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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 be used in determining planning applications up until 2037.

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 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.

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.

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 South is safest in Conservative hands

Home insulation offer

Fareham Borough Council has partnered with energy efficiency installer, City Energy, to offer residents FREE home energy improvements.

Residents with a household income of less than £30,000 a year, or those receiving income related benefits, are likely to be eligible for home improvements of up to £10,000.

Thanks to Government funding to improve energy performance of UK homes, Fareham residents can benefit from a share of £8.6m allocated for the Solent Region.

Home improvements could include solar panels, new insulation, double glazing or a front door.

This can help to drive down household energy bills and is a great thing to do, also helping us to reduce our environmental impact in the Borough.

For further information please contact Customer Enquiries at FBC.

News in Brief

Pandemic costs

Hampshire County Council costs incurred as a result of pandemic in the last financial year came to £137m. In 2020 the Government told us to spend what we need and they would reimburse us.

In fact, not only did they keep their word by sending all of it but also sent an extra £8m on top. In addition, this year they have already sent £23.9m towards this year's costs.

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.

Mayoress Cllr 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.



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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.

Welcome Fred!

Welcome to Fred Stone who joins the Fareham South InTouch team. A successful business man, Fred and his wife Veronica moved to Fareham four years ago. Starting in Aldershot market at age 16, he went on to open a retail flooring shop and subsequently one in Guildford before relocating to California.



Fred has always been involved in Politics and served on Rushmoor Borough Council for four years. As an InTouch team member he worked on the re-election of Royston Smith at the 2019 General Election and the re-election of two incumbent councillors at the recent local elections. Fred looks forward to working as an InTouch team member for all residents of Fareham.

Welcome Stephen!

Welcome to Stephen Ingram who joins the Fareham South InTouch team. He and wife Beverley have lived in Fareham for more than 25 years. He relishes the challenge of becoming a councillor and helping make Fareham an even better place for everyone to live in. Stephen started out as a fitter and turner



apprentice at Portsmouth Naval Base. Over the last 35 years he has held senior managerial positions with various national companies, which he feels has given him a unique set of skills which he believes will help him if he is fortunate enough to be able to help the people of Fareham. Look out for Stephen throughout Fareham South.