



InTouch

TITCHFIELD COMMON WARD

‘End this hospital red tape scandal’ says Sarah

DEMANDS are mounting for an end to NHS red tape which is stifling expansion of much needed services at Fareham Community Hospital.

The £24m showpiece has been open just over 5 years, but is tangled in a web of officialdom.

Titchfield Common **Conservative** candidate **Sarah Pankhurst** says: “It’s a scandal. How can a hospital cater for the community if it only opens Mondays to Fridays for 45 hours a week?”

Medical bosses say the building is totally under-used and there’s nobody in overall control.

Ironically, it is the NHS that insists the hospital must be fully used before it can be developed to completion.

InTouch revealed recently that extra services proposed by the NHS Property Services Agency would have to rent space at commercial rates.

Sarah Pankhurst said: “This is why the Red Cross medical loans store has not been used for the last 5 years due to the excessive rent demanded.

“Thankfully, this has now been resolved and Fareham & Gosport CCG will pay the rent. I am pleased to announce that the loan store was opened in March.”

The CCG plans full use of the hospital by contracting out more outpatient clinics and it wants a minor injuries unit and other diagnostic facilities to provide a wider range of services closer to the community.

It also plans to provide further services at the hospital and a day care centre for dementia sufferers.

Sarah Pankhurst added: “I will support my colleagues and our MP to

ensure that the hospital operates in the interests of residents, that we continue to progress in making essential services available and that our hospital is fully developed for you to use.

“I want to see effective management in place of bureaucracy and service delivery to respond to need



Closed today: Fareham Community Hospital where they work office hours and a 5-day week.

and reduce waiting lists.

“I am committed to the NHS and to improved management and I will continue to work for this and report back on progress.”

Fareham MP Suella Fernandes persuaded Health Minister Jeremy Hunt to visit the hospital.

He stated: “It was extremely useful to sit down with the key people in the local health economy.

“They have some really exciting ideas to deliver better care at Fareham Community Hospital and to properly join up health and social care.

“I look forward to helping where I can and have asked to be kept updated on progress through Suella Fernandes.”

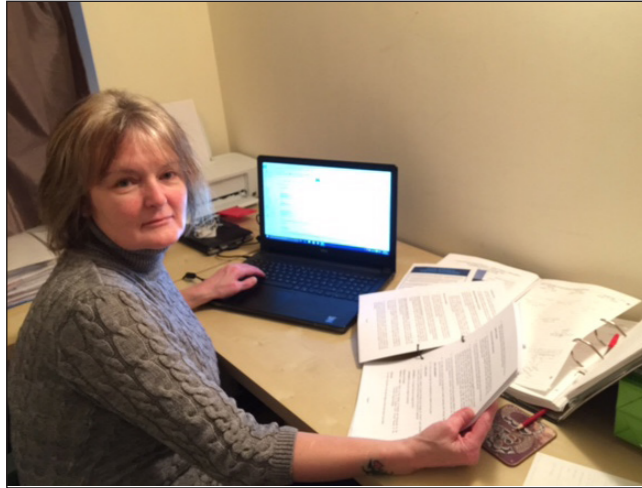
Suella said: “We can do more with Fareham Community Hospital and so I set up Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce to provide leadership and clear strategy on making better use for all.

“I am sure that local campaigners like **Sarah Pankhurst** will contribute to a brighter future for the Hospital.”

HEIGHT OF BUREAUCRACY

- 5 separate NHS organisations must be consulted before any action can be taken
- Clinical Commissioning Group contracts services from other NHS agencies, including QA and Southampton General Hospitals, from 8am to 8pm five days a week
- Open only until 5.30pm daily as receptionists and cleaners are employed by another NHS trust

'I'm available any hour, every day of the week'



Dear Residents

I am your **Conservative** candidate and have a proven track record and ability to represent you effectively.

Many of you will have seen I communicate at every hour - be it early or very late in the day and I am available and ready to work another term in the interests of everyone in Titchfield Common.

Since being elected in 2012, I have learnt so much about Titchfield Common and you, the residents.

