

Working all-year-round for local people: Conservative Councillors get things done!



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Friday Night Club has a new name!

With nearly 100 members registered, Friday Night Club provide great opportunities and enjoyment as they are assisted with the development of life skills. The aim is to seek to improve the lives of adults with mild and moderate learning difficulties whilst supporting their families in a friendly and informal manner.



They have created an environment which makes such a difference to the lives of so many Fareham residents who require individual assistance with their daily needs as well as giving them self-confidence, helping them feel valued and be valued within the community.

The charity, which now operates three days a week, has just received permission from the Charity Commission to change its name to **'Key to Joy'** which is considered more appropriate for the charity, this will hopefully assist with their business plan as the charity moves forward together with fundraising which in turn will assist the members.

OUR LOCAL TEAM

Melajane Herbert and
Daniel Sunley-Smith

Melajane and Dan are working closely with local County Councillor Pamela Bryant and Peter Latham to tackle local issues and problems.

Together, Melajane and Dan are an active team, working all-year-round to improve our local area.



While other parties only appear at election-time, Pamela and Peter are here working for you all-year-round!
IF YOU know of any local issue or problems Pamela and Peter may be able to help with, please get in touch.

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Pamela Bryant



Peter Latham

Support available from Hampshire County Council...

Fareham Town County Councillors
Pamela Bryant & Peter Latham
wish to share four useful
support services that Hampshire
County Council provides to
residents in-need of help.

Connect to Support Hampshire

Online resource aids Hampshire
adults with local groups,
activities, and services:

connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk

Blue Badge Scheme

The quickest and easiest way to
apply for a blue badge:

[hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/
bluebadge/howtoapply](http://hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/bluebadge/howtoapply)

Meals on Wheels

If you are concerned that a loved one
or someone else you know, is or will
be unable to feed themselves:

[hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/
adultsocialcare/meals-on-wheels](http://hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/meals-on-wheels)

Community Transport

A bookable door-to-door
accessible transport service:

[hants.gov.uk/transport/
alternativetransport/communitytransport](http://hants.gov.uk/transport/alternativetransport/communitytransport)

Conservative Councillors Reporting Back

Improving our Town Centre!

With the support of Conservative Councillors, Fareham Borough Council is making significant progress in rejuvenating and revitalising Fareham Town Centre.

Following the Council's recent purchase of Fareham Shopping Centre and adjacent units, the Council is now turning its attention to a regeneration plan for the Town Centre.

Public meetings with residents and businesses are being planned early in 2024 to seek views for what they would like to see happen in their Town Centre.

Conservative Councillors are working with the Council to get the whole community involved in the decision-making progress and he is eager to reshape the Town Centre to meet future needs.

The latest addition to Fareham Town Centre will be the new community, arts and entertainment venue of Fareham Live. With a total of almost 1,000 seats, it is already set to become a hugely important asset for the town, with new modern parking alongside.



Local Conservative Councillors are committed to regenerating the Town Centre!

The Christmas Lights Switch-on was also a great success again this year; thousands of residents of all ages attended the event, despite the rain!

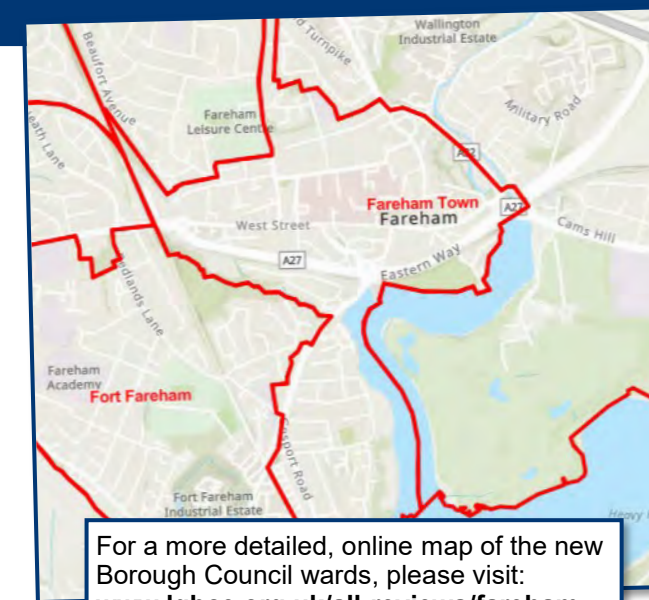
The event really brought the town together and, if you didn't get the chance to go this year, it is definitely worth earmarking for next year as the Council continues works to improve the Centre.

Our area is changing...

The old Council Wards of 'Fareham East', 'Fareham North' and 'Fareham South' have been replaced by a new Ward, having been drawn-up and named by local people, called **'FAREHAM TOWN'** Ward.

