

**CONSERVATIVES** keeping our community



# InTouch

**WARSASH – Spring 2016**

**Zero** Borough Council tax increase for 7 years

We saved Band D residents almost a year's tax

Now we're forced to ask for a modest rise

## **BUT.. All good things have NOT come to an end**

**THERE'S** been no rise in your district council tax since 2009.

It's because your **Conservative Council** doesn't waste a penny of your money, carefully budgeting to maintain top-class services.

This time, due to on-going reductions in Government grants which will disappear altogether over the next 4 years, we're asking for a very modest rise.

A pre-budget survey showed an overwhelming **85% support** for our strategy.

Council Leader Seán Woodward says: "Despite the Chancellor's austerity burden falling on councils, it certainly does not mean all good things have to come to an end in Fareham.

"Look what we have delivered in those 7 successive zero years;

look what's in store for the future.

"Had we reflected 24% inflation in your council tax during that period, it would now be £173 and Band D residents would have paid an extra £123 over the 7 years.

"Even with the loss of half our grant support from central government, we have managed to preserve essential services and freeze council tax.

"Effectively you have enjoyed saving almost a whole year's Fareham Borough tax bill."

The average Band C property will go up by just 1p a day to enable us to preserve essential services

Band D properties will rise by £5 making the bill £145 per year.

Add the County Council, Police and Fire & Rescue demand and the overall bill will rise £50 pa.

We honour our pledge to youth



Seán Woodward explains to Toni Lummis (centre) and Lucy Mills at a vibrant YCAT meeting how the Council is fulfilling its promise to support the Borough's youth.

We have appointed an officer to engage with young people and put £30,000 into a pot which is available to youth clubs for specific projects. And that's not all...

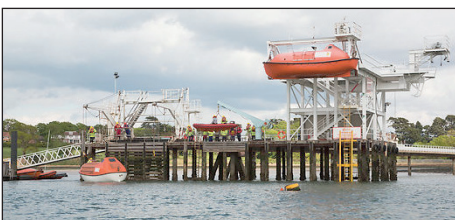
- The splendid £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre opens at Sarisbury this summer
- We will not be raising town centre car park charges for the 6th successive year
- Free parking everywhere else, including seafronts and shopping centres, will be maintained as promised

**WISE INVESTMENTS  
KEEP TAX DOWN** →

**Our £8m property investments bring in returns of over £0.5m (7%)**

**Renting out surplus space in the Civic Offices realises £200,000 pa**

## **Waterfront facilities retained in Maritime Academy relocation**



**A LARGE** part of the world-renowned Warsash Maritime Academy will move to Southampton.

But sections needing water access will remain at Warsash campus, while the other areas will be sold for possible development.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright said the decision to find a hybrid solution was taken by Southampton Solent University after a review of its facilities.

"Facilities not requiring water access will be relocated at East Park Terrace.

"This decision was taken because it was felt there is a need to develop a cohesive school offering enhanced learning experience with access to a full range of university facilities. The changes will not take effect until 2018 at the earliest.

"I'm disappointed the Academy has been diluted for Warsash, but pleased the waterfront facilities will remain."

**England's 5th lowest district council tax – that's CONSERVATIVE budgeting**

**NEWS ROUND**



**Favourite photos**

Members of the Warsash Residents' Association voted for their favourite photo of Warsash.

There was a large and impressive range of local shots and Gretl Davies' picture of 'The Lobster Pots' by the Hard and Diane Hardiman's lovely picture depicting 'Rainbow over Warsash' shared first place.

**End of slipway saga**



Improvements to Warsash slipway have been completed, reports Trevor Cartwright, pictured above with Hamble Harbourmaster Jason Scott.

Reproofing and resurfacing the existing slipway included:

- Removal of corner of hardstanding to create level surface
- Gravel boards with markers positioned on southern side
- Infill of potholes and re-grading of surface
- Clearance of boulders from seaward end (low tide area), laying of Dycell mattress

**Red Cross loan store delay**

The opening of a new Red Cross medical loan store at Fareham Community Hospital has been delayed until March.

Work is in hand to make it happen soon, so Western Wards patients will no longer have to travel to Fareham Health Centre to borrow crutches, wheelchairs etc.

**Mike's action to save trees**

**FEARS over the future of 22.77 acres of woodland bordering St Mary's churchyard and Fleet End Road have been allayed.**

Councillor Mike Ford said residents contacted him after it was put up for sale for around £100,000 because it has public access.

"The selling price indicates that this is not land that could be developed commercially. Sitting in land designated 'countryside', any future use would be restricted to that compatible to agriculture or outdoor leisure," he said.

However, the owner might be tempted to fell trees and restrict access.

He spoke to Fareham's principal tree officer

who agreed the woods were a significant asset and applied for a provisional woodland TPO, which would protect every tree and sapling from being removed or cut back without consent.

The County Council has been asked to consider buying the land to preserve its status. "I am highly satisfied with this outcome," said Mike, pictured on the path with local mum Helen Coundley.



**Warsash young sea dogs are tops in UK**

**It's 'off caps' to the young sailors at TS Tormentor Sea Cadets, Warsash.**

They have been named the best cadet unit in the country.

The group, which meets at the Warsash Maritime Academy, was one of the top six units who went forward to the National Committee at Sea Cadets HQ in London.

The committee overwhelmingly voted the Warsash unit the top one in the UK for 2015.

The unit has only been going for eight years and congratulations must go to all the cadets, adult volunteers, parents and supporters for this achievement.



Councillor Trevor Cartwright said: "This is an amazing achievement and thoroughly deserved."

