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Trevor and Mike with Harbour Master Jason Scott

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THANKS FOR PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN ME

Mike Ford has thanked the people of Warsash for voting to re-elect him as a Fareham Borough Councillor for the village and for choosing him to be their new Hampshire County Councillor.

Mike said: "I was pleased to be re-elected as Councillor for Warsash on Fareham Borough Council at the May elections.

"Thank you for your support and confidence."

He added, "I was also pleased to be elected as the Warsash/Locks Heath Division Councillor on Hampshire County Council, the position held by Keith Evans prior to his sad death at Christmas.

"In both roles, I will continue to work hard for all residents.

"Some of the main responsibilities of the county council relate to highways, schools and social care, but send issues to me or Trevor and we will sort out which authority is responsible.

"We also attend each monthly meeting of the Warsash Residents Association to present and take questions.

"Both Trevor and I will hold responsibilities for the operations of the River Hamble, Trevor continuing as a member of the River Management Committee and I have been appointed by HCC to sit as Vice Chairman on the River Hamble Harbour Board."

Trevor continues as Deputy Leader of Fareham Borough Council and Executive Member for Health & Public Protection.

Government backs delivery of Welborne

New Government funding will support the delivery of Welborne Garden Village.

The Government is making more funding available to cover the technical costs of the M27 Junction 10 works and for the capital cost of the development.

Buckland Development Ltd has proposed to potentially increase its contribution to Junction 10 to as much as £50m in amended plans that are subject to a further three-week consultation.

The Government has recognised that we carry significant costs around the delivery of a garden village at Welborne which go beyond the typical remit of local authorities, announcing a further £130,000 capacity funding in addition to the £1.1m already received.

It has taken months of negotiations to find a way forward on the delivery of the Junction 10 Scheme so that the much-needed housing can be delivered.

Local Plan Update

Changes to the way the Government assesses how many new homes are required in each local authority area mean we are consulting on another version of our Local Plan.

The government-required number of properties per year up to 2037 was reduced to 403, but has now been increased again to 541.

We will aim to provide these properties while maintaining a strategic gap between Fareham and Stubbington as well as the Meon Gap and by enabling housing growth in Fareham Town Centre.

A special edition of Fareham Today is being delivered to all homes in the Borough as part of the consultation. We will also hold Community Action Team meetings and virtual exhibitions identifying the additional housing and employment sites

Chairman of Hamble River Board

County Councillor Seán Woodward is delighted to have been appointed as the Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Board. The Board is responsible for providing services and facilities and managing the river for the benefit of all users from the point of view of both safety and environmental protection.

Councillor Woodward said: "For a number of years I have chaired the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee which scrutinises the activities of the Board and makes recommendations for its consideration.

"I am very much looking forward now to working with fellow Board members including Cllr Mike Ford the Vice Chairman and, subject to the views of the Management Committee, making those decisions."



News in Brief

Grant Funding

Grant funding of £8,000 in total is available to local organisations in Warsash, Locks Heath and Hook areas to enable them to undertake projects of benefit to their groups and potentially the wider community.

If having read the guidance at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor> you are involved with any group that may be interested please do get in touch with County Councillor Mike Ford.

Cllr Ford said: "I look forward to being able to assist local organisations with projects that will enhance their community engagement."

Coastal car parking charges

The charging rates for coastal car parks were agreed last December and the consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been completed.

A detailed report outlining the consultation comments and proposed changes to the draft TRO was presented to the Executive on June 7, and were agreed.

The pay machines are on order together with the signage for the car parks. As soon as the machines are installed everybody will be notified as to when the parking charges will start.



Warsash and Hook are safest in Conservative hands

Waste less, recycle more

We all would like to waste less and recycle more, but how?

Councillors have been getting to grips with two recent government consultations. "DRS" is a deposit return scheme where a small part of the price of a product would be returned to the customer when they returned the packaging. Older residents will remember schemes like this for glass bottles.

The new scheme proposes to increase the level of "on-the-go" drinks' bottle recycling. We may in future see "reverse-vending-machines" (RVM) in our shops.

A second scheme requiring the producer to pay for recycling of materials used in packaging has been consulted upon. This is intended to incentivise a reduction of packaging and a move to easier and better value recycling. This includes films and foils as well as cardboard, plastics, aluminium and wood.

