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FAREHAM NORTH – Summer 2020

## Volunteers answer the call just as they did 80 years ago

**UNLESS you are in your 80s you will have experienced nothing like it in your lifetime.**

In summer 1940, the RAF fought almost down to the last Spitfire and Hurricane to drive the Luftwaffe from our skies.

Eighty years on another Battle of Britain began, only this time the outcome against an unseen enemy is not yet in our sights.

But the national spirit that led us to victory through the dark days of World War 2 surfaced again when an army of volunteers and professionals answered their country's call.

Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward summed up local reaction: "We have lived through very difficult and unprecedented times. Council services have been stretched along with family budgets.

"Services that we all took for granted had to cease while the priority was to deliver the lifeline services such as refuse collection, environmental health, social services and education.

"There have been some fantastic examples of support throughout our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People have tirelessly helped to put together essential parcels and activity packs, delivered items to shielding residents, collected food donations, picked up prescriptions or just been amazingly good neighbours.

"Many hundreds of people in need have been helped across the



Acts of Kindness volunteers are using one of the business hangars at Solent Airport@Daedalus provided free by the Council.

Borough and it is right that your Council should express thanks to them all."

It was a privilege to add his signature to Mayor Pamela Bryant's on hundreds of letters thanking all the Fareham volunteers who stepped up through the COVID-19 pandemic to help their community.

They include Acts Of Kindness Community (Solent), Waypoint Church, Citizens Advice Fareham, AFC Portchester, One Community and Portchester Community Association.

If you know of any unsung heroes we may have missed, we'd like their names and a brief description of their efforts.

You can get a nomination form at [www.fareham.gov.uk/thankavolunteer](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/thankavolunteer)

### BORIS REWARDS KERRY'S ACTS OF KINDNESS



Kerry Snuggs, leader of Acts of Kindness, was presented with a Points of Light Award from Prime Minister Boris Johnson by Fareham MP and Attorney General Suella Braverman.

## How we helped over 100 small businesses to stay afloat

**CRIES for help for businesses, industry and a host of other organisations flooded in from all corners of the UK.**

But not all benefitted from Government schemes, including many in Fareham.

So the Borough Council hopes Discretionary Business Grants will make all the difference to those struggling with property-related costs.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said so far over 100 small businesses across the Borough had received grants up to

£10,000. Applications were invited last month and this round of the scheme is closed. A total of £1m has been paid out.

Types of business which have been helped include small manufacturing firms, businesses located in shared offices, dentists, a podiatrist and a nail bar.

"This funding will be a lifeline for businesses which had slipped through the net for Government support during the pandemic," he said.

Electronics business Lee Godbold Ltd

based in Fareham Innovation Centre received a share of the funding.

Managing Director Lee Godbold said: "We were at a loss how to manage this unprecedented situation.

"I'd especially like to thank the Borough Council for approving our application for the Discretionary Business Grant funding which kept us up to date with our payments to Fareham Innovation Centre."

The Council also gave market traders at Fareham and Portchester £2,500 each.

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## NEWS ROUND

### Funtley development concerns

Residents are upset with the way developers are working after planning consent was given to one of the two Funtley sites.

Councillor Louise Clubley, who deputised at the planning committee and outlined local concerns, said:

“We are keeping a close watch on the actions being taken at these sites. We have had several conversations with residents who are upset with the way the developers have been working.”

### Mayor thanks lockdown volunteers

The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Pamela Bryant and Louise Clubley, were advised not to accept invitations during the pandemic.

But they have been telephoning residents living on their own to have a friendly chat and to ask if they required any essential shopping.

They have enjoyed talking to many local people and sincerely hope it brightened up their day.

The Mayor and Council Leader Seán Woodward wrote to hundreds of residents who volunteered during these difficult times to thank them and recognise the community's gratitude.

### Top rating for care home

Broadview Care Home in Kiln Road has been rated 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission after a recent inspection.

Its 6 residents, who have various needs from autism to mental health, are treated with personal care by staff, who keep them busy, happy and safe through fun activities.

The garden provides outside enjoyment with keep-fit classes during fine weather; they also grow vegetables and keep chickens.

Congratulating staff for their excellent service, Councillor Louise Clubley said: “The CQC rightly rewarded them with such a fantastic rating.”

We're on Facebook. Go to Councillor Louise Clubley and Councillor Pamela Bryant

## Green waste disposal solution

GREEN waste has piled up during lockdown as many residents worked in their gardens.

Although recycling tips are now open and the Council collects one green waste bag each fortnight free, it is necessary to book a slot at the tip to get rid of your green waste.

