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Cllr Tom Davies being shown around the refurbished leisure centre



Olympic bronze medallist Declan Brooks with Mayor Cllr Pamela Bryant, Mayoress Cllr Louise Clubley, Cllr Sue Walker and Cllr Seán Woodward

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£20M LEISURE AND CULTURE BONANZA

A £20m leisure and culture bonanza is coming to Fareham with upgraded leisure centres and the relaunch of plans for the town centre's new arts and entertainment venue, Fareham Live. A £6.33m project to refurbish Fareham Leisure Centre was officially re-opened by Portchester's Olympic bronze medallist Declan Brooks. The refurbishment includes a high intensity interval training Fortis Studio and Fortis ambassador and former premier league footballer Alan Shearer visited to officially open that part. The centre now features state-of-the-art facilities including a 'Top Rock' climbing wall, soft play area and indoor splash pad suitable for those with accessible needs. Everyone Active, which manages the Centre in partnership with Fareham Borough Council, unveiled the new-look centre with Declan and Mayor of Fareham Cllr Pamela Bryant. Executive Member for Leisure and Community, Cllr Sue Walker, said: "It is really exciting to be able to provide new, improved facilities at a time when leisure has become so important to us all, in the wake of the pandemic and performance of Team GB at the Tokyo Olympics." Work is also complete on improvements to Holly Hill Leisure Centre to add a steam room and sauna, while the £13.3m plans to replace Ferneham Hall with a new arts and entertainment facility to be called Fareham Live have also gone out to tender. BH Live has been appointed to run the venue on the Council's behalf.

Local Plan submitted to Government

Fareham Borough Council has submitted its proposed Local Plan to the Secretary of State after five years and two borough-wide consultations. It will now be examined by an independent planning inspector appointed by the government to determine if its proposals are sound.

The Publication Plan is a hugely significant step for the Borough, meeting the demanding challenges of the Government's commitment to building 300,000 new homes in the UK every year.

The local plan is robust in determining where new homes can be built and how many new houses are required to meet the Government targets and the needs of the Borough.

It also outlines the requirements for industrial and commercial land for job creation as well as reinforcing our commitment to biodiversity and sustainable development.

Simon Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development, said: "I am delighted that as a result of the last five years of hard work, we have now been able to submit our publication plan for inspection and look forward to a planning inquiry which will be expected in Spring 2022.

Should the Inspector find the publication plan to be sound, this will allow the Council to consider the adoption of the plan and for it be used in determining planning applications up until 2037.

Fly-tipping prosecution success



Fareham Borough Council has successfully prosecuted a fly-tipper at Portsmouth Magistrates Court.

The fly tip happened during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic on Cherque Lane, Fareham. Enforcement Officers attended the scene where the waste was completely blocking a lane to traffic and pedestrians. The suspect was a repeat offender and, when interviewed in relation to the incident, admitted being responsible.

The District Judge sentenced the offender to the maximum community order suggested in the pre-sentence report which was 300 hours of litter collection. They were also ordered to pay £960 in costs. Councillor Tom Davies feels that the sentence should have been harsher.

News in Brief

Clip-and-Collect green waste

In September the Council started the early bird "Clip-and-collect" scheme to allow residents to pre-purchase a brown-top bin and pay for the first year's subscription to the green garden waste collection.

This modernisation of the Council's garden waste collection is long overdue and allows for more green waste to be recycled in compliance with health and safety legislation.

Those households who have chosen not to take up the paid service are able to continue to use their green or white bags but will need to take them to the household waste recycling centre at Segensworth.

Alternatively residents can carry out their own home composting and assistance and advice is available from Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

We hope many more residents sign up to the scheme and recycle their green waste which goes to create Pro-Grow.

Contacting Tom

Contact Tom quickly and easily by scanning this QR Code to go straight to his Facebook page



Fareham East is safest in Conservative hands

Firework safety precautions

As the nights start to draw in, it will soon be the season for fireworks. While they can be fun for some, we know that for others, such as pet owners and the vulnerable, they can cause enormous stress and anxiety. The Council recently agreed a motion regarding the use of fireworks in the Borough, which includes encouraging local public firework displays to be advertised in advance so that residents can take precautions for their pets or those who may be vulnerable.

We will also be encouraging local fireworks suppliers to stock quieter fireworks.

During firework season it's easy to get caught up in all the sparkly, whizz-bang fun of it all. However, fireworks can not only be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly, but they can also be extremely distressing for vulnerable people and our beloved pets.