Under consideration is the separation of each refuse type at source and changes to the kerbside collection service to ensure a "less contaminated waste stream".

This may result in significant changes to the waste collection service you receive from the council including which day of the week we make collections.

The Council has considered these two proposals and provided responses to the government. We will keep you informed on progress and how they might impact residents.



Resident Gloria Jobling sorting recycling waste

News in Brief

Mystery of new posts solved

Posts have been installed in some of the more remote parts of Warsash - have you been wondering why? Cllr Mike Ford said: "The short wooden posts have been placed along a 100m stretch of Chilling Lane.

"This area has proved very popular for visitors during lockdown, but this popularity has brought problems with parked cars narrowing the road and lane, creating problems for day to day users.

"Agricultural vehicles associated with the farm, caravans being delivered to the holiday park and on at least one occasion, an emergency services vehicle, have all been unable to pass. "Something had to be done to restrict parking in that area. However, it is the intention of Hampshire County Farms Estate to seek out alternative parking arrangements at this popular spot."

He added that two posts, preventing vehicular access to the rough track that links Hook Park Road with Hook Village close to Hook Farm Cottages would remain until work to repair the surface of the track to make it safer for all users in all weather conditions was completed - by November at the latest.

Access All Areas

We are delighted to announce this wonderful scheme will be available for 11-16 year olds that live and go to school in Fareham.

There will be plenty of fun filled activities taking place across Fareham during the summer holidays. For more information and to register please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/aaa.

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

Suella



BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham

Solent Freeport gets thumbs up

Nice to see you!

With the gradual easing of restrictions, it has been great to see more people out and about in Fareham.

Whilst there is significant concern over the new variant, the Government has taken a prudent approach and will make decisions based on data.

The crucial consideration is whether the link between infections and hospital admissions has been severed.

At the end of May, 99,816 cumulative doses had been administered in Fareham and by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have surpassed 100,000 in our local area, a huge achievement by our healthcare providers as part of our unparalleled national vaccine programme.

Solent Freeport has been given the go-ahead by Chancellor Rishi Sunak creating one of the most exciting opportunities in a generation for our local area.

The UK's bespoke, flexible Freeports model combines customs zones with tax reliefs, planning freedoms and support for regeneration and innovation.

The Solent Freeport promises to deliver significant economic benefits, while:

- creating more than 26,000 jobs locally and 52,000 jobs nationally.
- boosting earning potential.
- regenerating our communities.
- enabling the Solent to transition to a net zero carbon economy by 2050.



Suella at the Port of Southampton with BBC South's Peter Henley. Photo before Covid restrictions.

The Solent Freeport will unleash the potential of our proud historic ports and boost income to Fareham and surrounding areas.

Donna's plans for 600 more police officers

Donna Jones met with Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney immediately after she was elected as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

She outlined her priorities to recruit 600 more police officers and to remove red tape and bureaucracy so officers can spend more time on patrol.



She would also like a review of the 101 and 999 services, so when people report a crime, they get feedback. As a member of the Police and Crime Panel Cllr Trevor Cartwright is looking forward to meeting Donna at the next meeting to learn of her further plans for the coming four years.

New role for hospital CEO

As part of his portfolio, Cllr Cartwright was informed by Mark Cubbon, the Chief Executive at Queen Alexandra Hospital, that he would be leaving the hospital to take on a national role as Deputy Chief Operations Officer for the NHS. This role is a two-year secondment. During this secondment, Penny Emerit, Deputy Chief Executive, has agreed to take up the role as Chief Executive, and, along with the senior leadership team, will continue to prioritise continuity and progressive leadership at the hospital. Cllr Cartwright said he is looking forward to meeting Penny in the future, especially to discuss the new emergency department progress.

Ash dieback spread

Hundreds of trees have been felled across the Borough as a result of Ash dieback. The Council has taken urgent measures to hold the spread which is caused by a fungus whose symptoms range from leaf and branch dieback to the death of the tree. Works to remove affected ash trees began in the winter when trees were dormant and the environmental impact would be limited. In many areas natural regeneration will be encouraged, but in parks and open spaces, trees will be replaced in the Autumn.