

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

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# Portchester East InTouch

## Local News & Action

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Councillor Harry Davis Reporting Back

## Sir Randal Cremer House:

providing sheltered accommodation for local people!



The new development, located on the corner of Station Road, is nearing completion and will be named after Fareham-born Sir William Randal Cremer, a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Portchester Councillor Nick Walker has donated a building plaque for Sir Randal Cremer House, a new development providing much-needed sheltered accommodation for local residents.



The Randal Cremer Cottages Trust has made a financial contribution to the project, which will be owned and managed by the Council's Fareham Housing.

## Litter bins!

Harry is pleased that, upon his request, a new litter and dog fouling bin has been installed on the corner of Carberry Drive and Foxbury Grove.

It's great to see that it is already well-used by dog walkers.



Please let Harry know where **YOU** think new litter and dog fouling bins are needed.

## Trees, Trees, Trees!

Portchester Councillors Harry Davis and Sue Walker had a fantastic time planting trees in the Portchester Castle Shore Park.

Councillor Harry Davis writes:

I was delighted to attend the launch of the Hampshire Forest project at Castle Field near Portchester Castle, where 300 trees were planted.

It was brilliant to get the whole community involved, thanks to an initiative made possible through a partnership between the Portchester Litter Ladies that Lunch, Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, and the Hampshire Forest Partnership.

Among the trees was, a Black Poplar, a tree that was once prevalent in Britain's landscape but has now become rare. Black poplars can grow up to 100 feet tall and live for up to 200 years!



## Contact your local Portchester Councillor

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If **YOU** know of a local issue which our local Councillor Harry Davis may be able to help with, please get in touch.

Wise Conservative investment and spending pays off -

# Fareham Council excels: Low taxes, Great services



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 and amenities for **just £3 per week**.

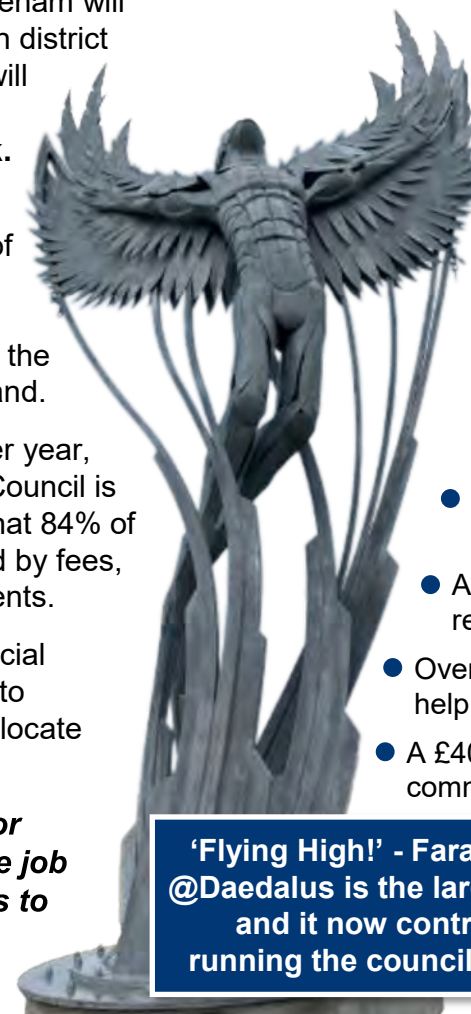
**So, what does £3 a week get us in Fareham?**

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.

**Our local Conservative Councillor Harry Davis is getting on with the job and fulfilling his election pledges to keep Fareham and Portchester's Council Tax low.**



**'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!**

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.

Working for Portchester all-year-round

Action to improve Portchester - 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 and Mayoress Anne and 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 and Action from our local Conservative Councillor Harry Davis...

# Working for Portchester all-year-round

## A sustainable, long-term solution for our coastline

Our area has secured £487,500 to assess and develop long-term coastal management solutions at Fareham Quay, as well as between Alton Grove to Cadour Drive.

The project team will appraise, develop and cost options for coastal management, investigate future funding sources for delivering the schemes and prepare outline designs for each location.



*This is just what Portchester needs!*

## Wildflowers and Biodiversity

As our local Councillor, Harry is the Vice Chairman of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel, a committee set up to review the Council's approach to protecting our environment.



Harry is particularly passionate about improving local biodiversity here in Portchester through the use of 'wild flowers' to provide new habitats for bees, birds and insects.

Harry is also promoting the benefits our precious hedging through Portchester, as they have the natural ability to capture pollution, reduce noise, mitigate flooding and provide food and shelter to wildlife.

## Getting things done & Working for YOU

- **West Street & Cornaway Lane Subways:** Trip hazards in the subways caused by loose paving and crumbling stone have now been repaired.
- **Fly-tipping:** Harry organised the removal of various fly-tipping incidents off Castle Street, Carlton Road, Leith Avenue, West Street and Norgett Way.
- **Portchester Library:** Has been redecorated with new carpets and new soft furnishings. Just in time for the school holidays!
- **Wicor Skate Park:** To receive a £100,000 refurbishment and upgrade.
- **Portchester Precinct Car Park:** To remain **free** to support local shops.
- **Potholes:** If there are any potholes that you know of in the local area, please tell Harry and he'll keep chasing them up to get them sorted.



## Greener recycling for Portchester!

### The UK government recently passed the "Environment Bill" which sets new waste collection and recycling targets.

As part of the national initiative, Fareham Borough Council is taking steps to meet these targets, including preparing to implement a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) over the next two years.

The DRS will allow people to recycle aluminium cans and plastic drinks bottles at shops using reverse vending machines that convert waste into money.

The Council also aims to increase its recycling rate from 33% to 65% by introducing separate food waste collections, which will be converted into energy using Anaerobic Digestion (AD).

This new service is set to be introduced in 2025, along with changes to add glass collection to recycling bins and a separate paper and card collection.

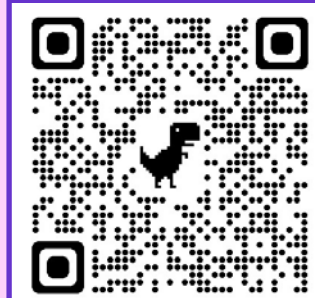
To reduce waste in the meantime, the Council encourages residents to reuse and waste less. Stay tuned for updates!



## 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 Council has produced a website to help with ideas to hold an enjoyable and safe event. **Just scan the QR code!**



## Let there be light!



**This streetlight in the alleyway between Grove Avenue and Kent Grove had been broken for almost all of 2022.**

After becoming our local Councillor in October, Harry was contacted by residents of Windmill Grove in Portchester, who asked for his help due to the Liberal Democrat Councillor "not being interested".

After much determination and persistence, Harry got the streetlight back working and residents can now feel much safer walking through during periods of darkness.

If you know of any defective streetlight in Portchester, please make note of the number and location and pass it on the authorities on 0300 555 1388.

Alternatively, contact Harry overleaf.