Here is Fareham Borough Council's advice for keeping fireworks fun for all:

- Stick to organised public displays
- Only release fireworks on certain dates
- Be considerate
- Keep animals safe
- Keep safe
- Clear up



Suella Braverman and Tom Davies discuss fireworks

This Autumn there will be a fireworks debate in Parliament, so if you feel strongly about this please do email or write to Suella.

Graffiti clean up continues

Thank you to everyone who has reported graffiti and tagging. The Council has been busy around the town centre removing as much as they can. Several sites have now been cleaned. Recently the team cleaned a post box and attempted to clean a power supply box, but stubbornly it's not coming off. So we've passed this on to Hampshire County Council, who will come and try again with some more heavy duty cleaning equipment.

News in Brief

Scam arrests

Residents will be pleased to hear that police have made three arrests in relation to an alleged doorstep scam in Old Turnpike, Fareham.

It was reported to police that a woman in her 90s was told she needed work to be completed at her address by a man that knocked on her door.

During this incident, the woman parted with £80 cash as well as her bank card, and withdrawals were subsequently made to the sum of £500 from her account.

Police advise:

Discuss work you feel needs carrying out with a relative or friend who can help you find a reputable trader; Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot; Never pay cash up front and never go to the bank or cash point with a trader; If you feel intimidated or they are refusing to leave, call 999. Keep an eye on elderly or vulnerable neighbours, friends and family.

Cllr Tom Davies is launching a new 'no cold calling' campaign in an effort to deter scammers on the doorstep. The InTouch team will be handing out no cold calling stickers for your front doors. For those who are not put off, a quick point at the sign followed by a 'we don't buy on the doorstep' should suffice to stop cold callers in their tracks.

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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



I'm delighted to be back at work following maternity leave after the birth of my daughter.

Leading the way

The UK is leading the way in strengthening the western alliance against growing security concerns. AUKUS is a historic security pact between the UK, US and Australia which will see Australia acquire its first fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, the sharing of cyber capabilities and other undersea technologies. In the most significant security arrangement between the three nations since WW2, this represents a major step forward in promoting shared values, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. It is a new pillar of our strategy, demonstrating our commitment to security.

Fareham's Zero carbon electricity ambition

I know many are concerned about gas prices and impact on the environment. Firstly, the energy price cap will remain in place to protect consumers throughout the winter alongside the Winter Home Discount and Winter Fuel Payments.

We are confident in our resilient gas supplies from British waters and a diverse renewables and nuclear sector.

Current price spikes underline the need to get the country onto secure zero carbon power. We are accelerating our ambition to deploy low carbon generation by 2035, including renewables, nuclear and new options such as hydrogen.



Suella and the team from Caldera

I was pleased to visit Caldera in Segensworth where CEO James MacNaghten and his team have developed a zero carbon heat battery. Using the ground-breaking 'Warmstone' heat battery, which holds 100kWh of energy, a whole house can be warmed using cheap, green, off-peak electricity which is released when required. Caldera is rapidly scaling up and installing many heat batteries in homes around the South East.

Xmas card competition

We are excited to be launching our Fareham East Christmas Card competition for primary school age children. The theme of the card can be anything as long as it's festive! The winning design, as well as second and third place, will all feature on our card this year which will be going out to residents across Fareham East & Wallington. Winning designers will also get an Amazon voucher.

There are only a couple of rules...

- No collage or glitter designs please as we can't reproduce them very well
- Please send your design by post or email by the end of November so we have time to get the cards printed

Please email any designs to tdavies@fareham.gov.uk or post to 14 East St, Fareham, PO16 0BN marked Fareham East Xmas Card Competition.

Check your grit before Winter

As Summer comes to an end it's important we start to look ahead and prepare for Winter.

Cllr Tom Davies said: "Fareham is hardly Siberia but it's still helpful to check grit bins are ready to ensure paths and roads are de-iced and any disruption is kept to a minimum.

"So here is the annual call to Fareham residents - please check your grit bins. Please let me know if;

Your bin is empty
Your bin is broken

You don't have a bin but think you should have one

"I'll get onto the council so we can make sure it gets sorted before the cold weather arrives.

"I'd also just like to remind everyone that the grit is for public use, it's not just for council workers and grit lorries! If your public road or pathway needs gritting, you are quite entitled to use the grit."

