

Cllr. Stephen Ingram & Freya North: Working all-year-round for local people!

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Councillor Stephen Ingram & Freya North Reporting Back

Crossfell Walk Play Area Progress Report

Success! Following on from Councillor Stephen Ingram's persistence in getting a new play area at Crossfell Walk, the next stage of its development has now been reached.

In September, Fareham Borough Council consulted with over 300 residents on how the play area and surrounding space could be improved.

The most frequent suggestions that residents said they would like to see at Crossfell Walk play area was:

- * Play equipment for older children;
- * Inclusive play equipment; * Play for toddlers;
- * Trim trail/gym equipment;
- * Play equipment for juniors; * Floor graphics

Popular items of new play equipment that people would like included were:

- * Bicycle roundabout; * Flat swings;
- * A hammock swing; * Rotating see-saw;
- * Springies; * Ball practice targets;
- * Inclusive equipment such as a low-level multi-unit, sensory walkway, play panel and games, communication board; * Bike hoops;
- * Trim trail equipment (suitable for all ages, located outside of the play area)



Councillor Stephen Ingram is working to improve Crossfell Walk Play Area for our local community!

People were also supportive of making the play area one larger area by removing the pathway that runs through the middle, and redirecting people around it using an existing pathway.

If **YOU** have any further comments or suggests about improvements to the play area, please let Stephen know at the earliest opportunity. This project will become a reality by the spring of 2024, which will be great for the children in the area.

Work to improve the Crossfell Walk Play area is due to start by Spring 2024 - thanks to our local Conservative Councillors!

While other parties only appear at election-time, Stephen and Freya are here working for you all-year-round!
If Stephen or Freya can ever be of help to you, please do get in touch.

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Working for Fareham all-year-round

Improving our Town Centre!

With the support of Councillor Stephen Ingram, 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.

Councillor Stephen Ingram is 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.



Councillor Stephen Ingram is 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 South' and 'Fareham West' have been replaced by a new Ward, having been drawn-up and named by local people, called **'FORT FAREHAM'** Ward.

Councillor Stephen Ingram has already gained a reputation for being incredibly proactive and hard-working in the old 'Fareham South' Ward over the past 2 years.

Stephen now looks forward to serving and supporting all the residents of the diverse new **'FORT FAREHAM'** Ward, alongside our new local campaigner Freya North.

Freya North joins our team

We are delighted to say that local community campaigner Freya North has joined our Conservative *InTouch* Team.

Freya is a local athlete and was born & bred in Fareham; she's already well-known for her efforts to help other members of our community in tackling local issues and problems.

Freya is working with local Councillor Stephen Ingram to deal with the problems of crime and anti-social behaviour in and around The Gilles.

Together, Freya & Stephen are a proactive team, working all-year-round to improve our local area.



Action for 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 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.



Councillor Stephen Ingram & Freya North get things done!

Working for Fort Fareham all-year-round

CCTV for The Gillies!

Our local Councillor Stephen Ingram has been successful in his campaign to reduce anti-social behaviour at The Gillies.

Working with Fareham Council, Stephen is pleased to report that they have obtained funding of over £20k to enable 3 CCTV cameras to be located at The Gillies.

Councillor Stephen Ingram 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.

Conservative Councillors get things done!



Fareham's Grit Bins

As we approach winter it is vital that residents can access grit bins in Fareham if there is adverse weather. With this in mind, Councillor Stephen Ingram and our local campaigner Freya North conducted a survey of the bins in the new 'Fort Fareham' Ward.

In most cases, they found that the bins are full, however there are a few that need topping-up.



Stephen and Freya have informed the County Council and it is hoped that nay in need of attention will be dealt with *before* we get any icy weather or snow.

As we go through the winter months, it is important that residents know they can use the bins free-of-charge.

If **YOU** know of any bins that are broken or need filling please let Stephen and Freya know overleaf and they will get action for you.

Action on Broken Road Signs: Longfield Avenue, Redlands Lane & St Michael's Grove

A number of local residents have alerted local campaigner Freya North to broken road name signs around the new 'Fort Fareham' Ward.

Freya has reported the following broken road signs to the Council to be fixed or replaced completely:

- * Longfield Avenue (at the Newgate Lane roundabout);
- * Redlands Lane (by Gosport Road);
- * On the crossroads of Fairfield Avenue and St. Michael's Grove.

If **YOU** know of any damaged road signs, please let Freya and Councillor Stephen Ingram and know by contacting them overleaf.

When something needs doing around our local area... It's Stephen and Freya who get things done!



Fort Fareham Woodland

Freya North is campaigning to improve the Fort Fareham Woodland area and clear the Fort of litter, graffiti and dumped-rubbish.

Freya says: "The Fort itself is just one of many around Fareham. Fareham has a rich heritage and we have a duty to future generations to do our bit to conserve our culture for years to come."

That is why Freya has now launched a campaign to smarten-up the Fort Fareham Woodland area. Freya is working with Conservative Councillors to remove dumped-rubbish and fly-tipping (particularly broken glass), strengthen the footpath, and provide more litter and dog bins where they're most needed.

The ring of forts and defences around Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth was built in the 1860s on the orders of Prime Minister Lord Palmerston to defend the naval base against a threatened attack by the French.

But the threat never materialised thanks to the Royal Navy's huge superiority and the forts became known as Palmerston's Follies. Fort Fareham served as an anti-aircraft battery in World War II and afterwards as the Council's nuclear bunker!



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

Councillor Stephen Ingram & Freya North - Working for YOU!

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