

# Councillor Stephen Ingram: Working all-year-round for local people!

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## Councillor Stephen Ingram Reporting Back

### **It's alright for some! Nick Gregory votes himself an extra £3,852 per-year with YOU footing the bill!**

After being sacked by local Conservatives and condemned by Fareham South residents, now-Independent Councillor Nick Gregory has voted for himself to become a 'group leader' at Fareham Council.

This will 'earn' him an extra £3,852 per year in taxpayer-funded allowances, despite failing to attend 18 Council meetings as our representative.

*Only THREE out of the 31 Councillors in Fareham get this type of allowance!*



**Nick Gregory  
Time To Go**

**This will take his total taxpayer-funded allowance to a staggering £11,556 per-year, not including his other expenses.**

*Meanwhile, Nick Gregory has also demanded a room in the Council Offices for him to use as his political base.*

*Why should taxpayers' money, YOUR money, be used to pay for a Nick Gregory H.Q.?*

### **Nick Gregory may not look after Fareham South, but he's certainly looking after himself!**

*Boy racers and anti-social speeding...*

### **Enough is Enough!**

Anti-social driving is reckless, dangerous, disrespectful to residents and makes the lives of affected Fareham residents miserable.

Fareham Borough Council is working closely with local Neighbourhood Policing Teams and with partner agencies to tackle the issues, using covert and overt methods and could result in vehicles being seized and driving licences being forfeit!

Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, Councillor Joanne Burton, said: "I encourage anyone affected by any sort of anti-social behaviour to report incidents to the police so they can establish the scale of the problem and determine the most effective way to prevent it.

"I would also urge parents to ensure they know where their children are going and what they are doing so the community is not adversely impacted".



# Huge £30m investment to regenerate the Town Centre!

**Fareham Borough Council is taking another big step forward in its plans to breathe new life into Fareham Town Centre through a comprehensive programme of investment and regeneration.**

The new community, arts and entertainment venue, Fareham Live, with a total of around 1,000 seats, is already set to become a hugely important asset for the town with new modern parking alongside, and the Council is now considering the acquisition of a series of other assets, one of which is Fareham Shopping Centre.

Town centres across the country have been affected by the collapse of the department store sector, shifts in customers' shopping habits, and many high street brands either moving online or disappearing altogether.

While Fareham town centre has much to offer residents and visitors, with many national outlets and independent traders along with food and entertainment, it has been affected by national trends.

The Council wants to ensure that the town centre responds effectively and takes the opportunity to re-invent itself by offering a wide range of uses alongside vibrant and well-connected public spaces in order to ensure its success in the long term.

The Council has recently decided to take the bold step of setting aside over £30m of funding to support a significant regeneration programme.

Major investments are currently being made with the development of Fareham Live and the forthcoming demolition of the decaying Osborn Road multi-storey car park in favour of a new surface car park. The Council is now in active discussions with the owners regarding the possible acquisition of a series of town centre properties including Fareham Shopping Centre.

Work will be undertaken over the coming months to create a draft Regeneration Framework for public consultation and partner engagement.



**Conservative Councillors are seizing the opportunity to regenerate our Town Centre!**

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of the Council, said: "We are committed to the long-term regeneration of Fareham town centre and have been making plans over several years for how this may be achieved. People now look to town centres to provide a broader mix of leisure and social activities, as well as retail outlets offering products and services that are not so available online, together with opportunities for town centre living.

"We need to acknowledge that the private sector alone will not bring forward the regeneration of Fareham town centre. The Council will be leading on harnessing the resources of both the public and private sector to help deliver effective regeneration over the coming years.

"This injection of over £30m of funding is just the start of ensuring that the town centre delivers what the residents of Fareham need for the future. Looking ahead we will be taking the important step of seeking early views from all parts of the local community on the regeneration opportunities that lie ahead."