Councillor Louise Clubley (pictured) says there is an alterna-

tive and you can buy disposable bags for extra green waste, costing £40 for 25 bags (including delivery) or £10 for 5 bags from the Civic Offices.

“There is no restriction on the number of these bags that can be put out on collection days,” she said.

Call 01329 236100 or order on line at customerservicecentre@fareham.gov.uk



## Crack-down on fly-tippers

FLY-TIPPING costs council taxpayers a lot of money to clean up.

Councillor Pamela Bryant said: “Thanks to the Council's determined efforts to crack down on the problem – including installing CCTV at hotspots – there was a reduction in recorded incidents last year, but the costs to Fareham Council still amounted to £87,565. “Prosecuting fly-tippers often

requires time-consuming and laborious investigations.”

“There have been large amounts of litter left in Park Lane recreation ground, especially during the fine weather when the skate park re-opened after lockdown.”

Several litter bins placed across the park are regularly emptied.

•Fly-tipping is a criminal offence punishable by fines up to £50,000 or 12 months' imprisonment.

## Staff work hard to get County Council services functioning again



LOCKDOWN has gradually been lifted for Hampshire County Council services, with staff working hard to try to restore things to near normal.

Recycling centres have been increasing vehicle access to relieve queuing, while ensuring Government guidelines are enforced.

County Councillor Peter Latham said the safety measures inevitably reduced capacity, so they had to change the way people visit to manage demand.

“We have introduced a booking system eliminating lengthy traffic queues which were causing problems. To book a time, email [www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling](mailto:www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling) or phone 02380 179949.

Staff had worked non-stop to ensure the countryside was open and safe to enjoy. He recommended ‘a beautiful 4-mile walk’ along Titchfield Canal through the nature reserve to Hill Head sea front.

There had been record numbers of visitors since car parks and toilets were reopened in May, and Titchfield Nature Reserve and the café reopened on July 4.

He added: “You can also park your car on the sea front free of charge. At a time when many are considering foreign holidays, we should not forget what there is to be enjoyed on our doorstep.”

PHOTO: Peter Latham and warden Susan Spiteri welcome the reopening of Titchfield Nature Reserve

## Street names recall Everest triumph and tragedy



IT'S CLAIMED nearly 300 lives, but it's still the biggest challenge on earth – the ascent of Mount Everest.

Next year and 2022 will see the anniversaries of two famous British expeditions to try to reach the 29,029 ft (8,848m) peak.

But you can find the names of those climbers commemorated much closer to home.

They are scattered around in the street names on Fareham's Uplands Estate.

Tales of incredible hardship, bravery, disaster and finally conquest lie behind Mallory Crescent, Morshead Crescent, Bruce Close, Wakefield Avenue, Somervell Drive, Norton Close, Longstaff Gardens, Crawford Drive, Irvine Close, Odell Close, Hillary Close and Tensing Close.

The 1921 exploratory expedition included George Leigh Mallory, a parson's son and teacher at Charterhouse, and Henry Morshead, a surveyor.

Mallory and fellow climber Guy Bullock struggled to a point above North Col at 22,916 ft.

Mallory was asked: “Why do you want to climb Mount Everest?” and he famously answered for all who attempt it... “Because it's there.”

Brigadier Charles Bruce led the 1922 expedition. His team included Dr A K Wakefield, Dr H Somervell and Major Edward Norton, expedition doctor Tom Longstaff, Geoffrey Bruce, Colin Crawford, from the Indian Civil Service who was transport officer, Morshead and Mallory.

It was the first time oxygen had been carried, but the climb was thwarted by avalanches.

Tragedy struck the 1924 expedition when Oxford engineering student Andrew Irvine, joined it.

Norton reached 28,126 ft, Mallory and Irvine to just 800 ft from the summit. It was the last sighting of the pair. Nobody knows whether they got there and Mallory's frozen, well-preserved remains were discovered at 26,760 ft by a British search expedition in 1999.

A rope around his waist suggested he and Irvine were roped together. Irvine's ice axe had been discovered about 1,000 ft higher up 66 years earlier, but not his body.

Sponsor *The Times* broke the news that Everest had finally been conquered by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing Norgay on Coronation Day, June 3, 1953.



The 1922 expedition

## This year Fareham is virtually in bloom

LOCKDOWN has resulted in many residents devoting more time than usual to their gardens.

Sadly, the popular Fareham-in-Bloom competition had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

But the Borough's gardeners still have the chance to show off their displays in a 'virtual photographic Fareham-in-Bloom'.

There will be two winners per category, both of whom will win a prize, with one being chosen by public vote and the other by a judge.

