

Cllrs. Pamela Bryant & Louise Clubley: Working all-year-round for local people!

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Councillors Pamela Bryant and Louise Clubley Reporting Back

Friday Night Club has a new name!

Our local Councillors Pamela Bryant and Louise Clubley were delighted to be joined by the Leader of the Council when Trustees were able to explain the daily running of the charity.



With nearly 100 members registered, they 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.



Pamela with Chris Mouat, the Joint-Chair of Trustees

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.

Support available from Hampshire County Council...

Our local 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

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 our Town Centre!

With the support of Councillors Pamela Bryant and Louise Clubley, Fareham Borough Council is making significant progress in rejuvenating and revitalising the 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.

Pamela and Louise are working with the Council to get the whole community involved in the decision-making progress and they are 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.



Louise & Pamela 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.

Your local Conservative Councillors are here all-the-year-round, tackling local issues and getting things done.

If Pamela, Louise or Peter can ever be of help to you, please do get in touch.

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Louise Clubley



Pamela Bryant & Peter Latham

Success! Arundel Drive Highway Improvements



Arundel Drive has undergone a significant revitalisation, with recent pavement and road surface improvements thanks to our local Councillor Pamela Bryant.

Apologies to local residents for the disruption and inconvenience while Hampshire Highways have been carrying out works to the pavements and road surfaces for some weeks.

This was necessary works required before the winter weather sets in as the pavements hadn't been properly resurfaced since the estate was constructed some 65/70 years ago. The road surface has had several areas of patching over the years, but having a concrete base causes the top surface to break up over time.

Hopefully with these works recently completed it will last for some time. However, residents are requested not to park on the grass verges and whenever possible to use their drives for parking.



BEFORE - Arundel Dr. now has a fresh road & resurfaced pavements!

Local Uplands & Funtley news - 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.



Councillors Pamela Bryant & Louise Clubley get things done!

Working for Uplands & Funtley all-year-round



Welborne Site Visit

Our local Councillors Louise Clubley and Pamela Bryant along with other Councillors were invited to view the groundworks taking place at the start of Welborne Garden Village.

Buckland Development invited members from the local wards to a presentation and site visit as they explained the initial groundworks that have been taking place during the past few months. Much of the utilities required are being buried with landscaping taking place at the same time.

All the soil is being repurposed within the site and two large ponds are being set across the area along with parks being designed and mature trees soon to be planted. The overhead pylons will be taken down, but possibly not until 2025.

All of the dwellings will be built to a traditional design and will incorporate a village centre providing commercial and community uses, providing enough space for small businesses that will help give Welborne its own character.

Fishers Hill - Update

Approval to implement a permanent modal filter which would close Fishers Hill to motorised vehicles was an item at the November Decision Day for the HCC Cabinet member.

Pamela Bryant, as our local County Councillor, made a deputation on behalf of residents living in North Fareham and Funtley who would be adversely affected by such a decision. Pamela was delighted by some excellent deputations, including one given by a Funtley resident who explained in detail how the village would suffer from extra traffic as well as making journeys longer for some drivers.

Sadly, none of these very valid reasons were taken into account, and it is proposed that Fishers Hill will in future prevent most vehicles from using it as a through road, although it will still allow walking, cycling, horse-riding and emergency services to pass.

New Traffic Regulations: Kennedy Ave, Beaumont Rise & Frosthole Cres

Our local County Councillors Pamela Bryant and Peter Latham have welcomed the news that, in view of ongoing road safety concerns when children are going to and from Orchardlea School, it is intended to implement new waiting restrictions to protect junctions from parked vehicles, allowing adequate space for pedestrians to check for oncoming traffic by not obstructing their line of site.

'No Waiting at any time' is proposed on the junctions of Beaumont Rise together with Frosthole Crescent and Kennedy Avenue with the junction of Highlands Road.

Wynton Gardens



Pamela Bryant, in her capacity as our County Councillor, was delighted to be joined by the Leader and Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllrs. Rob Humby & Roz Chadd (pictured above) to meet with staff and users - many with mild learning disabilities - attending the Horticultural site in Wynton Way.

Whilst the visit took place on a rather wet day, it was clear to see the tremendous time and effort given by everyone with such variety of plants and diverse settings, while making it such a thriving and well stocked garden all-year-round, with much of the fruit and vegetables used in their own kitchen. It is a credit to everyone involved.

Now that they have use of the Kershaw building next door, they are able to enjoy social events in a homely and comfortable setting, including inviting local residents to pop in on Wednesday mornings and join them for coffee and cake, all priced very reasonably.

Find out more at:

**Wynton Way Horticultural Site
Wynton Way, Fareham PO15 6NR**

Postal Voting in Fareham

Voters can apply online to vote by post.

Both online and paper applications will now also require ID Verification, this will be in the form of the voter's National Insurance Number.

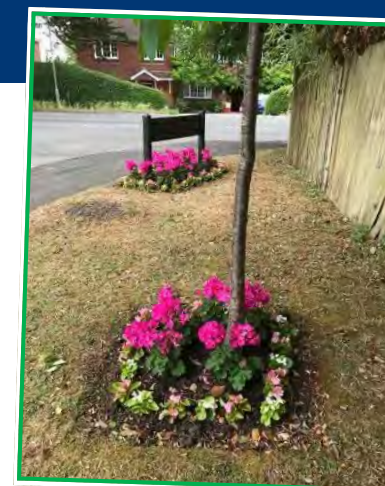
**To apply online, please visit:
www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote**

Postal Vote holders will have to reapply for a postal vote every three years. The earliest date for this will be 2026.

In Bloom!

Congratulations must go to all the residents of Burnham Wood who once again excelled themselves with a fantastic display of colour in their gardens and a delightful entrance from Kiln Road, including a perfectly manicured streetscene throughout.

It obviously impressed the judges, awarding a 'Thriving Award' in the 'It's your Neighbourhood' category!



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