

Cllrs. Susan Bayford & Malcolm Daniells: Working all-year-round for local people!

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RE-OPEN OUR POLICE STATION

Our local Councillors Susan Bayford and Malcolm Daniells are campaigning to have the Park Gate Police Station reopened.

Council Leader Seán Woodward and Joanne Burton, Fareham's Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, met Hampshire's Police Commissioner Donna Jones and were joined by Fareham District Commander Spellerberg at the station to lobby her on the matter.

They pointed out that 40% of the population of Fareham Borough is in the western wards area yet there is no public access to a police station here.

Susan and Malcolm said "Many people would like to have a police station with a front desk that is available for in-person visits if only for a few hours in the day.

"Police stations provide reassurance and a useful local base for neighbourhood officers to operate out of. We would very much like to see such a facility again locally."

Donna Jones said, "Since becoming Police & Crime Commissioner I have reviewed the police estate and ended the disposal of police stations. This year, I have set aside £2 million to re-open front counters.

"I will look carefully at the case for reopening Park Gate Police Station to the public; it is a well-situated facility in a highly populated part of Fareham."

We need this police station re-opened to the public!



Trafalgar Theatres Chosen as Operator for Fareham Live



Fareham Borough Council has chosen Trafalgar Theatres as the new Operator for Fareham Live, the town's new community, arts, and entertainment venue.

Trafalgar Theatres is a renowned UK-based operator with a successful history in theatre and venue management. Their portfolio of 14 venues includes both regional and international theatres, live music venues, and concert halls, hosting a variety of top-notch performances, live music acts, stand-up comedy, ballet, and opera.

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

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Cllrs. Susan Bayford & Malcolm Daniells Reporting Back

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."



Local Locks Heath news - 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.



Councillors Susan Bayford and Malcolm Daniells get things done!

Working for Locks Heath all-year-round

Action on Anti-Social Behaviour!

Our local Councillor Susan Bayford was delighted to meet up with Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones recently at the skate park adjacent to the Locks Heath Centre. The skate park is owned by Fareham Borough Council (FBC) and is enjoyed by many young people in our area.

Unfortunately, on occasion, it has been vandalised with glass from the adjacent bottle banks being strewn over the play area and embedded in the grass. This is clearly a distressing matter which has the potential to cause serious harm to humans and animals.

At Susan's request, FBC is arranging for a fence to fill in the hedge gap between the bottle bank and the play area. Councillors Bayford and Daniells are pleased that Police Officers have been successful in dealing with anti-social behaviour at the Centre during the past year.



Susan Bayford, Seán Woodward, Donna Jones and Chief Inspector Chris Spellerberg.

Improving local parks

Our other local Councillor, Malcolm Daniells, recently visited the play park at Drakes Close to ensure that all the equipment was still in good working condition and that the park was well-maintained.

After his visit, Malcolm has requested that the grass be cut, the litter be collected, and the equipment be restored to its original quality.



Hosting Public Meetings

Malcolm and Susan were pleased to attend a public 'Community Action Team' meeting, to which all residents were invited to hear updates from the Council Leader and local police.

The police shared great news that an additional officer would be deployed to the area. They also emphasised the importance of reporting non-emergency criminal concerns to them via 101.

Campaigning all-year-round!

Councillor Malcolm Daniells and his team conducted a productive campaign day in Locks Heath, distributing surveys to randomly selected ward residents. The survey provided valuable insight into local issues. Residents not selected for the survey are encouraged contact their local Councillors overleaf for feedback or discussion.



Councillor Malcolm Daniells visited Fareham town centre during the council's annual 999 day event, which was reported to be the busiest one yet.

He expressed delight in seeing many families interested in emergency services, particularly the retired fire engines and American police cars.

The event was well-organised, and Malcolm hopes that next year's occasion will bring even more people into the town centre.

Cleaning-Up Locks Heath

Councillors Susan Bayford and Malcolm Daniells have received numerous complaints about dog fouling around Locks Heath.

This really shouldn't be an issue because Fareham has 606 litter bins that are suitable for disposing of dog waste.

However, if this changes, please inform him as leaving or improperly disposing of dog waste can result in a fine of £100.



Age Concern Hampshire - Lockwood Care & Wellbeing centre

Age Concern Hampshire's Lockwood Care and Wellbeing Centre, known for its valuable support to elderly residents, plans to expand its services by constructing an insulated outbuilding in the side garden area.

This extension will enable the charity to provide specialized activities for individuals with additional needs and offer accessible facilities to unpaid carers and the community.

Councillor Susan Bayford has been a regular visitor to the Day Centre, and they are hosting an open day on September 23, 5.30 pm - 9 pm, with tickets priced at £10.

For more information on their fundraising event, email visit their website at:

www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/volunteer-hampshire/come-along-to-an-event

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