Your local Conservative Councillors are here all-the-year-round, tackling local issues and getting things done.  
**If Stephen, Pamela or Peter can ever be of help to you, please do get in touch.**

## Contact your local Fareham South Councillors



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Pamela Bryant & Peter Latham

**Action for our local area - see inside...**



## An update from Suella Braverman KC MP



**Suella Braverman writes:**

There would be no NHS without the staff who run it.

But as with other healthcare systems across the world, the NHS is facing significant challenges that mean patients are still waiting too long to get the care they need. So, in the NHS's 75th anniversary year, the Conservative government has set out a long term plan to staff our NHS.

First, we'll train more staff right here in the UK including doubling the number of medical training places and increasing the number of nursing and midwifery training places.

Second, we'll ensure that retention is prioritised and third, we'll modernise how NHS staff spend their time by increasing productivity to get more patients seen more quickly. Our long term NHS Workforce plan - the largest expansion in its history - will mean more staff, better care, shorter waiting time and better use of British technology.

## Shovels hit the ground at Welborne!

It was a momentous occasion to welcome the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to Fareham to see work begin at Welborne.

After more than 17 years of planning, the first of many hedges was planted and work has begun. Welborne will deliver 6,000 new homes and will include new schools, retail, business, healthcare and leisure facilities.



## Councillor Stephen Ingram gets things done!

# Working for Fareham South all-year-round

## Funding for Fareham Town Youth F.C.

**Our local Councillor Stephen Ingram steps up to personally fund £2,000 of vital improvements to Fareham Town Youth Football Club.**

Unfortunately, the pitches have been intentionally damaged by people driving cars over them, affecting training and matches. To address this issue, the club plans to install 50 bollards and an access gate. These measures will not only protect the pitches from vehicle damage but also prevent unauthorised access.

The total cost for the project is £6,000, and the club is seeking a £3,000 contribution from the Community Fund.

Additional funds will come from our local County Councillor Pamela Bryant's Community Grant (£1,000) and our local Borough Councillor Stephen Ingram's personal donation (£2,000).

Councillor Stephen Ingram said: "I couldn't just stand by and let them miss out on enjoying the facilities.

"I felt personally compelled to support this cause".



## Action on Cold Calling!

**Councillor Stephen Ingram writes:**

A lot of Fareham South residents have requested information from me regarding the problem of receiving cold callers. I understand the stress this can cause people, especially the older generation in our community.

If you are concerned, it may be a good idea to add security measures by either installing a spyhole or safety chain to your door. Unfortunately, these days, not everyone who calls at your door may be a genuine caller, so you should always be on your guard. The person stood on your doorstep could be a legitimate caller, a rogue trader, or even a distraction burglar.



But don't worry - If you always follow the three step plan (see alongside) you'll know exactly what to do. And remember any genuine caller or legitimate business will accept they have to wait whilst you make the appropriate checks.

I have arranged to obtain 'No Cold Calling' stickers, and will provide them free of charge to any resident that requires one. If anyone would like to receive a sticker please contact me by email or telephone overleaf.

## New Defibrillator for Fareham Baptist Church!



**Our local County Councillor Pamela Bryant reports:**

It was a great pleasure to be present when members of the Fareham Baptist Church in Gosport Road unveiled their community defibrillator which will be available to anyone in the local vicinity, should it be needed.

Wendy Townrow was most grateful to County Councillors Pamela Bryant and Peter Latham for funding it from their Community Grants to assist with the purchase of the machine.



# 3 Step Plan to Tackle Cold Calling

**Remember!** Genuine callers will accept they have to wait. It's your home - *you don't have to let anyone in!*

- 1** If in doubt, keep them out. It sounds simple, but if you don't let someone in - they will go away. Don't let them pressure you into opening your door.
- 2** Be prepared. Be in control. Think about what to say to any doorstep cold callers in advance.

Keep a list of key contact numbers near your phone so you can check out legitimate callers using reliable contact numbers for them.

You have the right to ask all other unwanted callers to go away and not return.

- 3** Call a neighbour or the police if you are suspicious of the cold caller.

Contact a local relative or nominated neighbour who can help verify a cold caller. **If you think someone is a rogue trader call 101.**



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