

Hill Head and Stubbington Conservatives

In Touch



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BT Proposal to scrap Stubbington telephone box

Earlier this year British Telecom (BT) notified Fareham Borough Council that it wanted to close a number of telephone boxes in the Borough including the one located at the junction of Gosport Road and Marks Road.

Councillor Kay Mandry, assisted by Kim Brindley, visited every house likely to be affected in Gosport Road and Marks Road and sought the opinion of the residents through a petition as to whether they wished the facility to be retained or not. The vast majority wanted the box to be kept and the petition to this effect was presented to the Council by Kay Mandry. The Council informed BT and the result is that it now cannot be removed.

Kay is aware that there were some residents living close to the box who found that it was misused, which caused them disturbance and annoyance. Kay is inviting those people who were affected by this to contact her if it reoccurs, so that she can take further action to deal with the problem.



Flowers in Fareham

Our thanks and congratulations go to the community, the volunteer group, and Council departments for the exceptional results in the Regional In Bloom awards 2008.

The Fareham In Bloom Team won the Community Involvement Award for their outstanding work over the last 13 years. The new West Street

landscaping won the Best New Commercial Landscape award.

Fareham were the overall winners with a Gold Medal in the Large Town/Small City category. Congratulations to the six winners from Hill Head and Stubbington for their gardens, window boxes and baskets.

Fareham's sensory garden was overall winner in the Best Small Park category.

SE Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit

Transport for South Hampshire, a joint committee of the three strategic transport authorities in Hampshire, (Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils) have asked for £20 million of Government Community Infrastructure funding for the first phase of a bus rapid transit system - a fast modern bus system.

This will connect Fareham and Gosport using the disused railway line and is presently going out for public consultation.

The entire scheme is planned to connect Gosport, Fareham, Portsmouth, the Queen Alexandra Hospital and Port Solent and ultimately Havant, Segensworth and Whiteley, with proposed new development sites at North Fareham and Tipner.

More bus news - Dial a Ride - new bus

Fareham residents who are unable to use the regular bus services because of a disability or a mobility problem can ring Dial-A-Ride **01329 223151** and book a trip on the new bus, which has been specially adapted.

They are then collected from their homes and returned later. It helps maintain independence by allowing residents to regularly shop or visit friends.

Not such a bumpy ride - Pothole Busters?

Twenty extra gangs of 'Pothole Busters' have been blitzing road defects - which occur more often in wet weather - this Autumn in a £1 million drive to improve the highways across Hampshire.

This is additional funding over and above the £56 million the County Council is spending on the highways this year.

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Baycroft - Futures Group Schools' Project Competition

Schools across Hampshire were invited to come up with a sustainable idea that would improve their local school environment.

The idea was to tap into the hopes and dreams of Hampshire's young people and give them a greater voice in how the County Council would tackle future challenges. The six short listed schools were then given £250 to develop their ideas.

The grand finale took the form of a 'Dragons' Den' at Winchester University where the six final teams



Shown below with £1,000 cheque - left to right : Head Teacher Chris Toner, Liam Wilcox, Oliver Newton, County Councillor Tim Knight, Nathan Chant, Scott Cockburn.

(including Baycroft) presented their projects and answered questions from a distinguished panel, including Chris Packham and the Leader of the County Council, Ken Thornber. The judges announced Baycroft School as the outright winner of 2008's Futures Group's competition for its "Sustainable Market Day" along with a £1,000 cash prize. It was a hard choice owing to the very high standard of the other entries, but the deciding factor was the excellent quality of the replies from Baycroft students to the "Dragons" questions. A tremendous achievement.

Daedalus - the latest

Many of our residents will have been involved in the consultations and events held by the South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA) on the future plans for the development of Daedalus. They are now using the feedback to test different land uses based on the masterplan concepts.

The variants being tested are: employment space; transport and access routes; aviation business park; marina; housing; education and open space. Further public consultation on the masterplan will be held during the Autumn of 2008.

At a meeting of the Hampshire Police Authority in September 2008, it was agreed that general aviation should be permitted to continue to use the airfield subject to a licensing and charging arrangement. The use can be extended to include a larger number of users than is currently accommodated.

The Daedalus Strategy Group consisting of the three (Fareham, Gosport and County) Councils involved, continues to meet to safeguard local residents opinions.

Spending a few pennies!

The Council toilet refurbishment time scale is as follows:

Stubbington Village Start date 27th October. Site will be closed while work is being carried out. Time scale approximately 8 weeks. Temporary toilets will be provided for the public for this period.

Salterns Road (Seafarers Car Park) Start date 27th October. Site will be closed while work is being carried out. Time scale approximately 4 weeks.

Monks Hill Start date 8th January 2009. Site is normally closed for winter so work should not affect members of the public. Time scale approximately 8 weeks.

These time scales may change. Notices will be put on these sites informing the public of closure, two weeks before work commences.

