



In Touch

with our community

FAREHAM NORTH – BOROUGH ELECTION SPECIAL

Tatty byes! John hails £1.3m 'west end' boulevard revamp



Taking shape: It's caused some inconvenience, but Councillor John Bryant promises the on-going improvements to the western end of West Street will be worth waiting for, particularly when the trees have matured. Photos: (top left) he checks the plans on display at the Civic Offices; (bottom left) rebuilding the corner of Trinity Street formerly occupied by the Royal Oak; (above) new trees, paving and lampposts.

IT USED to be the tatty end of Fareham's 'golden mile'. But no longer.

Now it's fast turning into an attractive tree-lined boulevard.

Improvements costing £1.35m to the western end of West Street have been on-going for the past few months.

These have been made possible by funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) with assistance from the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH).

Councillor John Bryant is delighted that DCLG has given Fareham £1m and, with a contribution of £325,000 from Fareham Borough Council, this part of the town is now looking more attractive with its new paving, street lighting and trees.

The overall design theme is to provide a

continental boulevard style for the area which will unify the variety of buildings, while respecting existing character and enhancing local distinctiveness.

The trees are pollarded London plane which are similar to those used in the streets of London and Paris.

They will be regularly cut back to a framework of branches to control size, but as the tree grows, the pattern of branches and the multi-coloured bark are attractive in winter.

John Bryant says: "These new attractions are sure to encourage shoppers to use the individual specialist shops that tend to trade in this part of the centre."

"Along with the street scene improvements in this area, the corner of Trinity Street is being transformed with the building previously used as a public house, lat-

terly named Moda but for many residents better remembered as the Royal Oak, having been demolished.

"This was possible following planning permission being granted to build a mixture of retail and affordable accommodation on the site."

Within the new building, Fareham Community Action, who presently occupy two old houses in Osborn Road South, will have new state-of-the-art offices.

Thanks to the Borough Council assisting with the project, this organisation will have a much better site for the voluntary services as well as the many local volunteers.

It will also be a very prominent site, which in turn should be of assistance to those residents requiring the services of the groups.

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A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

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Dear Elector

I am writing to you to ask for your support in the Fareham Borough Elections on May 1st. As one of the present serving Councillors for Fareham North Ward, I have been selected to stand again as the **Conservative Party** Candidate.

I am proud to be a member of Fareham Borough Council which provides good value for money, has robust plans for the future improvement and continues to achieve high performance across most services that matter to residents.

During the past year, I have been Vice-chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and I sit on the Service Performance and Improvement and Appeals Committees. Last September, I was appointed Chairman of the new Community Action Team (CAT) for Fareham Town.

This new initiative allows members of the public an opportunity to attend a public meeting where they are able to speak to their local councillors as well as police officers, firemen and representatives from the Primary Health Care Trust. This has proved very popular as well as assisting the Council officers in making future decisions about the town.

Since being elected to Fareham Borough Council in 1999, I have dealt with many issues for the residents of Fareham North Ward. represented your views at various meetings during this time and have also kept you informed with regular *In Touch* newsletters.

Whilst it is not always possible to achieve the results that everyone wishes I always do my best for all residents and I thank those of you who have thanked me for my efforts.

Fareham has been my home for most of my life and I am determined to see we get the best. Please help me to help YOU and give me your support on Thursday 1st May.

If you elect me, I promise to continue to fight on your behalf to preserve and improve the area we all share.

Yours sincerely,

John Bryant

On Thursday, May 1 please vote for

COUNCILLOR JOHN BRYANT

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm



Experienced husband-wife team who devote full-time to their constituents

JOHN BRYANT has lived in Fareham for most of his life, and in North Ward for the past 39 years with his wife.

He has one daughter living locally and two granddaughters attending a Fareham school.

John is retired and is therefore able to devote his time to both Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council affairs which he finds complement one another.

His wife Pam, who is well known to many of you, is also his ward colleague on Fareham Borough Council.

With both of them being councillors they are able to work as a team to represent residents and able to assist one another when difficult problems occur.

John is well known around the ward and has become a very experienced councillor with a vast amount of knowledge, both of the district and of the people.

In 2006/07 John was privileged to be Mayor of Fareham. This was a memorable year in which he was able to meet numerous local people and volunteers from the various organisations in the town.

John was delighted to have the opportunity to meet many of the Scouts Groups during the year, especially being their special Centenary Year.

Having been Consort to Pam in 2002/03, when she was elected Mayor, many of the people were already familiar faces. Pam and John are the first husband and wife to have had the honour of both being Fareham's First Citizen.

John always tries to do his best for ALL residents and has a proven record of getting things done, so who better to represent them than a long-standing resident of the ward who is prepared to give his time to helping residents in the local community?

Fareham North needs a strong voice on the council and John Bryant gives it that voice.



Harmony: John and Pam Bryant say that two heads are better than one when it comes to working tirelessly for their ward and when they became Fareham's first couple to swap roles as Mayor, Mayoress and Consort.

John is **always** available for his constituents

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John the 'only candidate with proven track record'

Message from Fareham MP Mark Hoban: "John has an excellent track record as your councillor. He works tirelessly for local people as both a Borough and County Councillor and he was at the forefront of the campaign to save the Arundel Drive post office from Government cut backs.

"He will continue to speak up for you and your interests."

Message from Fareham Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward: "It gives me great pleasure to commend Councillor

John Bryant to you for re-election to Fareham Borough Council.

"He has done sterling work since he was first elected as a Borough Councillor and as Editor of *In Touch* and has been unstinting in his efforts on your behalf as anyone who has ever taken a problem to him will know.

"I am delighted that he has agreed to seek re-election. I hope that you will vote **BRYANT** on Thursday 1st May and support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively."



Out and about with John Bryant

Noise pollution petition



Noise annoys: Residents living within earshot of the M27 kicked up about the incessant noise. John got up a petition calling for the road to be resurfaced. He's pictured here collecting more signatures.

Parking headache



Park and leave: Colenso Road residents suffer from drivers using the street for parking. John is listening to the complaints and doing his best to find a solution.

Keeping up



Brushing up: Councillors are bombarded with emails, phone calls and letters from residents...and that's on top of the meetings they have to attend in the course of council duties. It's all in a day's work for John Bryant, who's pictured here going through a planning agenda.

Kids' plea for new sign



Class act: Kids at Uplands Primary School told John that the warning sign to drivers in Morshead Crescent had faded, so he got the County Council to replace it.

Fighting post office closure



Post Office saving: John and Pam Bryant are pictured with Fareham MP Mark Hoban collecting signatures for a petition to try to keep the Arundel Drive sub-post office open, but despite massive support from 1,100 residents who signed the petition, the closure went ahead in February, depriving local people of a vital community service.