Our local County Councillors Pamela Bryant and Peter Latham have represented this area for many years on our Councils.

Pam and Peter now look forward to serving and supporting all the residents of the diverse new **'FAREHAM TOWN'** Ward, alongside our new local campaigners Melojane Herbert and Daniel Sunley-Smith.



For a more detailed, online map of the new Borough Council wards, please visit:
www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/fareham

Action to improve our local area - see inside...

An update from Suella Braverman MP



Suella Braverman writes:

In November's Autumn Statement, the government has announced a tax cut for 27 million people from January, rewarding hard work across Fareham.

In addition, the government is simplifying tax for 2 million self-employed, and I am delighted this will benefit Fareham's entrepreneurs. With £11 million a year removed from business taxes, **this is the biggest tax cut in modern British history!**

Fareham Community Hospital: New Renal Unit

I was delighted to join the official opening of the new Dialysis Unit at Fareham Community Hospital. Thank you to the team at QA who have worked to open this new multi-million pound health care facility, supported by my Taskforce which I have chaired for several years.

The new 25 bed renal dialysis unit will provide life saving treatment to 150 patients a week, helping with chronic kidney disease who would otherwise have to travel make miles for intravenous iron infusions, outpatient care and dialysis. We estimate that this new service will save over 300,000 miles of travel and make treatment more available to thousands of patients.

This is the latest in improvements that we have seen in recent years at Fareham Community Hospital. My Taskforce has been working with health partners to facilitate greater usage of this fantastic Hospital and I'm glad that we've seen a new Chemotherapy unit, Vaccination centre and Same Day Access to a GP at FCH over the last few years.



Local News and Action from our Conservative Councillors...

Working for Fareham Town all-year-round

CCTV for The Gillies!

Local Conservative Councillors have been successful in their campaign to reduce anti-social behaviour at The Gillies.



We are pleased to report that Fareham Council has obtained funding of over £20k to enable 3 CCTV cameras to be located at The Gillies.

Our local campaigner Daniel Sunley-Smith stated: "The installation of these cameras will go a long way to curbing the anti-social behaviour, which has been a problem in the area for some considerable time.

"It will also be a massive benefit to the police in identifying the problems in the area".

One is already in place as you enter the open space from the subway near Aldi, which will be moved to a stand-alone mast. The other two will be located at the entrance to the pathways from Briarwood Close and Redlands Lane. In addition, two deployable cameras have also been procure.

It's Conservative Councillors who get things done!

Daniel Sunley-Smith joins our team

We're delighted to say that local community campaigner Daniel Sunley-Smith has joined our *InTouch* team.



Daniel moved to Fareham two years ago with his young family to open a business.

As a business owner, he is passionate about small businesses, new business start ups and the regeneration of the high street.

Having previously worked with Boris Johnson in London, where he previously lived, he is committed to making sure that local people's voices are heard when decisions affecting them are made.



Daniel has a deep connection to ensuring the local authorities have the right support for people requiring support for their mental health, and as a father to an autistic son, raising awareness and help for parents in a similar situation.

Fareham Council Executive Member Ian Bastable writes:

We all want an easy to use waste collection service, and many people would like to be able to recycle a greater range of items; in particular, plastic tubs and trays which today *cannot* be recycled in Hampshire.

Part of planned government reforms are to have a unified recycling service across the country. As Fareham's Executive Member for Streetscene, I have been working with the government minister Rebecca Pow (see photo)

to agree a satisfactory way forward for the residents of Fareham that does not require seven separate bins. *This has resulted in recent announcements by the Prime Minister.*

Fareham's food waste is currently converted to energy, minimising the environmental impact. I am now insisting that a separate food waste collection service will only be implemented if it brings a net environmental benefit.

I am also working hard to simplify the remainder of the recycling collection service.

Waste & Recycling Update



Ian has successfully lobbied Government Minister Rebecca Pow.

Department for Transport

Help for Households

Save on Single Bus Fares

Capped to £2 until 31 December 2024

on most routes across England



To find out how the Government can help you Search 'Help for Households'

Good news! Bus fares have been reduced again to just £2 for a single journey, anywhere in Hampshire!

Trees, trees, trees!

Our local Campaigner Melojane Herbert writes:

I am pleased to announce new tree plantings at Bath Lane Park and Park Lane.

When local Conservatives Councillors say we want a cleaner, greener Fareham, we get on, keep our promises, and make it happen!

If **YOU** know of anywhere that could do with a tree planting, please let us know overleaf.



Remember - Local Conservatives have kept the Borough's Council Tax the 4th lowest in England AND protected local services That's an impressive record!