



# In Touch

with our community

SARISBURY DIVISION – COUNTY ELECTION SPECIAL

Countryside could be swamped by more than 2,000 new houses

## Fight to keep Prescott's hands off Coldeast site



**At risk:** Fareham Council Executive Leader and County Council candidate for Sarisbury Division, Councillor Seán Woodward, says the Scout HQ in Coldeast's grounds could be threatened by John Prescott's plans.

### **THE GOVERNMENT has just announced it wants to see redundant hospital sites used for affordable housing.**

It means Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott could swamp the 170-acre Coldeast Hospital site at Sarisbury with housing and Councillor Seán Woodward has pledged to fight him all the way to keep the bulldozers out.

The site comprises mainly countryside. The 30 acres containing old hospital buildings have a planning consent granted by John Prescott for 250 houses, including 60 affordable homes, and 20 acres remain allocated for Fareham's Community Hospital, expected to be built before the end of the decade.

The remaining 120 acres which comprise woodland, lakes and fields we have always hoped would be acquired by the Borough or County Council for use as a country park.

The latest announcement could mean all 170 acres going for high density housing.

The MINIMUM density the Government permits is 30 to the hectare. The 68 hectares could, therefore, have over 2,000 houses crammed in as a minimum.

Keith Hill, the Planning Minister, in a meeting with Councillor Seán Woodward and MP Mark Hoban, guaranteed full consultation and involvement of Fareham Borough Council in determining the future of the hospital site.

The first "involvement" was the issue of a press release!

Commenting, Councillor Woodward said: "The Coldeast site has always been a prime concern of mine.

"As well as being home to trees and animals it also houses the headquarters of Sarisbury Scouts.

"I have fought successfully, with much local support, to keep housing off the site for 19 years.

"I will continue the fight and can only hope for a change in Government to save the countryside from John Prescott's bulldozers."

We keep *In Touch* throughout the year - not just at election time

# A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

## Dear Elector

I am writing to you to ask for your support in the County Election on May 5. I would like to draw your attention to some of **my achievements over the past 19 years as a Borough Councillor** and my priorities for the future, should you elect me to Hampshire County Council.

We urgently need a **new primary school built in Whiteley** as well as another secondary school to serve the Western Wards. It is pointless having 5 out of 6 secondary schools in the East of the Borough when 40% of the population is in the West.

A number of people have asked me why I wish to be a County Councillor. It is because I have become increasingly frustrated over many years with receiving comments and concerns from local residents relating to issues which are within the remit of Hampshire County Council (roads, pavements, education, etc) and not having the ability to solve them in the way that I have done with Fareham Borough Council issues. I find that council officers are very responsive to issues brought to their attention by an elected Councillor of their authority and **I wish to work on the critical infrastructure issues facing the area which fall within the County Council's remit.**

I have always attempted to keep as tight a rein as possible on extra house building in the Sarisbury/Swanwick/Park Gate/BurrIDGE/Whiteley area while working within the confines of laid-down planning policies. **A top priority has been to keep major house building off the Coldeast Hospital site** and during my 19 years as a Councillor not one house has been built on the land. The threat has, however, returned with a vengeance with **the Government's latest announcement which could force over 2,000 houses onto the site.** I will fight this to the end.

I feel that it is important within major development areas that suitable community facilities are provided. I have been instrumental in negotiating for and/or identifying sites for such facilities in Whiteley as a **community centre which I was proud to open, doctors' surgery, playgrounds, school, skatepark and shops.** I am also continually **fighting for the completion of Whiteley Way**, which will help Whiteley, as well as relieving traffic congestion in BurrIDGE and Swanwick. We need community facilities, not more houses.

