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Cllr Mike Ford with Alan Shearer



Cllr Mike Ford tries out the climbing wall



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

Footpath improved for mobility aids

Local resident Ray Parsley alerted Cllr Mike Ford of the difficulties he was experiencing when visiting the Osborne Road recreation ground using his wheeled mobility aids.

The pathway from the road entrance to the west leading down to the play area had become so narrow over the years, that Ray was finding it impossible to navigate this. Mike took the matter up with the relevant team at Fareham Borough Council and arranged for the pathway to be widened and re-surfaced and it now comfortably allows wheeled aids to pass along its length.



Keith Evans Alderman award

The late Warsash County Councillor Keith Evans was made an Honorary Alderman in a ceremony at Fareham Borough Council. The Mayor, Cllr Pamela Bryant, presented Keith's widow, Eve with a scroll commemorating his commitment to the Borough of Fareham over 30 years of service to the community.



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.

Solent Way improvements

Hampshire Countryside Services will be undertaking improvement work on parts of the coastal path from the Warsash Harbour Master's office to Titchfield.

"Parts of this very popular pathway have narrowed, crumbled and are in a poor condition," said Mike.

"Work has already been completed on the stretch fronting Strawberry Fields with a new and widened surface and in other areas, temporary closure signs will warn where work is being undertaken"

Warsash and Hook are safest in Conservative hands

Fly-tipper prosecuted



Council Officers successfully prosecuted a fly tipper. The fly tip happened at the height of the pandemic and, when Fareham Enforcement Officers attended the scene, the waste was completely blocking a lane to traffic and pedestrians.

The culprit was identified and at Portsmouth Magistrates Court the District Judge handed down the maximum Unpaid Work order of 300 hours (of litter collection) and ordered him to pay £960.00 in costs. Cllr Cartwright said: "This is a significant prosecution for the Council, and we hope it will act as a deterrent for others who may be tempted to offend.

"Fly tipping is unacceptable, and we will do everything we can to prosecute offenders in Fareham"

News in Brief

150th anniversary of St Mary's



Cllrs Mike and Trevor were delighted to attend the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church.

Arthur Hornby inherited the Hook Estate in 1870 and bequeathed five acres of land for a church, vicarage and school to avoid folk having to walk the three miles to their nearest church in Titchfield. The completed St Mary's church was consecrated in August 1871, 150 years ago.

Mike and Trevor are pictured with Arthur Hornby and his wife at the post service reception!

Chelsea comes to Fareham

As the Deputy Mayor Cllr Mike Ford was recently invited to attend the centenary of one of our local companies Kelvion Ltd, who employ 250 people at their Newgate Lane premises. Kelvion are leaders in the heat exchange industry.

While there, Mike and Anne, the Deputy Mayoress, were privileged to meet two invitees who are also residents of the Royal Hospital Chelsea.



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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.

Daedalus gate guardian ready for take off

An impressive Gate Guardian Sculpture has been installed at Daedalus Common. Trevor Cartwright said: "The eight metre high sculpture, depicting Daedalus poised to take flight for the first



time, has been installed at the end of Daedalus Common adjacent to the Peel Common Roundabout. The winning design, which was funded by the National Grid specifically for this project, was chosen by Fareham residents from a short list in 2019. Peter Clutterbuck, who specialises in large scale iron artwork, then created the piece which is now a striking focal point for Daedalus."



Welcome to Warsash

Councillors Trevor and Mike are delighted to welcome Frair Burgess to the Warsash Conservative team. Frair moved to Warsash earlier this year and quickly immersed herself in the local community. She brings with her significant experience of local politics from her time across the river in Bursledon.

"Myself and my family are loving our life here in Warsash and I'm pleased to be joining the Warsash Conservative team," said Frair. Mike said: "We are delighted to have Frair in our team and I know that her experience and enthusiasm will prove to be a real asset here in Warsash."

Frair is to take on the role of In Touch Team Leader.