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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."

One Community Showcase



Cllr Pamela Bryant and Cllr Louise Clubley at the Fareham School of Gymnastics stand

On a hot and sunny Saturday, the town centre was a thrive of activity and it was a real pleasure to spend time visiting stalls at the One Community's Showcase.

This brought more than 70 different charities into Fareham, and for many of them it was the first time they had been able to get together for 18 months. However, the event gave a fantastic opportunity to raise profiles and for many organizations encourage new volunteers.

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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.

No to closure of some HWRCs

In the summer Hampshire County Council conducted a consultation with the general public who responded by opposing cuts to Household Waste Recycling Centres or school crossing patrols. The concerns of residents were taken into account and the recommendation is that they will not be closed with no reduction on school crossing patrols. This is good news although to avoid cuts in the future all households will have to embrace greater recycling and reduced waste volumes.

Fareham North is safest in Conservative hands

Receiving the keys to Rose Court

It was a real pleasure to receive the keys from the builder of Rose Court and see the excellent new accommodation available.

There are 16 flats within the two blocks including ground floor specially designed for disabled people.

Each tenant has either some green garden space or balcony access. All accommodation has been filled and new residents settled into the surroundings. With local shops being close by this new accommodation is very popular.



Town Centre property investment

Councillors Pam Bryant and Louise Clubley have had residents asking what has happened to the Knightsbridge House Residential Home which has been empty for some considerable time.

The property came onto the market and the Council bid to acquire it along with the two houses at the rear in Arundel Drive.

The Council had been looking for suitable buildings because it has faced high levels of demand for temporary and emergency accommodation. This large residential property in Gordon Road - previously supported accommodation for young people with learning difficulties - is ideal because it is in the town, within easy reach of shops, amenities, travel routes and public service providers.

The two detached houses in Arundel Drive will assist with the high demand for large family homes and represent a positive addition to the current FBC housing stock.

Naturally, some residents are a little concerned regarding changes to this residential area. Councillor Mrs Bryant asked Officers be mindful of the locality and the area being residential. She was assured that an addition of a caretaker at key times of day should alleviate any possible issues.

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Arts and Crafts

The latest venture of new business along the parade of shops in Arundel Drive is an arts and crafts shop, it is already very popular with local residents as it offers handmade gifts made by local people as well as workshops including how to make festive wreaths or learn to crochet. Along with the local crafters who have set up in the shop, there are delicious cakes and chutneys for sale.

Many congratulations to Jamie Bridges for bringing this new venture to the area.

Britain in Bloom Award for Burnham Wood

Burnham Wood has received another accolade in this year's Britain in Bloom, winning a 'Thriving Award' in the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards. This is a huge achievement for those who work so hard to keep parts of our Borough looking beautiful.

It has been an especially challenging year for gardening, not only as a result of the pandemic but also the great changes in the weather - from very wet to very hot.

Well done to everyone

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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.

Summer playscheme fun for all

This year's attractions for children of all ages took on a new look. A large sand pit located between the Crown Pub and Beal's Estates Agents, proved very popular with younger members of the community.

Alongside this, every Friday during August was Family Fun Friday at Westbury Manor Museum.

These free drop-in sessions, overseen by Hampshire Cultural Trust, included a circus workshop, a magician, face painting, storytelling, and crafts.

Cllr Mrs Louise Clubley said "After a summer of cancelled events last year, I'm delighted that we were once again able to provide activities for families."

Some of the older children were able to take part in other activities held across the borough including off road driving instruction and a taste of sailing at Seafarers Sailing club.

Pictured: Commodore Phil Warwick with Cllr Pamela Bryant, Cllr Louise Clubley and Cllr Trevor Cartwright at Seafarers' Sailing Club.

