



Warsash in Westminster - Suella Braverman MP supporting our community

## Eat out to help out

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

From 15<sup>th</sup> July, the Government will cut the rate of VAT for hospitality, accommodation and tourism businesses in Fareham from 20% to 5% until 12<sup>th</sup> January 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, cafes and pubs. Anyone who eats at a participating business, Monday to Wednesday, for the month of 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 from the Government weekly, receiving funds within five working days.

We are also creating new jobs by temporarily scrapping Stamp Duty on all homes under £500,000 from 9<sup>th</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> March 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 whatsoever.

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 £5000. 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.



Enjoying the delicious Chocolate Brownies at Daisy B's Kitchen in Titchfield with Cllr Tiffany Harper

## Getting Britain back on its feet

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.



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## More bins for Warsash

We are so fortunate to have so many delightful locations on our doorsteps. However, Cllr Mike Ford reports that many users of the Strawberry Fields are concerned about the amount of litter that is left strewn around, particularly when the bins are full - a problem exacerbated by foxes distributing the contents.

Mike continues, "I have been seeking additional bin provision for the area specifically seasonally and I am pleased to say that the Council has ordered 6 new style triple capacity bins, two of which have been secured for Warsash.

"One has been sited at the top end of the Strawberry Fields with the previous occupant moving down to the bottom end of the field, so doubling capacity on this popular public open space.

"The second larger bin has been installed by the Passage Lane car park loos, which also significantly increases capacity at this location"

The Council has also increased their weekend bin emptying schedule for the summer season.



## 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 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).

## QA Hospital Portsmouth

Following on from his last In Touch article, Cllr Cartwright, Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, recently attended a meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Committee to receive an update from the Hospital Trust on the plans for the new Emergency Department.



The aims of the new department Capital Build Programme are to:

- Develop and deliver a new clinical model to serve current and future emergency care requirements at QA.
- Re-configure urgent and emergency care facilities at the QA site to maximise productivity and efficiency of the urgent and emergency care pathway, streamlining patient flow through the department and beyond.
- Provide capacity to meet current and future demand, enabling the Trust to meet national urgent care quality and access standards.
- Deliver modern facilities meeting required standards and promoting a positive patient experience and staff wellbeing.

The new development will be able to accommodate up to 150,000 patients each year through the department with streamlined pathways to alternative emergency care settings.

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



## Foreshore gets a facelift

Cllr Cartwright is pleased to report that the Hampshire County Council countryside service is undertaking three phases of works to secure and improve the extremely popular footpath that runs along the River Hamble.

Walkers will be aware that there are some structural and public safety issues affecting the path which means it is critical we move forward with the works.

Phase 1 - Universal Marina to Crableck Lane was completed last autumn. Since then, and following the winter storms, there have been a number of issues on this section. Subsequently, whilst undertaking Phase 2, the contractors will complete the repair work to Phase 1.

Phase 2, Crableck Lane to Chinese Bridge was due to start in April but was put on hold whilst the

contractors furloughed.

They are now able to start work in July and works are planned to be substantially completed prior to the start of the summer holidays.

The works include installation of rock rolls, bank repair works, a small amount of path surfacing (where the path has been eroded away) and some bank works adjacent to the Chinese Bridge where water is starting to scour out the bank and over the top of the path. The assent for the works from Natural England extends only until the 30th September as the works are likely to disturb the over-wintering birds, so the service is limited to the timings of the work.

Phase 3 - Chinese Bridge to Pink Ferry terminal has received external funding which is due to be implemented in 2021.

## National Grid Chilling sub-station site visit

Cllr Cartwright was very pleased to be invited, with local residents from Hook Village, to visit the newly completed sub-station. During the visit they were given a briefing on the construction and work of the sub-station followed by a tour of the perimeter site where there was an opportunity to understand how the various equipment within the site works and contributed to the electricity supply to the National Grid.

Cllr Cartwright and the local residents were very impressed with the work including the security arrangements of the site.

## Sea Sunday

Many local people attend the annual Sea Sunday service held in July by the D-Day memorial on the Hard.

"This beautiful service," explains Cllr Ford, "hosted by St Mary's Church and supported by our uniformed groups and the Warsash Band, commemorates all those, past and present, who serve the nation on the high seas.

"Not just the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy, but those countless small craft that serve our local needs, in addition to those who are dedicated to assisting seamen in distress."

Mike concludes, "Sadly, due to Covid-19 the event could not take place, but the Vicars Mike and Nicky-Sue Terry, the Rev. Bill Day, Churchwardens Peter Upward and Roger Clear, Cllr Trevor Cartwright and myself did hold a brief wreath laying ceremony on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July in order to ensure that the work of all of our seafarers is remembered."



Remembering those that serve at sea. Trevor and Mike attend the wreath laying service on Sea Sunday in July.



## Final curtain for festival

Committee members Cllrs Mike and Trevor report that back in 2000 communities were encouraged to put on events to celebrate the new millennium and so the Warsash Festival was conceived by St Mary's Church.

This was a pretty modest but successful event held on the Strawberry Fields, attracting quite a few local visitors. At the post-event review, it was agreed to repeat the Festival 2 years later, on the same (first Saturday in July) date retaining the event's slogan "Bringing the Community Together," ensuring that the Festival remains a showcase for local groups, businesses and charities. The rest is history as they say.

The event has grown substantially over the years, covers pretty well all of the Strawberry Fields and has attracted over 7,000 visitors in each of the past 2 events. Part of its success has been the very stable 10-person organising committee; we all have a key role; we know what's needed and we get on with it. As many will know, the work involved in putting on such a show is huge and involves many 00's of hours, ensuring that health and safety,

visitor facilities and site security meet the needs of such an event, as well as organising the 80 odd stall holders and various entertainments.

Sadly, these increasing demands have taken their toll on a number of our committee, who due to both personal and business commitments, are no longer able to give the time required going forward. Committee Zoom meetings actually highlighted that most of the committee had similar reservations but did not want to, "Let the side down." It was therefore unanimously agreed with heavy hearts, that the 2019 Warsash Festival would be the final one.

If any person or group comes forward with ideas to run perhaps a smaller event, then members of our committee would be happy to help where possible, but the Festival in its current form will be no more. We are proud that we have been able to provide such a successful event over the past 20 years and give our grateful thanks to the stall holders, those who have entertained us, countless volunteers and you the public, for your huge support over nine festivals.

## Local Democracy on hold

Cllr Cartwright says: Residents will have noticed that during the lockdown period we were supposed to hold local elections for Fareham. However, owing to the Covid 19 lockdown, they were cancelled by the Government. Cllr Mike Ford was ready for the fight to get re-elected and continue his excellent work for Warsash which he will now take forward to the next local elections in May 2021.

## Fareham

Cllr Cartwright is pleased to report that Fareham has been dubbed as one of the best places in the UK in which to live. Fareham has been labelled as the second best place in the UK for quality of life in this year's Annual Quality of Life Survey by Halifax. This Survey looks at communities across Britain and assesses key criteria that home buyers look at when choosing a place to live. Fareham Borough was celebrated for its general health and happiness of residents, high employment rate and life satisfaction services. It was praised for having the best quality of life in the whole of the South East.

### Deliverers and pictures needed

If you are interested in helping deliver InTouch, or have a picture of the area you'd like to share with the community on our front cover, please contact Trevor or Mike (details on back page).