

Councillors Nick & Sue Walker: Working all-year-round for local people!

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Cllrs. Nick Walker & Sue Walker Reporting Back

New Trees: Linden Lea, Dore Avenue, Portchester Park & Newtown



Our local Councillor Nick Walker is pleased to share the announcement of more trees being planted in Portchester.

- * Linden Lea
- * Dore Avenue
- * Portchester Park & Portchester Community Centre (x2)
- * Newtown

Nick says: "When local Conservatives Councillors say we want a cleaner, greener Portchester, we get on and make it happen!"

"I'm looking forward to more tree planting soon!"

Support available from Hampshire County Council...

Our other local Councillor Harry Davis wishes 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

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

Community Transport

A bookable door-to-door accessible transport service:

hants.gov.uk/transport/alternativetransport/communitytransport

Improving Portchester Precinct!

At long, long last, Portchester Precinct is set to get a facelift after our local Councillors Nick & Sue Walker agreed plans with County Council Officers.

The Council is to enlarge the areas around the trees (which will end the tree root and uneven paving problem), improve CCTV coverage of the Precinct, install new seats and waste bins, and trim back the trees early next year.

"This is long overdue and very welcome" said Sue Walker. "We are pleased the County Council has listened to traders, residents and our concerns. This is following the on-site meeting with Hampshire's Cabinet Member for Highways".

Our other local Councillor Nick Walker said: "When local Conservatives say we will improve the Precinct, we keep our promise and work hard to make it happen."



These improvements follow on from the very successful opening of the Soothills bakery, with queues out the door. The Christmas Lights Switch-on event was also a great success.

It's improvements like these that will improve footfall to our Precinct!

It's what our Precinct needs and deserves!

Claire Turner joins our team!

We are delighted to say that local community campaigner Claire Turner has joined our Portchester InTouch Team.

Claire is already well-known for her efforts to improve Portchester and tackle litter. **Claire Turner writes:**



For over four decades Portchester has been home.

Chalk hilltops, rolling countryside. a monumental castle, and 4-miles of picturesque coastline make it unique and beautiful.

I see litter as, metaphorically speaking, as a social cry for help. In 2019, I co-created the Litter Ladies [That Lunch], where hundreds of residents cleaned. Volunteers were a powerful advocate of unity. The great news is, through knowledge, everyday waste has the potential for revolution, innovation, transformation, and entrepreneurship of creative enterprise.

Through the challenges I faced, I learnt that spiritual connectivity and sovereignty of your own opinions are the ultimate freedom. A fresh message that young people matter, and you can flourish.

Having fostered a Ukraine family in 2022, helping them to settle and set up their own start up business. I aim to campaign to protect biological single-sex spaces and challenge unquestioned ideologies that confuse and impact on safe boundaries which were hard-won rights of women and children.

I look forward to hearing what views matter to you.

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Nick Walker



Sue Walker

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Local Portchester news - see inside...

An update from Suella Braverman KC 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.



ACTION from your Councillors Nick Walker & Susan Walker Working for Portchester all-year-round



Demolition of Assheton Court!

Fareham Borough Council has announced that demolition work has now begun on its Assheton Court site in Portchester.

Once completed, the new Assheton Court will provide 60 sheltered housing apartments for the over 55s, with significant improvement in terms of facilities, accessibility, quality of build and layout.

The Council is taking a 'greener' approach wherever possible to ensure new homes and buildings are energy efficient, such as installing solar panels and air source heat pumps, and Assheton Court will be no exception.



Coffee & Catch-Up with residents who moved from Assheton Court to Sir Randal Cremer House

Our local Councillor Sue Walker had a lovely visit with Councillor Connie Hockley to meet with the residents who moved from Assheton Court to the new Sir Randal Cremer House.

The Council has worked with the remaining residents to help them move to new apartments at Sir Randal Cremer House, so that Assheton Court can be demolished and redeveloped.

Sue is pleased to say that all residents have now settled in and they are very grateful for the help from Fareham Borough Council Officers with the move and support they have received throughout the transition.

Success! Portsview Avenue is to be resurfaced

Following a long campaign, our local Councillors Nick & Sue Walker are delighted to report that they have persuaded the Highway's Authority to resurface Portsview Avenue.

Nick & Sue worked closely with our other Conservative Councillor Harry Davis to survey local residents and invited Hampshire's Cabinet Member for Highways down to Portchester to see the problem.

Thanks to Nick & Sue, working for our community, Portsview Avenue is due to be fully resurfaced in March next year, for the first time in decades!

When something needs doing in Portchester... it's Nick & Sue who get things done!



Y-CAT Meetings!



Councillor Sue Walker writes:

'Y-CAT' meetings are being held again for the first time since 2019.

They give young people the opportunity to speak up about their local priorities with the Executive Leader of the Council, and it was a pleasure to join fellow Councillors at the November Y-CAT meeting.

Young people from across the Borough engaged and gave useful feedback on subjects which included transport (buses, cycle paths and trains), Community Safety (anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol), Leisure Facilities (leisure centres, skateparks and having somewhere safe to go), and Emotional Wellbeing (mental health, social media, relationships and having someone to talk to).

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