



Conservatives

In Touch

FAREHAM WEST WARD

AUTUMN 2009

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS !!

**Best-ever results for Fareham
in the South and Southeast in Bloom
scoring Gold & Overall Winner in every category entered**

The Sensory Garden was overall winner in the Best Small Park category with GOLD medal

Holly Hill Woodland Park was overall winner in the Best Countryside Park category with a GOLD medal

Winners of the Award for Tourism present by Tourism Southeast.
A new award which looks at how the local in bloom campaign works with TIC to promote parks and their activities to encourage participation and visitors.

We won our category as overall winners for the sixth year running in the Large Town/Small City category again with a GOLD medal.

In addition, our volunteer co-ordinator Heather Oaten was given the accolade of the Outstanding Contribution Award. We are all absolutely delighted.

The Council's Horticultural Development Officer Matt Wakefield said it was Heather with whom he set up Fareham In Bloom 14 years ago. His Fareham in Bloom co-ordinating team work year round to lead the campaign, work with our community, run events and help to clean up the Borough.

Executive member for Community, Cllr. Connie Hockley said "This is an outstanding result for Fareham which reflects the time, passion and effort in raising the profile and excellence of parks and horticultural provision across the Borough."

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Cllrs. Di Harrison & Leslie Keeble

Fareham in Bloom—West Ward Winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name, address</u>	<u>Award</u>
Small Floral Front Garden	Mr. & Mrs. EJ Purnell, 87 Abbeyfield Drive	BRONZE
Large Floral Front Garden	Graham Cooper, 30 Meadowbank Road	SILVER
	Jean Williams, 32 Meadowbank Road	BRONZE
Plantsmans Front Garden	Mrs. P. Godding, 10 Meadowbank Rd	SILVER GILT
	A. Hillary, 152 Abbeyfield Drive	SILVER
	Mrs.V.McDermott, 154 Abbeyfield Drive	BRONZE
Hanging or Wall Basket	R. West, 2a Meadowbank Road	BRONZE
Container	Graham Cooper, 30 Meadowbank Road	BRONZE
Floral Display using Baskets/Containers	Sid Ellis, 13 Blackbrook Road	SILVER GILT
	R. West, 2a Meadowbank Road	SILVER
Unusual Garden Feature	Graham Cooper, 30 Meadowbank Road	BRONZE
	Mrs. J. Rogers, 15 Meadowbank Road	BRONZE
Floral Back Garden	Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Purnell, 87 Abbeyfield Drive	SILVER
Plantsmans Back Garden	Sid Ellis, 13 Blackbrook Road	GOLD
	Colin & Chris Tait, 51 Longmynd Drive	GOLD
	Mr. & Mrs. I. Gray, 10 Peak Drive	GOLD
	Candy Batchelor, 25 Oakdown Road	BRONZE
	Mrs., P. Godding, 10 Barnbrook Road	BRONZE
Wildlife Back Garden	Mr. & Mrs. I Gray, 10 Peak Drive	GOLD
	Dory Whitfield, 33 Meadowbank Road	SILVER GILT

Very many congratulations to you all and our thanks for helping to keep our West Ward one of the most attractive in the Borough.

Di Harrison and Leslie Keeble

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL UPDATE (week 32 of 55)

Fareham Community Hospital build is going well. All masonry works to the exterior of the building have been completed and the installation of the fascia and soffit cladding along with the rain cladding begun. The exterior cladding is completed.

All windows are installed and the first fix of mechanical and electrical work is progressing well. The second mechanical and electrical fix, installation of soft flooring and internal decorating has commenced.

The exterior landscaping and the formation of the bellmouth to Brook Lane will hopefully start soon ; the project manager tells me he is planning for this to commence week beginning 21st September.

Clr. Leslie Keeble

FAREHAM SOUTH-WEST COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

As many of you are aware the CATS areas changed in June. They were increased to 6 by the division of the cumbersome Town division which encompassed 5 borough wards and had been set in line with the County Division, was split into two. Fareham South-West and the remainder into Fareham North-East.

Three meetings per year will be held in each area. Additional meetings may be held should the Chairman decide, along with the ward councillors, that a particular topic requires a special meeting. A good article in the Spring edition of Fareham today illustrated these changes across the Borough.