One of my main priorities is Road Safety, which is why **I formed the Fareham Road Safety Council** several years ago. I led an **anti-speeding campaign** in recent years concentrating on a number of roads in the area including **Botley Road, Barnes Lane, Brook Lane, Swanwick Lane (where I achieved a lorry ban) and Yew Tree Drive.**

I have been instrumental in proposing and achieving funding for **environmental improvements in the area** including the facelift for **Park Gate shopping area** and improvements to **Sarisbury Green and Swanwick Shore**, including bringing about their designation as **Conservation Areas.**

I have become increasingly concerned with the ever-increasing levels of vandalism and anti-social behaviour and **set up a Vandalism Task Force** to introduce a strategy to combat the problem. It has succeeded in reducing the toll of vandalism in the area with a combination of CCTV and more prominent policing. I believe that the **County Council should employ accredited community safety officers** in this area and would press them to do so.

I will continue to work closely with the Sarisbury and BurrIDGE & Swanwick Residents' Associations and Whiteley Community Association and continue to publish the **In Touch** Newsletter, now in its 21st year and **Sarisbury and Park Gate's only local newsletter.**

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

Yours sincerely

**Seán Woodward**

On Thursday, May 5 please vote for

# COUNCILLOR SEÁN WOODWARD

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm

# Local man with a long record of service and achievement for the community

**COUNCILLOR Seán Woodward is married to Rosemary and they have a 6-year-old son.**

He lives in the Sarisbury Division, having lived in the Western Wards of Fareham for 34 years.

He has an Honours Degree in Biology and works in the pharmaceutical industry in the field of Oncology.

Seán Woodward is the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council.

He is also past-Chairman of Sarisbury and Park Gate Conservatives, founder of the Sarisbury and Park Gate In Touch Newsletter, now in its 21st year, and a keen conservationist.

He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Fareham, a founder member of the Rotary Club of Whiteley, a member of the National Trust and of the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

Seán Woodward was first elected to Fareham Borough Council in 1986 to represent the Sarisbury Ward and was re-elected in 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002 with ever-increasing majorities.

Apart from chairing Fareham Borough Council's Executive (the main decision-making body) he also serves on many local, regional and national bodies representing Fareham.

He is the founder and past-Chairman of the Fareham Road Safety Council and the Whiteley Community Association.



**Seán is always available for his constituents**

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## Highly commended by fellow councillors

IT GIVES us great pleasure to commend Councillor Seán Woodward to you for election to Hampshire County Council.

We believe that he has already done sterling work on your behalf during his 19 years as a Borough Councillor and as Editor of In Touch.

He has been unstinting in his efforts on behalf of you, the residents, as anyone who has ever taken a problem to him will know.

A message of support from Sarisbury and Park Gate ward members

We are delighted that he has agreed to seek election. We hope that you will vote WOODWARD on Thursday 5th May and support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively.

*Councillor David Swanbrow  
Councillor Brian Bayford  
Councillor Marian Ellerton*

# Out and about with Seán Woodward

## Bridge Road pavement



Repairs to pavements like these on Bridge Road are desperately needed and are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council.

## Swanwick Shore

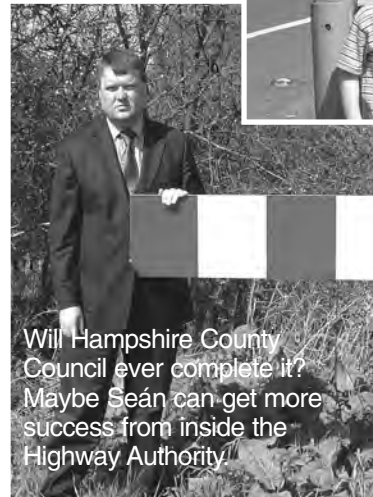


Hampshire County Council is responsible for managing the River Hamble for use by all.

## Botley Road



## Whiteley Way



Will Hampshire County Council ever complete it? Maybe Seán can get more success from inside the Highway Authority!

Speeding traffic through the 30mph limit on Botley Road, Burrige remains a problem. Traffic calming measures are needed.

## Whiteley Primary School



Education provision remains a problem for the Education Authority, whether it is the lack of places at Whiteley Primary School or the fact that despite Brookfield School being so large it cannot accept children from Whiteley. We need a new primary school in Whiteley and a new secondary school to serve the Western Wards.