned about elderly residents living in nearby sheltered accommodation trying to cross High Oaks Close and he was handed a petition (pictured) by High Oaks Residents' Association chairman Ian Fitcher calling for extended yellow lines at the junction with Centre Way.

Susan Bayford said many people going to Locks Heath Shopping Centre were considering petitioning for a safe crossing between the pathway and bus stop.

She said: "Bus passengers, mothers and toddlers visiting the Genesis Centre, patients going to the surgery, visitors to

Lockwood Day Care Centre and many others have to chance their luck to cross this very busy road.

"Their plea to Hampshire Highways is to install a traffic crossing."

Shopping Centre manager Sarah Cotton said many customers had approached her and she supported a crossing on Centre Way.

Keith Evans will hand the High Oaks petition and Centre Way request to the County Council.

**MAIN PHOTO:** Sarah Cotton (left) discusses the Centre Way problem with residents Jenny and Anton Minchin.

**Centre admin change**

**THERE'S** been an admin change at Lockwood Community and Sports Association.

Jess Gentle, who worked for many years as office administrator alongside centre manager Bev Colborne, has relocated with her family to North Devon.

She has been succeeded by Katrina West, who's pictured (left) with Bev Colborne meeting Councillor Susan Bayford (centre).

Susan said: "The Association continues to provide an excellent service and is successfully run by first-class group of long-serving trustees and staff."



**Chance to nominate your 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 two 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 Susan Bayford 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 our nomination form online, call communications on 01329 236100.



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If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help by delivering InTouch in your street, why not join Locks Heath Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Susan Bayford on 01489 577772.

**WE SERVE YOU ALL**

Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to every one in the community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours.

**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.



Artist sketch: Buckland Development

**A NEW** community north of Fareham moved a step closer when Council planners granted outline consent for

**Welborne development gets green light**

**Welborne Garden Village.**

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