

Conservative-run Fareham Council: 24 years of outstanding civic leadership

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Conservative Councillors Reporting-Back

Wise Conservative investment and spending pays off - Fareham Council excels: Low taxes, Great services

MANNY JOINS OUR TEAM

We're delighted to say that local community campaigner **Manny Martins** has joined our Conservative 'InTouch' Team.



Manny is well-known for his volunteer efforts throughout Fareham. Manny works locally as the Covid Clinic Volunteer Coordinator for NHS.

Manny looks forward to speaking to many Fareham East & Wallington residents; listening to **YOUR** concerns and getting things done for our community.

In his spare time, Manny loves helping in community projects, DIY and gardening. Look out for Manny throughout Fareham East & Wallington!

News in brief:

- Fareham Council has received a £300,000 homelessness prevention grant to give targeted financial support and temporary accommodation to vulnerable people as well as offering a landlord mitigation service.



- Conservationists have discovered that pine martens, previously only thought to have survived largely in the North of England, are now well established in several areas of the New Forest and successfully breeding.



Action on Inconsiderate Parking

As local Councillors there are still a number of residents continuing to complain about inconsiderate parking in the area, especially on bends of the road, near to junctions, and on grass verges in narrow roads.

It is hoped that Highways will be able to address some of the concerns as roads are resurfaced when the summer programme of works starts.

Our local Hampshire County Councillor Pamela Bryant continues to request local roads to be included in the programme of works for 2023. If you know of any road that is need of repair, please contact Pamela below.



Contact your local Fareham Town Councillors



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Upgraded entertainment, open spaces, arts and leisure facilities



More jobs and investment opportunities for local people and businesses



In the face of the toughest of financial pressures our Conservative Borough Council has managed to deliver a balanced budget with a tiny increase for the average home in the Borough of just 1p per day, making your tax bill for all of Fareham Council's services just £3 per week. **Almost the country's lowest!**

While other authorities set record-high tax increases, the average home in Fareham will pay just **one penny per day** more in district council tax... meaning households will receive all of our Borough services & amenities for **just £3 per week**.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham Council Leader, is proud of the Council's achievement in providing excellent services and infrastructure for residents at one of the lowest district council taxes in England.

With a budget of over £50 million per year, the council tax raised by Fareham Council is less than £8 million, which means that 84% of the Council's expenditure is covered by fees, charges and commercial property rents.

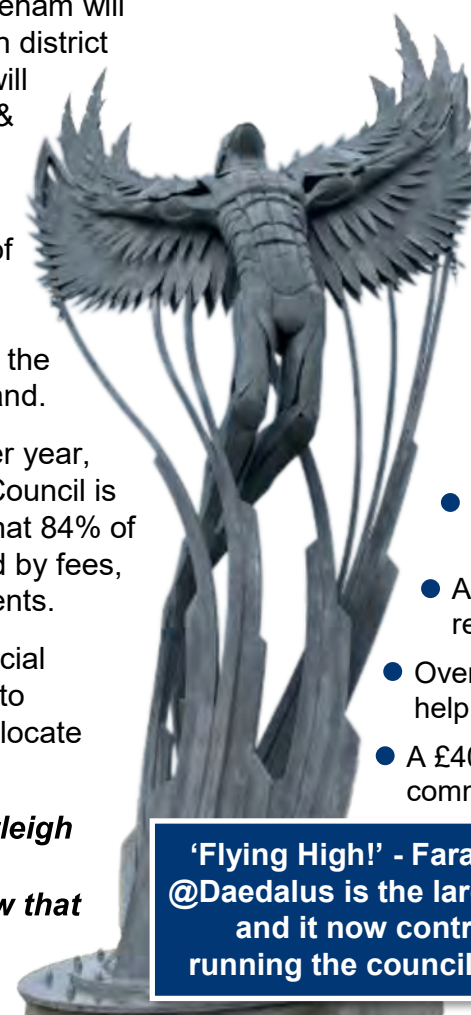
Fareham Council's impressive financial management is evident in its ability to deliver essential services and still allocate funds for ambitious capital projects.

While Liberal Democrat-run Eastleigh Council has debt levels of over £560 million, local people know that here in Fareham our Council is safest in Conservative hands!

So, what does £3 a week get us in Fareham?

Despite the tight costs of service delivery, Fareham Borough Council has an impressive capital programme of £62 million over the next five years, including...

- £25 million for building new council houses and upgrading existing stock.
- Plans to demolish the 50-year-old Osborn Road multi-storey car park and replace it with a modern surface car park, electric car charging points and solar panels to generate power.
- Air-ground lighting at Solent Airport to attract and keep more aviation tenants.
- A £1 million children's playground refurbishment programme across Fareham.
- Over £3 million of disabled adaptation grants to help people make adaptations to their homes.
- A £400,000 programme of works to improve community centres.