I have held the following positions within the Council: Vice Chairman Public Protection and Leisure & Community Review Panels, member of Scrutiny Board, Public Protection Panel and the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee.

I have also represented the Borough Council on the Abshot Community Centre committee.

I have worked hard to achieve an extensive refurbishment grant for the Abshot Community Centre with work due to start on its roof in April and internal refurbishment thereafter.

I have supported residents to achieve refurbished play areas in Abshot Road, Birchen Road and more recently Course Farm Crescent play area.

I respond timely to telephone calls and Emails and will continue to strive for the voice of Titchfield Common to be heard.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve as your councillor for Titchfield Common for another 4 years and when you go to the ballot box on May 5, please pause and reflect upon **CONSERVATIVE** achievements in the ward and across the Borough.

Then vote for the **ONLY** party that can deliver the goods year after year while giving you value for every penny of your council tax.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pankhurst

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Frozen your council tax for 7 years. We are 5th lowest of 201 councils in England
- New community centres in Fareham, Portchester, Whiteley. Many others upgraded. New £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre at Sarisbury.
- Daedalus Solent Enterprise Zone to provide thousands of marine/aerospace/aviation jobs
- Hundreds of new affordable homes
- Upgrades/replacements for many children's play areas, skate parks, changing rooms and pavilions
- Millions in grants to local organisations. 100% charity shops rate relief
- Operation Resilience to improve roads across the borough
- New Market Quay shopping centre and cinema
- Provided new CEMAST college, business innovation centre (now full), resurfaced runway at Solent Enterprise Zone, Daedalus
- Removed buses from Quay Street roundabout and provided new bus lane in Western Way
- Planned for most of our housing needs at Welborne to help protect strategic countryside gaps between Fareham and its villages

Fareham was 'love at first sight' for Sarah

Sarah moved to Fareham from Kent in 2007 and fell in love with the area.

She has 3 boys who attend schools in the Western Wards.

She works shifts for the NHS which she says is the best health service in the world.

"Shift work can be difficult but I relish challenges and many residents will have seen that I send emails at all times of the day including very early hours of the morning after a late shift."

As her first term as ward councillor nears the end, Sarah can be proud of her achievements in helping residents and organisations. She says: "I believe in communities and admire the committees I have worked with for their dedication."

"I believe the young through to the more mature of my residents in Titchfield Common should have access to the right to have their voices heard and I believe that in these last 4 years, I have achieved this goal."

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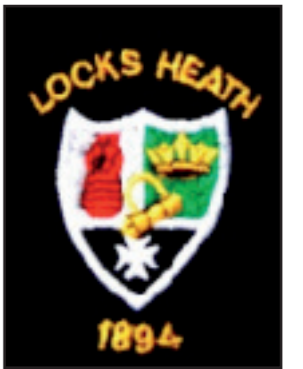
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Clubs thank Sarah for resolving issues with Borough Council



TWO local clubs have praised Sarah Pankhurst for helping them with problems involving the Borough Council.

Locks Heath Sports & Social Club and Locks Heath Football Club secretaries wrote to thank her for her tireless work.

1 Social Club secretary Terry Stanley says:

Councillor Pankhurst, as ward councillor, became involved with several disputes that arose in the area and is to be thanked for her part in their resolution.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- Continue to maintain almost the lowest council tax in the country while making savings and preserving front-line services
- Plan for housing needs at Welborne to preserve countryside gaps between the town and villages
- Improve Newgate Lane by building new southern section, aim to achieve funding for Stubbington bypass which has planning consent
- Improve A27 between Segensworth and town centre with dual carriageway, redesign station roundabout/Gudge Heath Lane/Redlands Lane junctions
- Continue to deliver a Vision for the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus to provide thousands of highly skilled jobs and infrastructure
- Carefully consider plans for an electricity interconnector at Daedalus
- Work hard to ensure certain delivery of 6,000 homes and 6,000 jobs at Welborne by 2036, plus infrastructure (secondary school, 3 primary schools, bus rapid transit and a new all-moves M27 junction 10
- Fight hard any planning appeals which threaten our strategic countryside gaps
- Provide new parkland at Coldeast, new Western Wards cemetery

In May 2015, when relationships between Locks Heath Sports & Social Club and Fareham Borough Council, the club's landlords, appeared to be somewhat stressed, she offered to attend committee meetings to improve the relationships towards FBC and the club's neighbours.

