

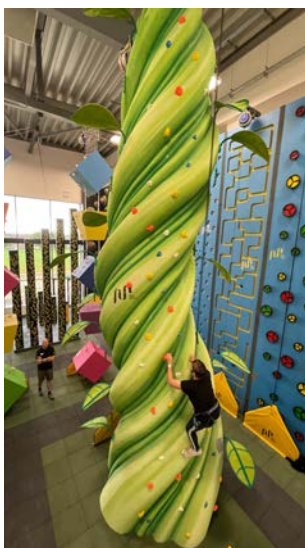
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Cllr Seán Woodward with Alan Shearer



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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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.

Destruction of the Box Tree Moth

It became evident delivering the InTouch around the ward that so many of the beautiful box hedging and shaped box have been decimated this year by this invader which first landed from Europe in 2007.

The larvae were not reported in private gardens until 2011, but Box Tree

Moth (*Cydalima perspectalis*) was first discovered by English entomologist Francis Walker as early as 1859.

We have seen previously with the number of entrants from Fareham West Ward into Fareham in Bloom how keen our residents are on their gardens and it's difficult to see the destruction with the distinctive lacy webbing and caterpillars in so many gardens.

I thought you might be interested to know that the RHS has a survey page

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/surveys/submitrecord.asp?type=9> to provide mapping of this.

Cllr Tina Ellis has sympathies with all those suffering from this blight being a victim too but looks forward to seeing how the gardens in our ward continue to delight us, a great bonus of walking and delivering.



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.



Fareham West is safest in Conservative hands

Threatstatus cyber security visit

Cyber security and particularly protection of personal information is a subject we are constantly having conversations about, in person and on social media with residents. It affects all age groups, particularly with the pushing of so much information through online platforms as a consequence of the pandemic, probably far quicker than would otherwise have emerged.



Cllr Tina Ellis and Suella Braverman MP had an enlightening visit with local resident and business owner Jon Inns, seen here at the Threatstatus local offices on how his company helps corporations and governments to protect people with a very proactive approach. With this in mind we would encourage you to report phishing email, texts or phone calls on the National Cyber Security Centre website www.ncsc.gov.uk/ email report@phishing.gov.uk and many phone providers allow you to report using text to 7726. Follow advice on keeping your passwords and login details secure.

Support Senior Santa

We all know about boxes of goodies for children but One Community is launching its Senior Santa Christmas Gift donation.

Wrap a suitable gift and deposit in Fareham to give to all those senior citizens spending Christmas by themselves. It's a great initiative to see our seniors smile and know they aren't forgotten and alone.

News in Brief



Continuing roadworks

There have been continuing works around Fareham West Ward both for gas works and the traffic lights work at Peak Lane. It was suggested that we should have a formal crossing on the A27 at the top of Peak Lane junction.

However, the works were urgent and a crossing would not have had the correct consultation period. Cllr Sarah Pankhurst and Cllr Tina Ellis have been talking with Hampshire Highways and look forward to having some progress on this in the future. On Longmynd Drive and the roads off residents can be assured that repair of verges is undertaken as the roadworks are removed. Cllr Tina Ellis and our new InTouch Co-ordinator Roger Bird were pleased to hear from local resident Pauline Frampton of Clee Avenue who advised 'The workmen have been exemplary ...'

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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.

IN TOUCH by Arthur Salway

It's time for a cuppa, time to say
"What's the postie brought today?"
Probably the usual stuff,
Catalogues and loads of guff.
Bargains at the local store,
Begging letters by the score.
Raffles, lotteries, and such
And "Yes - my copy of In Touch."

Things go on in Fareham town.
Weeds are growing and trees fall down
Need we worry? Not at all.
Our councillors are on the ball,
Warning us of trouble brewing
And what our Fareham Council's doing;
The latest from the P.C.C.,
And even a word from our M.P.

Safety problems after dark?
Helicopters in the park?
Who to tell, how to report it.
Let the local council sort it.
"In Touch" is full of things worth knowing;
Who's doing what and where we're going.
Before you ever think to bin it
Make sure you've looked at all that's in it.

You can't go to the shop and fetch one.
You'll have to wait until the next one

Welcome to Fareham West, Roger

ROGER BIRD has been selected as prospective Conservative candidate for Fareham West in next year's Borough Council elections. Roger is a chartered accountant and experienced Finance Director, who has run several small businesses. He is married with a baby son, and previously served as a councillor in Wandsworth. Roger says "I am determined to keep our Council Tax down in Fareham.



"The Borough has a great reputation for high quality services, while charging one of the lowest tax levels in the country. I have the experience to help continue that tradition."

Outside work, Roger loves boating and driving classic cars.