'Flying High!' - Faraday Business Park at Solent Airport @Daedalus is the largest employment site in the Borough, and it now contributes significantly to the cost of running the council's services - reducing **YOUR** tax bill!

Local Fareham East & Wallington news - see inside...

An update from Suella Braverman KC MP



Suella Braverman writes:

As Fareham's MP and Home Secretary, my goal is to have more police, less crime, and safer streets.

By the end of March, 600 new police officers will join

Hampshire's police force, part of our national programme to recruit 20,000 new officers.

We've also invested in Fareham's safety with millions of pounds for new CCTV cameras and street lighting through the Safer Streets Fund.

We're committed to tackling domestic burglary and anti-social behaviour, and our excellent PCC, Donna Jones, is leading the way in making Hampshire safer for everyone.

5,000 new apprentices in Fareham since 2015

Since 2015, over 5,000 new apprenticeships have been created in Fareham, thanks to the Conservative government's focus on improving skills and productivity.

As Fareham's MP, I've hosted annual apprenticeship fairs that have connected talented young people with businesses. My most recent fair was extremely well-attended at the Fareham Job Centre with Mayor & Mayoress Anne & Mike Ford below.

These apprenticeships provide students with paid opportunities to gain industry knowledge and build new skills.

I'm proud to have contributed to this effort and to see so many people choosing apprenticeships as a viable career path.



Local News & Action from your Conservative Councillors...

Working for Fareham East & Wallington all-year-round

Maximising brownfield sites here in Fareham

A new care home on Wallington Hill in the town centre has been given the green light after being approved by the council. The care home will be located on land that currently contains largely vacant office blocks. The new facility will provide residential, nursing, and dementia care for up to 80 residents, as well as offering a range of communal facilities and amenities.

The care home has been designed with sustainability in mind, and it will feature green roofs, solar panels, and a ground-source heat pump, among other eco-friendly features. It will also be built using environmentally friendly materials and will incorporate a range of measures to reduce its carbon footprint. The new care home is expected to create around 100 new jobs in the local area, including positions for nurses, care assistants, and support staff.

The developer of the project, Hamberley Development, said that the care home will provide much-needed high-quality care for the elderly population in Fareham and the surrounding area. The facility will also provide a boost to the local economy, creating jobs and supporting local businesses. Construction is expected to begin later this year, with the care home due to open in 2023.

We should receive exciting news regarding the regeneration of Fareham Town Centre soon, to provide modern, affordable and sheltered housing for young and elderly residents alike.



...but protecting our green spaces!

When Tom Davies was our Conservative Councillor for Fareham East, no residential development was approved in Wallington and all residential site allocations in the village were removed from the draft Local Plan.

That's why when another developer chanced their arm by trying to build a housing estate on a completely unsuitable field (sandwiched between the industrial estate and the motorway) our Fareham East Conservative Team yet again lodged an opposition to the development.

In a sign of their complacency, disappointingly neither of the Fareham East Liberal Democrat Councillors had written in with their opposition. ***They just don't seem to care!***

The King's Coronation

Residents may well be planning events to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III which will take place on Saturday 6th May.

Fareham Borough Council has produced a web page to help with ideas and guidance to hold an enjoyable and safe event.

Just scan the QR code!

Additionally, Hampshire County Councillors have a grant fund available to help with events.

If you are interested in knowing more about the grants, which will be available during April, please do contact our local County Councillors, Pam Bryant and Peter Latham overleaf.



We look forward to hearing of all the local events happening to celebrate the King's Coronation!

Council opens first UK park dedicated to the late Queen Elizabeth II

A new 40-acre park dedicated to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is now open to the public following an official opening ceremony by Fareham's Mayor, Councillor Mike Ford.

A memorial tree was also planted by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Seán Woodward, at the entrance adjacent to the children's play area which has also been renamed.

Originally referred to as Daedalus Common, the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park was open to the public in good time for the Christmas holidays. Already featuring a network of accessible paths and cycle routes, a dog exercise area and various habitats, works such as replacement and new tree and shrub planting will continue as the seasons allow to further enhance the park.



To date, around 21,000 trees have already been planted but the memorial tree planted by Councillor Seán Woodward is particularly special as the mulch used for the planting is the product of condolence flowers left by the public as a tribute to our late Queen.

The children's aviation-themed play area adjacent to the entrance has also been renamed from Daedalus Common to the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee play area.

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