

# Cllrs. Mike Ford and Frair Burgess: Working all-year-round for local people!

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## What's in a Name!

Our local Councillor Mike Ford challenged the Warsash Residents' Association to suggest street names for the new developments along Brook Lane.

"I had been in contact with Taylor Wimpey and Bargate Homes through Council Officers so that local people could have a say in these required names"

Mike continues, "Lots of suggestions came forward, with the most innovative coming from popular local lady Pip Leach, a member of Warsash Residents' Association. Pip, on behalf a member of the Warsash Local History Society, produced a list of warships built in the River Hamble between 1338 and 1813."



From these, the Taylor Wimpey development will feature Seaford, Lizard, Arden, Penelope and Sirius. The Bargate developments will use in their street names, Fox, Griffon, Tribune, Thali, Phoenix, Galatea, Horatio and the first named one Falkland Drive, against which Mike and Pip are pictured. "How appropriate that these new roads will recognise the maritime and ship building history of Warsash," concludes Mike.

## 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 regional 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, from West End productions to 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 Frair or Mike can ever be of help to you, please do get in touch.

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## 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 Warsash & Hook 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.



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

# Working for Warsash & Hook all-year-round

## Danny Boy's Joy!

Local horse rider Jeanette contacted Councillor Mike Ford about the overgrown state of the bridleway that leads from the junction of Fleet End Road and Dibles Road, through to Warsash Road. This was preventing Jeanette and her grandson Albie from enjoying their rides along this popular stretch.

"This was creating a real problem for horse riders in general," said Mike, "So I arranged for the Hampshire Countryside team to undertake some major pruning of the bridleway to allow free access along its length"

Mike met with Jeanette and Albie, who was onboard Danny, to confirm that they could now enjoy their riding once more along the bridleway.



## Anti-Social Behaviour Action

Issues of speeding cars with 'modified' exhausts around Warsash have recently been sharply increasing. They congregate in the Passage Lane car park where other anti-social behaviour takes place, blighting the lives of many local residents,

Councillor Frair Burgess reacted quickly to resident's concerns, resulting in a meeting in the car park with herself, Mike, our MP and Home Secretary Suella Braverman, Police Commissioner Donna Jones, Chief Inspector Kearley and Inspector Young from Fareham Police. The result was that the Police would give the area a very high profile with regular night time visits. Fareham Council also installed a mobile CCTV camera system to identify any criminal behaviour and its perpetrators.

Frair commented, " On the back of this, we have seen a number of section 59s issued by the police which means that future illegal action would allow the police to seize offenders' cars. This isn't going to change overnight but the Police and the Council are very aware of the problem and acting positively".

## RE-OPEN OUR POLICE STATION

**Our local County Councillor Mike Ford recently visited Park Gate Police Station, which was closed to the public many years ago.**

"The Western Wards of Fareham represent 40% of the Borough's population, so it is important that we have a local police station accessible to the public.

"This should also be the base for the local Neighbourhood Policing

team, in order for them to better respond to local issues," says Mike.

He continues, "This has been driven locally and with the backing of Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones."

Mike is pictured with Donna and Fareham and Gosport's new District Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Spellerberg.



# Warsash Residents' Association

**Our local Councillors Frair Burgess and Mike Ford attend the monthly meeting of the Residents' Association to present local news, reports and items of interest, and to answer member's questions. A guest speaker is also usually present.**

"Meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday in each month (excluding July and August), at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall," explains Mike. He continues, "This superb local organisation has been representing the village for 90 years and provides an excellent forum for discussion and challenge on local matters. They are a non-political group and membership is open to all residents of Hook and Warsash."

Please visit the WRA website for more information at [www.warsashresidents.co.uk](http://www.warsashresidents.co.uk)

"I would recommend that you join to be able to keep updated on and contribute to, local issues. The Association also publish a superb monthly newsletter that is distributed to all members", concludes Mike.



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Local people know that Warsash & Hook are safest in Conservative hands

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