Cold Calling Zone - Red Lion Estate

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards, working with the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and the Community Safety Team, has identified the Red Lion Estate in Stubbington as an appropriate location for a 'No Cold Calling Zone' due to the high proportion of elderly residents in this area. No Cold Calling Zones are designated areas where all residents are visited at home and provided with information on their rights when it comes to cold calling visits. 'No Cold Calling' signs also get put up in this area and although they are non-enforceable, it does discourage cold-callers from operating in these areas.

A day of consultation took place on Wednesday 1st October, during which staff from the Police, Hampshire's Accredited Community Safety Officers and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators visited the residents in this estate to seek their support for the scheme. A media launch is also being planned, if the scheme is supported by the residents.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

On Sunday 28 September members of Crofton Bowls Club and the general public were on hand at the paddock, Stubbington, to welcome the arrival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air ambulance after which the President of the Bowls Club, Ron Smith, handed over a cheque for £1000.

It may surprise many to learn that the Air Ambulance is a registered charity which was launched in October 2005. It relies entirely on voluntary donations and requires almost £3000 per day in order to continue its vital lifesaving work.



In support, Cllr Kay Mandry has arranged for a clothing bank to be placed in Crofton Community Centre car park, near to the bottle bank. In addition to placing your surplus clothing in the bank you can also support the good cause by donating your old mobile phones to the charity by contacting Ron Smith on 01329 312914. The charity can earn £7 for each of these.

For more information go to: www.hampshireandiowairambulance.org.uk

Concessionary Fares – Good for some – Expensive for others

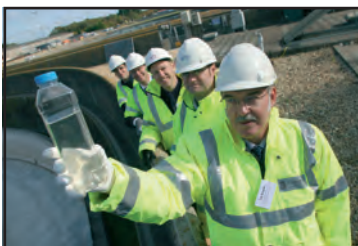
Although this is a Government scheme they fund only 43% of the cost with the remaining 57% being funded by the council. The cost to Fareham over the first 4 months of the financial year suggests that by year end the council is likely to spend at least £280,000 on top of the nearly £1.5 million that was budgeted for concessionary travel, with the possibility that this could rise much further. This equates to a council tax rise for residents of between 5% and 6%.

Why does the scheme cost so much to Fareham? As from April all local authorities have had to pay for any bus journey taken by a pass holder that starts in their district or borough. Fareham suffers because it is a hub where people change buses.

A couple over 60, each with a bus pass and each making one return journey per week throughout the year will cost Fareham more than it receives from its share (ie the Fareham element) of their Council Tax.

Peel Common Pong

Cllr Tim Knight attended the official opening of the £29 million scheme for an advanced nitrogen removal process.



It is an industry-leading environmental improvement, introduced to comply with the most stringent standards and to ensure that water

discharged into the Solent is cleaner.

Excavated soil was used on site thus saving 10,000 lorry journeys down Newgate Lane.

County Council Elections

Will be held on 4th June 2009 to coincide with the European Elections.

Crofton Old Church- Conservation

Fareham Borough Council awarded a grant of £7,475 for restoration of six Edwardian and Victorian monuments and tombstones.

Planning Laws - new rules

The regulations that planners have to work by are sometimes complex and often misunderstood by the public.

In particular people don't always understand the rules that decide whether or not a development should or should not be approved. The Government has now changed the rules making it easier for people to make changes to their property by building extensions, erecting garages or sheds etc. and from 1st October many changes no longer require planning permission.

For those with internet access the Government's Planning Portal:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/genpub/en/1115311947777.html>

- **is most useful** and if you click on the tab that says "Launch the Guide Here" you get a very useful window with an "interactive House" which allows you to click on parts of the house to find out what you are allowed to build without the need for planning permission.



Sir Peter Viggers MP a view from Westminster

Dear Resident **Who do you Trust with your Money?**

This is the central question that people ask when they choose a government. For some years now the public mood has been to trust a government that will maintain public services like health, education and transport. But the socialist economy run by Gordon Brown has clearly abused this trust and people are now rightly alarmed by the state of public finances.

The problem is impacting on all of us through the increase in Council Tax and other charges, and the cost of living. The tide is now turning and people realise that we cannot go on like this.

The next Conservative Government will inherit serious financial problems. This is why Conservative spokesmen are now promising a review of public expenditure with a view to reducing the burden of government.

Whilst I am sorry to see the problems which have caused this change of attitude, I welcome the prospect of tax reductions and a smaller government, which I have always supported.

Yours sincerely

Sir Peter Viggers MP

Knighthood We are very pleased to announce that Peter Viggers was awarded a Knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2008 for his services to Parliament and was knighted by the Queen in October. He has served Gosport as its Conservative MP for 34 years, an incredible record. Sir Peter and his wife Lady Jenny Viggers, live in Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport.

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Councillors' Surgeries

One of the Conservative Councillors will be at the Crofton Community Centre on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon to answer any questions.

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