

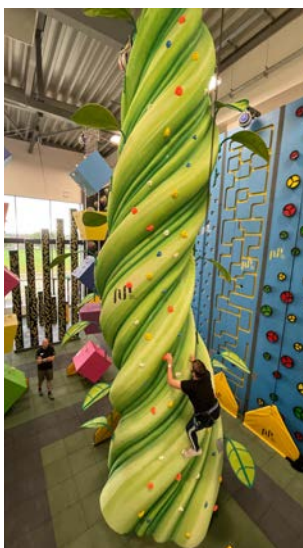
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# InTouch



Cllr Seán Woodward with Alan Shearer



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 to be used in determining planning applications up until 2037.

## No to closure of some HWRCs

Because of inflation, ever rising expenses and the increasing cost of services Hampshire County Council has to make further savings of £80m by the end of financial year 23/24 to cover expenditure.

In the summer the Council conducted a consultation with the general

public who responded by opposing any cuts to Household Waste Recycling sites or school crossing patrols. If cuts were to be in these services it would reduce expenditure by more than £2m a year. However the concerns of residents have been taken into consideration and the recommendation to cabinet is that they will not be closed with no reduction on school crossing patrols. This is a good news story although to avoid any cuts in the future all households will have to embrace greater recycling and reduced waste volumes.

## 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.

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## Improving household energy efficiency

The second phase of the Local Authority Delivery scheme (LAD2) is the next phase of the Government Local Authority Delivery scheme. The intention of LAD2 is to improve the household energy efficiency for those on low income.

This would typically consist of improvements to insulation or, in some instances, installation of solar panels.

The scheme is open until the end of the year and is aimed at properties with poor energy efficiency. These have been stipulated as homes with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of D or lower.

A cap of £30,000 combined income per household has also been set to ensure the works target those who need help the most.

LAD2 is open to both private and social households, although Fareham Borough Council will just be looking at assisting its owned properties.

For more information about LAD2 for private house owners Google Local Authority Delivery Scheme.

## Winning the community lottery

Fareham Borough Council and One Community are celebrating the hugely successful Fareham Community Lottery, six months after its first draw on the 13 March 2021.

Since then, the Community Lottery has sold more than 1,400 tickets and raised more than £22,500.

It has also provided a vital source of income for 67 different good causes across the Borough.

Some of the most popular organisations supported by the lottery so far have been: 1st Fareham Scout Group, Harrison School Association, Portchester Bowling Club, The Friday Night Charity, the Cat Welfare Group and Titchfield Festival Theatre.

For every £1 ticket purchased, 40p goes to a charity or community organisation and those who purchase the tickets can choose who they want their donation to go to. The rest of the money goes toward giving Fareham residents the chance to win cash prizes of up to £25,000.

## News in Brief

### Fareham is blooming lovely

The results of this year's South and South East in Bloom awards have been announced and it's good news for Fareham.

The Borough's parks and gardens are always beautiful and well maintained by our Council teams, so it is fantastic when they get some recognition.

This year we won the following awards:

- Portchester Crematorium – Gold
- Portchester Memorial Gardens – Gold
- The Civic Gardens, Fareham – Gold
- Westbury Manor Museum Gardens - Gold
- The Sensory Garden of Reflection, Fareham – Gold and category winner in Small Park of the Year.

There was also success for the Borough's open spaces:

- Warsash Common – Gold
- Portchester Common – Gold
- Coldeast Conservation Area – Silver Gilt

Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood Awards' have been given to Red Barn Allotments and Burnham Wood, with both receiving a Level 4 - Thriving award.

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## Fareham North West is safest in Conservative hands

# 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.

## Providing assistance for rough sleepers in Fareham

Fareham Borough Council provides assistance for rough sleepers tailored to meet the needs and issues of each individual. Those needs can sometimes be quite complex, ranging from substance misuse issues, mental and physical health concerns to financial and employment difficulties.

Fareham Borough Council is part of Fareham Street Aid which is a platform for agencies in Fareham working together to help vulnerable people off the streets.

Following a comprehensive review of homelessness in Fareham, undertaken by Neil Morland & Co Housing Consultants, a new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy is now proposed.

This draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy is now part of an eight-week period of public consultation. This will provide the local community and other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the content.

Councillor Fed Birkett, Housing Executive Member, said: "The impacts of homelessness can be devastating for individuals and families. It can affect both physical and mental health, educational and employment opportunities and has long term consequences for those affected. For these reasons, preventing homelessness and rough sleeping is a priority for the Council."

To review the draft proposal and make any comments please visit the Fareham Borough Council web page.

