

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

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Working to improve Brook Lane Road Safety

Our local Councillors Frair Burgess and Mike Ford are working with County Councillor Seán Woodward and Hampshire Highways officers to deliver safety improvements on Brook Lane, especially in the vicinity of Brookfield School.

So far, they have been successful in obtaining road markings, signage, safety railings and parking restrictions. They are now leading the campaign to get new controlled pedestrian crossings to aid children's safe routes to and from the local schools.

Councillor Seán Woodward was successful achieving the crossing on Lockwood Road however despite the traffic/pedestrian surveys he had carried out on Brook Lane, the results of which certainly justify a crossing south of the Brook Lane/Headland Drive roundabout, finding a suitable location has, due to restricted pavement width and the visibility issues for traffic coming up Lockwood Road and turning left into Brook Lane, so far proved impossible. *But he won't give up!*

Now, Frair and Mike are working with Seán to look into the possibility of acquiring land adjacent to the footway near to the school for use as a controlled crossing.



Our local Councillors Frair Burgess and Mike Ford are keeping up the fight for more safety improvements for Brook Lane.

This would have the benefit of being as close as possible to the desired route that the children want to use, or else it will simply not be used. This is why it cannot be sited north of the roundabout.

Additionally, our local Councillors have also persuaded Council Officers to investigate the feasibility of controlled crossings both near Fareham Community Hospital and at the top of Brook Lane, adjacent to Bridge Road/A27.

It's Conservative Councillors who are getting things done! Working for Warsash & Hook, Working for YOU!

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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Cllrs. Frair Burgess & Mike Ford Reporting-Back

Local Police are listening to residents and Councillors...

SPEEDING ON WARSASH ROAD AND BROOK LANE

Brook Lane and Warsash Road have always suffered from excessive speeding. But newly promoted acting Sergeant Sinead Butler, head of the Fareham West Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and her colleagues, have acted swiftly.

Our local Councillor Frair Burgess comments on the work that this team are doing: "As soon as I communicated the issue to the Police and, listening to residents' concerns, Sinead and her team set up Traffic Speed Operations".

In less than an hour and a half, one evening, 8 tickets were issued for excessive speed as well as the team speaking to a few others and providing words of advice. "I am so very grateful for the work our Fareham West NPT do. They listen and they act".



Tackling Speeding in Warsash
Councillor Frair Burgess with
Police Sergeant Sinead Butler

Sergeant Sinead Butler also recently attended the Warsash Residents Association meeting to ensure that residents had the chance to hear about what her team are doing and was happy to answer many questions. These Traffic Speed Operations are planned to be running regularly. **Watch your speed!**

Some good news for our local community...

Park Gate Police Station is set to re-open!



Success! When our local Conservative Councillors visited the Park Gate Police Station, they launched a campaign to save the front counter and get it re-opened to the public if they possibly could. **And they've got it done!**

Thanks to our local Councillors Frair Burgess & Mike Ford, Park Gate Police Station is set to re-open! We will see the police station front counter opened in the spring which will very much help increase the visibility and public confidence.

When something needs doing to improve Warsash & Hook...
It's our local Conservative Councillors who get things done!

More Local News & Action - see inside...



Beware... Sheep!

Our local Councillor Mike Ford writes:

May I warn those who walk their dogs in the field at the end of Hook Park Road (opposite Workmans Lane) to be careful and consider putting your dog on a lead.

This area, that contains a Public Right of Way, is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, principally for its species-rich grassland and also its important old trees. It is classed as Priority Habitat parkland and its herb-rich grassland is particularly noteworthy, adding great wildlife value to the site. Advice received from the Council's Ecologists is that the land needs more active management to enhance the grassland, and this is a responsibility they are seeking to fulfil. Damage is noted in areas used for dog walking (paths have a much less diverse flora). Grazing is a very important part of the land's management, with grazing animals breaking up the grassland thatch and allowing more gaps for herbs to grow. Accordingly, use of the land by sheep is very important to responsible management of the site and should be supported.

Sheep and cattle are far more effective in achieving the environmental objectives for the land than horses. May I ask therefore that you do take care when using the field, to allow the sheep to get on with their important job. You may be interested in this linked video that explains the Countryside Code and effective control of your dog at youtu.be/nixVnq6DejY.

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

Councillors Frair Burgess and Mike Ford get things done!

Working for Hook-with-Warsash all-year-round



Inappropriate Bus Stop Location: Brook Lane

Whilst Taylor Wimpey was creating the entrance and traffic islands to their new development in Brook Lane, the original bus shelter and post (with timetable attachment) were removed by them and stored on their site.

The entrance road to the site and islands were completed a few months ago, yet the temporary bus stop remains in place with the original bus shelter still on the building site.

After being contacted by local resident, Glenda Edmondson, our local Councillor Frair Burgess took the issue up: "I have arranged for the bus stop to be returned closer to its original (and safer) position and hopefully, the shelter reinstated, although some refurbishment of it will likely be needed.

"I will be keeping a close eye on this to ensure that promised actions do indeed happen," concludes Frair.



Renal Unit Opens!

Councillor Mike Ford writes:

"October brought the opening of the new Renal Unit alongside the Fareham Community Hospital". Mike continues: "The introduction of this state-of-the-art 25-bed renal dialysis unit is a great asset for the Fareham community. The site will treat 150 patients per week and is estimated to save upwards of 300,000 miles of travel for patients, making life a lot easier for those who previously had to regularly travel great distances to get lifesaving treatment and making treatment more available to thousands of patients in the local area."

"The picture shows MP Suella Braverman with members of the medical teams, along with representatives of the Friends of Fareham Community Hospital, including my wife Anne and past Mayoress who chairs the group."

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.

Pathway Problems!



Councillor Mike Ford reports on the River Hamble pathway from Warsash up to the Universal Boatyard and the management of the 'Bunny Meadows Nature Reserve'.

"These are both affected by sea level rise and the resulting erosion caused by storms and tides that are occurring far more frequently and aggressively than previously" says Mike. "In the short term, Hampshire Countryside Services are making repairs to the surface of the path and the breaches and are installing some improved signage that will make it clear that the path may not be able to be used at high tide (especially the spring tides).

To assist with access, they are also developing a new path through the land to the east that will provide an alternative route when the path is flooded. Material used in any repairs and maintenance have to be approved by Natural England and this does result in these not being a permanent solution", Mike explains.

"There are several studies taking place looking at the future of the management of the Nature Reserve, including how the creation of new areas of saltmarsh might help mitigate the impact of the sea level rise on the main path and other features within the Reserve."

"They will of course be consulting with people once these long-term studies have been completed and analysed."