



# RE-OPEN OUR POLICE STATION

**Our local Councillors Seán Woodward and Joanne Burton are campaigning to have the Park Gate Police Station reopened to the general public.**

Seán and Joanne met Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones and were joined by Fareham District Commander Chris 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.

Joanne, as Executive Member for Health & Public Protection, 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 afternoon or evening.

"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  
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public!***



# 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."



## The 'Keeping Sarisbury Green Team'



The Keeping Sarisbury Green Team continues to make a difference to our area. This group of over a dozen volunteers is doing great work around the local area to keep it looking beautiful.

Councillor Seán Woodward said, "I awarded the team a £1,000 grant earlier this year for plants and tools from my County Councillor grant fund which they have certainly put to good use.

Thank you to Ian, Anna and Jacq Scrace for your work for the group. It was lovely to meet you recently improving Sarisbury Green tennis courts.

## Contact your local Sarisbury & Whiteley Councillors



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## 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.



## Local News & Action from your Conservative Councillors...

# Working for Sarisbury & Whiteley all-year-round

## Sarisbury Community Speedwatch

The Sarisbury Community Speedwatch group of volunteers continues to dedicate its time to help make our roads safer. There are now over a dozen volunteers led by the amazing Stuart Kimber who are carrying out operations most days on a number of roads in Sarisbury including Barnes Lane, Botley Road, Brook Lane and Swanwick Lane. Those caught speeding receive letters from the police and repeat offenders will receive a visit from the Roads Policing Unit. Roads with particularly high speeds will have police speed traps set up.

The group's success was recognised by Police Commissioner Donna Jones when she invited Stuart to join us at her Fareham HQ to present him with a commendation for the group's work. If you would be interested in joining Sarisbury Community Speedwatch, please do contact Councillor Seán Woodward overleaf.



## War Memorial damage to be repaired

The recent incident of a driver veering off the road and causing damage to the Sarisbury War Memorial was highly disappointing.

The memorial's fencing and adjacent graves were affected. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the consequences could have been severe if someone had been on the pavement.



The driver, who walked away from the accident, will be held responsible for the damages through her insurers.

To ensure the site's safety, Fareham Borough Council will take prompt action to repair the memorial in time for the November Armistice Day service.

## County Councillor Grants

Councillor Seán Woodward writes:

It was good to speak to many of the volunteers of the charity Sophie's Legacy recently as I was able to fund a new gazebo for them through the County grant scheme.

If you are involved with a not-for-profit local group in the Sarisbury, Burrigge, Swanwick, Whiteley, Park Gate, Priory Park area please do make contact me if you have a particular project in mind.



## Show on The Green as good as ever!

The always-great Show on The Green was organised again by Sarisbury Green Community Centre.

Well done to Elliott Honey and all his colleagues from the residents of Sarisbury and farther afield - you have done us all proud again!

There were far too many attractions to mention them all but it was great to see Stuart and Tina Maggs with Katrina, the glorious showman engine.

Also a great display of classic cars by the members of Locks Heath Classic Car Club who always delight.



## 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".



## Coldeast Residents' Community Picnic

Councillors Seán Woodward writes:

We were very pleased to be invited by residents at Coldeast to join them for their community picnic on the lawn at Coldeast Mansion to raise money for the 'Friends of Fareham Community Hospital'.

It was good to be able to introduce Paul Holmes MP to local residents as, following the parliamentary boundary changes, he will be standing for Parliament for the new Hamble Valley seat which includes Sarisbury, Warsash, Park Gate, Locks Heath, Titchfield Common and Titchfield.

Thank you Alan Duncan, Diana Hindle, Stuart Kimber and the residents' association committee for making us welcome and for enabling 200 of your neighbours to have an enjoyable afternoon.