**Chilling plug-in for mega cross-Channel power exchange project?**



**WARSASH could play a key role in a multi-million scheme to give the National Grid the French connection.**

A massive converter building may be located at

Daedalus and connected to Caen in France by 100 miles of cables under The Channel.

From Hill Head, more under-sea cables would be laid along the coast to Chilling, where they would feed into the National Grid.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright, pictured at the Chilling site entrance, said the electricity interconnector would be capable of exchanging 1,000 megawatts of power between the two countries – enough to run over 1,000,000 homes.

"The link would help to enhance the security, affordability and sustainability of electricity supply to both countries," he said.

He attended a public exhibition held by National Grid in the Victory Hall during December. This was the first of two stages of public consultation and presented information about background to the project and the proposed next step.

The next round of consultation is due to take place in March and it is interesting to note that National Grid are very keen to be seen working with local communities.

He added: "I welcome this proposal at Daedalus as National Grid previously considered building the converter at Chilling, which would be totally unacceptable and was refused by Hampshire County Council."

**On target for June opening**

**THE OLYMPICS may delay the official opening of the showpiece £7m Holly Hill Leisure Centre.**

The Council hopes to invite an Olympic swimmer to perform the ceremony, but this will have to wait until the Games are finished.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright, chairman of the working group, said it would not prevent the centre opening to the public in June.

A topping-out ceremony was held

in December, carried out by the Mayor, Councillor Mike Ford.

As the photo shows, steel work for the building and the swimming area are complete and the learning pool is under construction.

Councillor Cartwright, who attended the ceremony, is pictured (right) with Balfour Beatty project manager Phil Samson.



**Mayor is in the frame**

**FAREHAM Mayor Councillor Mike Ford opened a new piece of climbing equipment at Hook with Warsash Primary School.**



It was installed with the help of a sizeable National Lottery grant.

Mike, pictured on the frame with several children, said: "It is a pleasure to open this piece of equipment and to be one of the first to climb onto it."

**Clean up your dog's mess or face £100 fine**

**ANTI-SOCIAL owners who don't clear up their dogs' mess are being targeted in a Council clamp-down.**

Councillor Mike Ford says dog fouling and litter are the most frequent complaints he has to deal with.

Currently, enforcement officers cannot issue penalty notices to offending owners as the legislation was repealed.

He said: "The Council has adopted a strategy to try to educate dog owners, while allowing offenders to be financially penalised."



1 The Council is seeking a Borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order to apply fixed penalty notices

2 Seeking penalties up from £75 to £100

3 Conducting an awareness campaign  
Councillor Ford, pictured explaining policy to Mr and Mrs Kelly with Maggie, added: "In Warsash, I have ensured more signs have been displayed in prominent locations and arranged for additional bins where required."

"It has also been important to ensure that the frequency of emptying is correct."

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**COME AND JOIN US**

If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Warsash Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Mike Ford on 01489 574501.

WELCOME  
to my newsletter



I cannot quite believe that I am writing the first edition of my 2016 newsletter already. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the people of Fareham for the past 9 months and I am looking forward to the challenges the New Year brings.

It is a pleasure to have been able to immerse myself in such a great community and I thank you all for being so welcoming to me.

My team and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy New Year.

I hope to be an effective advocate for Fareham in Parliament, working for more opportunities in education, better access to health services and greater investment and jobs here.

# Suella



## FERNANDES MP for Fareham

### Please support my campaign to bring A-Levels back to Fareham

THOUSANDS of teenagers from Fareham have to travel very far if they choose to study A Levels.

I am working with Cams Hill School, supported by all local schools, to prepare an application to the Department of Education to become a Free School Sixth Form, offering A Levels in the heart of Fareham.

Headteacher Gwennan Harrison-Jones (pictured) is leading the team and wants volunteers to support the application.

We also need evidence of the demand for the A Levels in Fareham so please write to me indicating whether, if you have school-age children, you would be interested in sending them to Cams Hill for A Levels.

It is important that the whole community supports Cams Hill in this proposal which will benefit hundreds of teenagers for years to come. The first team meeting is in the Spring, so let me know if you would like more information at:

<http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/campaigns/education-levels-fareham>



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#### Surgery dates

I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me. Surgery, Friday, March 18 Victory Hall, Warsash. Friday, April 29 Community Room, Tesco, Fareham.

#### Keep up to date

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at [www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter](http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter)

#### Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents. To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months' notice, as they are very popular.

## FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS

### Broadband petition to Chancellor

Many constituents have problems with broadband, for example in Tanners Gate and Whiteley, so I met with communication companies and British Telecom to discuss connectivity and mobile coverage.

I joined MPs from all political parties to deliver a letter to Number 11 Downing Street calling on the Chancellor to continue investing in extending broadband coverage.

### Wearing my firefighter's helmet

I was delighted to spend the day with the crew based at Fareham Fire Station, where I took part in the firefighters' normal day.

We discussed local and national challenges facing the service with Hampshire Chief Fire Officer Dave Curry and Station Commander Danny Miles. I am grateful to the Fire and Rescue Service for hosting me. The quality of training and dedication by the crew is exceptional.

### Task Force launched

I have launched Fareham Community Hospital Task Force to discuss local health issues and push forward my campaign for increased facilities at the hospital, where I was pleased to spend a day working with volunteers (pictured) who do so much to help staff and patients.

Residents tell me more services are needed at the hospital. I raised the issue with Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt when he visited in February.



At the Chancellor's door



Learning to fight fires



Meeting Friends of Fareham Community Hospital