A further excellent article in the Autumn edition of Fareham Today describes a day in the life of Fareham South-West's CATS officer Annette Rickman. To enable quicker decision to be made on fund applications both Portfolio holders can approve up to £5000 from the Clean and Tidy and Neighbourhood Initiatives funds. A maximum of £20,000 can be bid for to enable projects that you feel will benefit your community.

Your area since June has been successful in obtaining £822 for equipment for Mums on the Move, £2500 for the Rainbow Centre prize money for Recycle for Art Sake and £1372 to recover benches from Broadlaw Walk and relocate them. Another 2 or 3 bids are in the pipeline.

I have the honour of being Chairman of Fareham South-West area and Di Harrison and I, together with the Ward Councillors from South Ward, look forward to greeting you at our meetings to hear your views and aspirations for the Wards and Fareham as a whole.

Clr. Leslie Keeble

For further information visit www.fareham.gov.uk/cats

Our sincere thanks to Marian & Stanley Maidwell

46 Abbeyfield Drive

(pictured right)

For the years they having lovingly and completely voluntarily, maintained the shrub and flower beds in the large area in Abbeyfield Drive. It is so much appreciated by all the residents and not only by your ward councillors but by the Council.

FBC new Chief Executive Officer, Peter Grimwood recently completed a tour of all Wards in the Borough accompanied by Leslie and Di and we were lucky enough to arrive in Abbeyfield Drive whilst Marian and Stanley were actually at work so we were able to introduce them. Peter was delighted to see this example of community interest and care.. We are trying to obtain funding to have the other area in the Drive and the corner of Ashlyn Close similarly planted and we have nearly a dozen other volunteers to help maintain it!



**As this is our last edition of In Touch before early next year, Leslie and Di wish you all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Our man in Westminster
by
Mark Hoban
MP for Fareham

You will have had to make difficult decisions in your life; decisions which require a sacrifice today to achieve a better tomorrow. Do you go to college to get more qualifications or go straight into work? Do you sacrifice nights out to pay off debt or save for a deposit? Life is about making difficult decisions now for a better future.

We announced tough decisions on spending at our Party Conference in Manchester to secure the future. Soaring borrowing by Gordon Brown means that we spend more on interest on Government debt than on schools or our armed forces. If we allow this to continue we will put the economy at risk. That is why we need to make difficult decisions today for a better tomorrow.

Everyone needs to do something because we are in this together; freezing public sector pay helps protect 100,000 frontline jobs; deferring the retirement age secures the restoration of the link between the state pensions and earnings. These are tough choices made to secure our Nation's future.

The problems with government debt are of a consequence of the present Government spending and borrowing too much.

Government does too much. Just look at the case of the two police officers wanting to share childcare, where rules got in the way of them doing the right thing for them and their children.

David Cameron spoke very powerfully about enabling you and I to achieve our full potential. He wants government to give support to those who need it, but to get the state to step back so that families and communities can do the right thing. It means scrapping targets that hold back our doctors from giving us the care that we need, but making sure that those on low incomes who want to work aren't heavily penalised.

If we get through the difficult times ahead, we have a bright future. Only leadership and determination will get us back on the right track.

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GANDHI'S INDIAN TAKEAWAY

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of trading in Anjou Crescent, Blackbrook Road on 20th April this year, owner **Mr. Abu Suyeb** **donated the whole days takings from his business to the Mayor of Fareham's Charity.** This wonderful gesture from one of our ward's generous residents **raised well over £500 for the charity.**

The Mayor and Mayoress are pictured below receiving the cheque from Abu with Cllr. Keeble who serves on the Mayor's charity committee, looking on with pride.



Fareham West Conservatives

Next social event

INDIAN BUFFET CURRY LUNCH
At CAFÉ TUSK, WEST STREET, FAREHAM
SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2010

A Great Time was had by all last year so we are doing it again
Details and ticket enquiries to Leslie Keeble on 845339

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County Councillors John Bryant and Ray Ellis have asked us to convey a very big thank you to the electors in Fareham West Ward for their wonderful support in the May County Council elections

The Editor