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Cllr Seán Woodward with Alan Shearer



Cllr Joanne Bull tries out the climbing wall



Olympic bronze medallist Declan Brooks with Mayor Cllr Pamela Bryant, Mayoress Cllr Louise Clubleby, 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.

Managing and protecting our trees and woodlands

One of the Council's many responsibilities is the provision of a Tree Service. In order to try and protect our open spaces we take a pro-active approach to land adoption and over the years have taken on the management of 220,000 mature trees on sites such as Coldeast, Holly Hill, Whiteley and Priory Park.

The total area comprises 290 hectares which is equivalent to 406 football pitches.

These trees and open spaces are actively managed by the Council. Just under 21,000 trees were inspected in 2020-21. The highest proportion of trees lie in Sarisbury and Park Gate and just under half of the tree work spend occurs in our area every year.

The tree service ensures that we continue to offer an attractive environment to live in and ensures that our trees remain in good condition.

We are committed to tree planting across the Borough and to replacing trees where trees die or are removed because they are in poor condition. To help fund this we are now implementing a developers' maintenance contribution of £500 for each tree in addition to the £6 / metre square that it currently pays to assist with the maintenance service.

This way we will help to maintain our environment in an affordable and sustainable manner.

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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.

Access All Areas

Every year Fareham Borough Council runs a summer scheme to engage the Borough's young people in diversionary activities.

This scheme is only made possible with the help and support of businesses, charities and local organisations working together to provide and offer activities for children aged 11-16. One of those was Solent Stars.

Solent Stars and its parents together provided an opportunity to teach motorcycle skills and bike awareness meeting many children who challenged themselves and the boost they got from this was clear to see.

Park Gate is safest in Conservative hands

Cracking down on anti-social behaviour

When we were canvassing in April this year prior to the local elections, a key aspect of concern was the increase in anti-social behaviour that was taking place across the ward.

We are acting on the concerns made by residents and will be reporting on issues and actions over the coming months.

Many residents have suffered with anti-social behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that we have entered the post-pandemic phase, things have mostly returned to normal.

However Councillors have had to address some specific cases, and have been pleased to discover that when contacted by the Council about their effect on others, most people recognise the issues and the situation improves.

There remain some issues around the ward, and these are being dealt with through increased police patrols and interventions.

Following complaints of young people driving cars at speed and general noise complaints at Priory Park car park, this was raised with the police and added to Operation Momentum which allows for vehicles to be confiscated after two warnings.

Another area of action was noise from loud parties in the Park Gate area which has resulted in swift action being taken to put an end to parties which were going on into the early hours of the morning.

If you experience unacceptable disturbance please contact your local councillors.

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Planning issues

On several occasions recently Park Gate Councillor Simon Martin has made deputations to the Planning Committee, where fellow Park Gate Councillor Ian Bastable is vice chairman, speaking in support of local residents' views and the protection of local wildlife, which otherwise would not have a voice. Some applications have been approved for new housing, but with conditions to protect wildlife and residents from undue disturbance. We shall now be seeing development in the Beacon Bottom / Village Inn area, and also in Addison Road. The Council's parking space standards have been upheld, and all new homes with off street parking will also come with electric car charging points as part of our "net-zero" agenda.

Relaunch of Community Speedwatch

A Community Speedwatch scheme for Sarisbury County Council Division which includes Sarisbury, Swanwick, BurrIDGE, Park Gate, Priory Park and Whiteley was launched just before the pandemic.

Unfortunately the pandemic wreaked havoc with the membership so we need to find more to have a relaunch now that traffic levels and traffic speeds in our communities have built up again.

Contact sean.woodward@hants.gov.uk for an application form if you are interested in helping to slow traffic on your roads.

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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.

New sauna and steam room facilities opened at Holly Hill

At a recent visit to Holly Hill Leisure Centre, Councillor Ian Bastable was impressed not only by the quality and spaciousness of the centre, but also the level of technology used.

There is a virtual cycling studio with professional training regimes and an artificial intelligence (AI) swimming pool monitoring system that alerts lifeguards to a swimmer in distress. This could save precious seconds should any swimmer get into difficulty. The main reason for the visit was to see the impressive new sauna and steam room which is now open to members where a most relaxing environment can be found under the subtle lighting.