Councillor Pankhurst was welcomed aboard and co-opted to the committee.

Since then she has attended all but one committee meeting.

We at the club and our neighbours and FBC have greatly benefitted from her participation.

The club now has a good working relationship with all associated departments at FBC, and Councillor Pankhurst has been and is integral to this.

2 Football club secretary Alan Cooper writes:

The club is extremely grateful to Councillor Sarah Pankhurst for the assistance and advice provided to us when submitting our Deputation to the March 2016 meeting of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel.

The Deputation was a request for training facilities that are much required by the club in order to ensure of a positive future, primarily for the club's youth teams.

Councillor Pankhurst guided us through the procedures and requirements and advised every step of the way.

Despite having an extremely busy programme, she found time to read our draft reports and we appreciated the unfailing attention to detail.

She advised us of all the last minute snags and, although we were worried that something might fall through the cracks, Councillor Pankhurst anticipated every contingency.

The support and encouragement were delivered professionally and were particularly insightful.

The Deputation was well received by the panel and the club now looks forward to a resolution.

Sarah Pankhurst says: "I promise always to LISTEN to your concerns, then to ACT. Contact me any time. Nothing's too small."

Around the ward with Sarah Pankhurst

Bedford Drive flooding fears



The sandbags are on the doorstep of this house in Bedford Drive where residents have been plagued by flooding since the homes were built. Sarah is working with County Council officers and County Councillor Geoff Hockley to find a solution before the street is adopted.

RESIDENTS in Bedford Drive say they are at their wits end and nervous at each rain shower.

They decided to approach **Councillor Sarah Pankhurst**.

One said: "With Sarah's help we have brought the problem to the attention of the officers at Hampshire County Council and feel that before the Council adopts Bedford Drive, this flooding issue needs to be solved.

"We are pleased that our concerns have finally be listened to and our voice heard".

Locks Heath Free Church

Locks Heath Free Church is a very important asset to Titchfield Common.

Being a very popular church with many service users, the site was limiting both for the congregation and users of the church's facilities.

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst says: "The church had outgrown its facilities and had applied for planning permission.

"There were concerns from immediate neighbours but I felt the church was saving Hampshire County Council expensive social service provision costs and wanted to support the application.

"The church provides much needed youth facilities plus events for families and all ages.

"I was pleased to hear that the planning

application for an extension to the church was successful and now wish the church all the best for their future.

"There have been many fund raising activities and there is still a way to go, but hopefully it won't be long before the much needed extra space and facilities can be started."

Streamleaze infill

Fareham has a dire need for affordable housing but not at the cost of poor development and certainly not with micro infill.

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst

was asked by residents of Streamleaze to support them in their opposition to a proposed development in the rear garden of an adjacent property which faced Abshot Road.

She says, "There is a great need for affordable housing as well as other tenures and I supported the planning policy relating to Welborne.

"However, I feel there has been so much infill in Titchfield Common and this only serves to add to the cramped feel of some developments with the already congested roads.

"I was pleased to advise for the opposition to the development and to support it at the Planning Committee.

"I'm not opposed to development, but I want to see controlled, sensible development whilst maintaining our important green space".

The residents of Streamleaze said: "**Councillor Pankhurst** was invaluable with the advice and help given to us. We are pleased the development was refused and hopefully won't be returning."



Sarah takes a look at the play area at Course Farm Crescent which she worked hard to get refurbished.



Abshot Community Centre management committee chairman Shaun Merrington thanks Sarah for helping to get vital refurbishment done to the roof and interior which saved the building from falling into disrepair and depriving user groups of a precious asset.

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