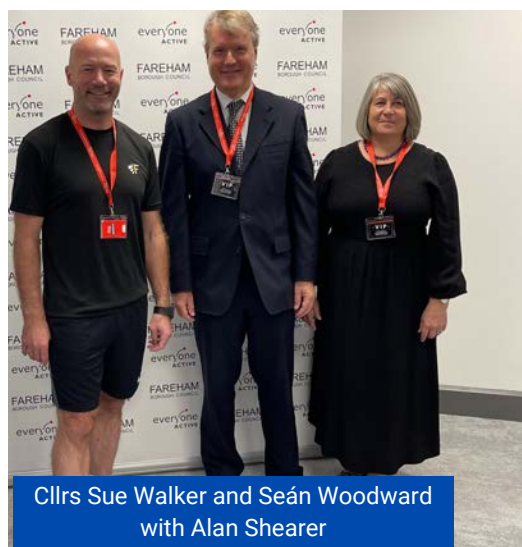


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Cllrs Sue Walker and Seán Woodward
with Alan Shearer



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

Community pantries supporting local people



Cheryl Coleman with Cllr Sue Walker at Woodsy's Pantry

There are three community pantries in Fareham helping to support local people. Registration to a community pantry allows residents to get their groceries and provisions once a week at a fraction of the cost.

The recommended donation is £5 per visit and customers will receive a minimum of £15 worth of food including fresh and frozen items, toiletries and household items.

Fareham's Community Pantries are Woodsy's Pantry at Portchester Hub, Hampshire Food Revolution at Henry Court Drive and Waypoint Community Hub at Hunts Pond Road.

Further support can be obtained from Citizens Advice at Woodsy's Pantry on Wednesday between 10 am and 12 noon.

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.

Olympian Declan honoured

The Special Achievement category within the Citizens of Honour Award Scheme was introduced in 2009 to recognise residents of Fareham who had made a notable and significant achievement in their field. Declan Brooks is a Portchester resident and recently competed in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games. Declan succeeded in finishing third, winning a bronze medal for Great Britain in the debut men's BMX Freestyle Cycling event. A fantastic achievement.

Portchester and Down End are safest in Conservative hands

Portchester a village to be proud of



Families from Portchester and beyond flocked to the Gala to enjoy a wonderful day of games, performances, stalls and classic cars. A Portchester tradition for over 100 years, the gala was held on Sunday 18th September. Despite usually being held in sunny-June, the weather was beautiful and the Gala was as successful as ever, with the number of visitors far exceeding expectations.

Attended by over 4,000 people, there was something for everyone - including the usual fun fair, lots of stalls, activities, classic cars and arena events inside the Castle grounds. Also a nice variety of catering outlets selling ice cream and delicious food.

The Portchester Conservatives would like to give our sincere thanks and appreciation to the goodwill of the Portchester Community Association for organising the Gala, year after year. Despite some difficult circumstances, we all thought the Gala was brilliant.

Next year, we all look forward to enjoying the full Gala experience once again, with a parade going through the heart of Portchester.

The Portchester Gala, as well as our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, proves that Portchester is a unique village with a stronger-than-ever community spirit. Portchester is a village to be proud of!

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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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.

Introducing Harry Davis as InTouch Team Leader

Hi, my name is Harry Davis, and I am the InTouch Team Leader for Portchester and Down End. I live in Down End and went to school locally. I love our village and believe it can be an even better place by working with the council to put Portchester first.

Portchester is a place with a great community spirit, a village to be proud of.

I am fully committed to Portchester - if you have any ideas about the future of Portchester, I would love to hear them.

I am particularly determined to improve our Precinct, work to improve Portchester's green spaces (such as Wicor Rec, Westlands Grove and of course the Castle), and involve younger generations to empower them to lead in the future.

In my spare time, I like going for long walks around Portchester and the coast, as well as bike riding and I have a passion for History.