The public vote will be collated through Facebook and a SNAP survey via the Council's website and

e-panel and will take place between Monday, August 17 and Friday, September 11. Winners will be announced on Monday, October 6.

Prizes have been kindly donated by St Margaret's Nurseries.

PHOTO: Louise Clubley admires one of the flower boxes residents have been displaying in their street.



## Squashed out of court

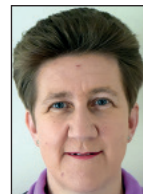
SQUASH players are angry with management for deciding to remove the courts from the Leisure Centre.

Unless they join a private club, it now means there are no public squash courts in the Borough. Management says they were not used enough.

They plan to replace them with a children's soft play area. Councillor Louise Clubley received several protests from Fareham North residents.

Other councillors joined her to oppose the plan when the Executive Member for Leisure and Community had to decide, but were unsuccessful and the squash courts will be removed.

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### COME AND JOIN US

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 us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Fareham North Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Pamela Bryant on 01329 281427.





### £30bn plan to create jobs and support jobless

I know that many people in Fareham are anxious about the future as we emerge from Coronavirus.

People are worried about losing their jobs. As a Government, we will not just accept this.

Our Plan for Jobs, worth £30bn, is about supporting people to find the jobs that are out there, creating new jobs through investing in infrastructure and housing and finally protecting jobs by revitalising hard-hit sectors upon which many jobs depend.

Whether it is the Jobs Retention Bonus Scheme, the temporary VAT cut for tourism and hospitality sectors, the Eat Out to Help Out scheme, temporarily scrapping stamp duty on all homes under £500k, the new Green Homes Grant or creating hundreds of thousands of new fully subsidised jobs for young people through the new £2bn Kickstart scheme, I am optimistic that there will be opportunities for all as we embark on the next phase of recovering from the crisis.

# Suella

## BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham



Our Plan for Jobs provides a wide-ranging package of measures to support everyone in protecting their incomes at this very challenging time.

From July 15, the Government cut VAT for hospitality, accommodation and tourism businesses in Fareham from 20% to 5% until January 12, 2021.

We have also launched the new Eat Out to Help Out scheme – giving people up to 50% off meals out, encouraging you back into restaurants, cafés and pubs.

Anyone who eats at a participating business, Monday to Wednesday during August, can receive the discount on food and non-alcoholic drinks, up to a value of £10 per person.

Businesses can claim the money back



Celebrating the reopening of this Titchfield café with ward Councillor Tiffany Harper.

from the Government weekly, receiving funds within 5 working days.

We are also creating new jobs by temporarily scrapping stamp duty on all homes under £500,000 until March 31, 2021. Everyone in Fareham buying a main home will see their tax cut, saving up to £15,000. Nearly 9 out of 10 people buying a main

home will pay no stamp duty.

We will also provide £2bn to allow people to apply for a voucher to fund at least two thirds of the cost of upgrading the energy performance of their homes, up to a maximum of £5,000. Low income households will be eligible for up to 100% of Government funding, up to £10,000.

This will reduce energy bills by up to £300 per year and help to save carbon.

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## Flag flies to honour Armed Forces



ARMED Forces Week was marked in Fareham when the Mayor, Councillor Pamela Bryant, raised the flag outside the Civic Offices.

She said: "I was honoured to be part of

this year's flag raising ceremony, which highlights the important contribution made by our dedicated Armed Forces.

"This is especially true in current times when the Armed Forces have stepped up to play a key part in the national response to Covid 19.

"By flying the flag we are showing our appreciation for everything they do."

The ceremony was attended by the Commanding Officer of HMS Collingwood, Captain Catherine Jordan RN.

This year is the 80th anniversary of the first hostilities-only trainees being drafted to the new base.



The Maritime Warfare School has maintained close relations with Fareham and was granted the Freedom of the Borough in April 1975.

Archive photo: Fareham's first Mayor, Councillor Peggy Gardner, inspects a Collingwood guard of honour during the freedom ceremony.



## Bid for cash share to extend rapid transport system

EXPANSION of the rapid transit system across the Portsmouth area depends on 3 cities sharing the spoils.

Portsmouth region was invited to bid for a share of £117m with Norwich and Stoke-on-Trent under the Government's Transforming Cities Fund.

Its bid focuses on developing the next phase of SE Hampshire Rapid Transit (SEHRT) – a network of bus priority routes designed to improve public trans-

port links with 3 new routes between Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Waterlooville and Portsmouth.

There would also be a new transport hub at Ryde to improve links between the Isle of Wight and the mainland.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "A funding decision has not yet been made on the Portsmouth city region bid.

"We submitted our bid to the Department for Transport on Friday, July 3."