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While COVID-19 has continued to dominate both my MP postbag and national headlines over recent months, there remain a number of obstacles as we steer our way back to normal life.

Some local people have contacted me with concerns around GP services and how they are transitioning back to face to face appointments. GP recruitment remains a challenge in our area. I have spoken with the Clinical Commissioning Group to see what more can be done and written to the Health Minister, Jo Churchill MP, to draw her attention to the issues.

The Government have delivered on a number of other priorities, including:

- A new hospitality plan to support pubs and restaurants to build back stronger from the pandemic
- A new High Streets Strategy to unlock opportunities to level-up our communities.
- A new National Disability Strategy - 100 immediate commitments and £300m to support young people in schools.

I know crime and anti social behaviour often cause concern locally. We are well on track to recruiting the promised 20,000 new police officers by 2023. Nearly two years into the recruitment programme there are now almost 10,000 additional police across England and Wales. This includes 365 in Hampshire, bringing our total headcount up to 3,186.

Over the last couple of months I have chaired a meeting of youth charities, law enforcement agencies and local people to discuss ongoing projects and what more we can do to keep young people in our area engaged & supported over the summer holidays and beyond.

Finally - like many of you, I have grave concerns about planning proposals on our local Strategic Gap. I've had a number of meetings with MHCLG Ministers on housing targets in recent years and even brought Government Officials to the area to meet local Council Leaders to try and find a solution. I will continue to push back against housing plans which will consume our few remaining local green spaces.

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WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

Fareham Borough Council have not forgotten the Stubbington War Memorial, it is an important part of the history of the borough, and due to the specialist nature of the work to be carried out, an inspection to determine the most appropriate method of carrying out the works will be undertaken.

The support pillars either need to be replaced or parts of them replaced to match the original solid oak. The roof structure also requires some repairs which will result in it being deconstructed or suspended during the works, if deconstructed then this may lead to more work.

Once a preferred contractor is selected and the costs agreed the work will be progressed.

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THANKS FOR PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN US

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the residents who voted for us in the Borough and County elections for both Stubbington and Hill Head, it is an honour to be elected and we will work together across both wards for all residents.

The weather was fine and sunny which made it a perfect day to visit the polling stations, the count was held the following day at Ferneham Hall in Covid 19 secure surroundings.

Pal Hayre won the Stubbington seat from the Independents, putting it back into Conservative hands for the first time in five years.

Kay Mandry retained her Hill Head seat and increased her majority to 1000.

NEW SHARED OWNERSHIP HOMES FOR STUBBINGTON LANE



In April 2020 Fareham Housing secured planning consent for 11 new shared ownership homes, technical reports and detailed designs have been produced and the council have now appointed FE Chase as their contractor for the build. It was hoped the building work would start at some point in early 2021 but delays due to Covid and a longer than expected time for HCC Highways department to complete S278 work, which agrees road layout, levels and access, has impacted on the start date. FE Chase remain the appointed contractors and there are no direct costs automatically passed to the Council arising from the delay. Once completed the homes will be available for shared ownership which will assist those who are unable to afford properties on the open market.



NEWS UPDATE

HCC are carrying out urgent works at the Peak Lane/Avenue traffic lights due to the failing underground infrastructure which is outdated and unsafe. Whilst we understand the inconvenience caused by major road works in the area it's reassuring that HCC's operation resilience program is being implemented in Fareham.

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

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 has been delivered to all homes in the Borough as part of the consultation. Community Action Team meetings and virtual exhibitions identifying the additional housing and employment sites have been held.

Once public comments have been collated the draft plan and the comments will go to a government inspector for assessment to ensure it meets government policy and legal requirements.

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