



# In Touch

with our community

TITCHFIELD & TITCHFIELD COMMON – SUMMER 2006

## Don't miss the bus! You can help shape Fareham's future...

**THE BACK** end of a bus isn't usually this attractive, but this smiling face is what you'll see if you get stuck behind one.

Facing up to Fareham's future is the Council's duty, but it wants everybody to help put together the new Borough Plan.

Ward Councillor Connie Hockley said: "This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in planning our future, so using borough-wide buses to encourage community involvement seemed like an excellent way of spreading the message."

Work on Fareham's Local Development Framework (the replacement for the current Local Plan Review adopted in June 2000) is moving on apace.

This process will guide the future of Fareham for the next 20 years so it is important that residents have a chance to have their say on the options that will affect not only them but their children and grandchildren.

The future of the borough will be set out in broad terms in the core strategy, and the Preferred Options document issued during June sets out possible options that have been developed during earlier stages in the process when residents and organisations were able to respond to the Issues and Options document.

A series of one day exhibitions was set up across the borough - mostly in local shopping centres - to give as many people as possible a chance to have their say, and three workshops were held, two in the



**On the buses:** Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward (left) and Executive Member for Planning and Transportation Councillor David Swanbrow unveil the advert.

Civic Offices and the other in Fareham Hall.

The consultation closes on July 31.

Councillor Hockley said: "It's crucially important that our residents are given the chance to tell us whether our ideas reflect their thoughts and are on the right road.

"That's why we need to highlight that they are our partners in the future of Fareham.

"During this consultation period there

were almost 20 events being held. These gave our residents borough-wide the opportunity to get involved, to see what we are suggesting and to tell us if we're heading in the right direction."

**•Copies of the Preferred Options document are available at libraries throughout the borough, or at [www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf).**

## ...But the Government made sure you had to run to catch this one

**JUST 48 hours' notice were given by the Labour Government that it aims to cram over 50% more houses into the South East.**

A paper was published on its official website on June 21 - two days before the deadline for

public comment on the South East Plan - stating the intention to increase the original figure of 28,900 houses per year over the next 20 years to 45,000.

It would mean South Hampshire's annual total rising from 4,000 to 6,571, giving a

total of 132,000 instead of the 80,000 proposed.

Fareham Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward said:

"This would be the equivalent of one extra Whiteley per year every year for 20 years in South Hampshire on top of the exist-

ing proposed figures.

"If we do not hold the line at 4,000 houses per year it is hard to imagine there being a blade of grass left in South Hampshire in 20 years time."

Public examination of the SE Plan is due in the autumn.

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



# WARD NEWS BRIEFS

### Can you deliver?

We are looking for some helpers to deliver our quarterly editions of *In Touch*.

If you live in the following areas and can help please phone Connie on (01329) 287365:

Devonshire Way, Wild Ridings, Frogmore, Grevillea Avenue, Southampton Road and West Street, Titchfield.

### Delighted

We are delighted with the new traffic priority scheme in Bridge Street and hope that this will make motorists drive more slowly.

Meanwhile, Common Lane's speed limit has been reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

### More yellows

Yellow no parking lines have been painted at the roundabout end of Segensworth Road.

Residents and ward councillors felt that parking on this curve was dangerous for pedestrians and motorists.

### Honoured

This year's Citizen of Honour award went to Mrs Sally Wise for her services to the community over many years.

Sally lives in Titchfield so we thought it appropriate to add our congratulations to the long list she has already received.

### Better Square

Consultation is under way regarding the Titchfield Square environment improvement scheme. If the proposals are supported, work is programmed to start early in 2007.

# Outrage at bid for 45% housing increase in Hunts Pond Road

## 'How do 240 houses suddenly turn into 350?' ward councillor asks

**ANOTHER bid to up housing density by stealth has infuriated residents in Hunts Pond Road area.**

During the public consultation exercise in 2005, the developer options for the site at the lower Warsash end of Hunts Pond Road stated that there would be about 240 dwellings there.

But Titchfield Common Councillor Keith Evans recently saw data on affordable housing indicating as many as 350 homes could be built there.

"If these indications prove to be correct, residents will be shocked and dismayed. I am sure they will vehemently oppose any proposals of this seemingly excessive nature.

"They will just not understand how 240 dwellings at a public consultation can become 350 when submitted for approval," he said.

Most significant and obvious area for concern was the location of access to and from the site.

Draft development options showed it on Hunts Pond Road, to which most residents would object believing the least disruptive location would be on Warsash Road.

The draft development brief is being prepared by the landowners' agents with the following key stages and probable timetable:

- Draft development brief presented to Fareham Borough Council Executive February 17, 2006
- Six-week consultation period with residents and others
- Amended development brief presented back to Fareham Council's Executive in late autumn, possibly at the November 6 meeting
- Development proposals to Fareham Borough Council Planning and Development Committee probably in early 2007



**YES**  
The least disruptive place to access the new development is from Warsash Road (above), not busy Hunts Pond Road (below).



**NO**

## Dial 101 for non-emergencies

**UP TO 70% of 999 calls do not require an emergency response, so residents are urged to call 101 for non-emergencies.**

The new number provides easy access to safety advice, information and the ability to report things that need action. It can be used to inquire about:

- Vandalism, graffiti, damage to property
- Noisy neighbours, noise nuisance
- Intimidation and harassment
- Abandoned vehicles
- Fly tipping or litter
- People being drunk or rowdy in public places
- Drug related anti-social behaviour.

## Plans to create safer junction



**A CASUALTY reduction scheme is proposed for the Warsash Road-Fleet End Road junction.**

Measures proposed will include enhanced signing, road surfacing improvements and additional road lining.

The aim is to draw drivers' attention to the various hazards at this well used location.

## Calming measures unlikely

**A TRAFFIC count survey was carried out along Catisfield Road in the hope of obtaining some type of traffic calming initiative.**

Unfortunately, the results of the survey and the incidence of speed related personal injury accidents show it is unlikely the County Council would consider formal traffic calming measures along this road.

Your ward councillors have asked the traffic police to 'blitz' Catisfield Road regularly to try to reduce speed and eliminate the 'rat running'.

**Some dismay over new lamps for old Hampshire County Council's 2006-07 programme for replacing worn-out lamp columns will include East Lodge, Catisfield.**

Ward councillors are pleased the work is being undertaken, but dismayed that parts of the new pavements laid only two years ago must be dug up and re-laid to make way for the new lamp columns.

# New bus shelters make waiting more comfortable for villagers

**DURING the past 12 months, a new bus shelter has been installed by the Council in Titchfield.**

A second shelter will be sited shortly on Coach Hill for east-bound passengers. It cannot be put at the existing bus stop as the footway is only 1.1m wide.

A location in Coach Hill has been identified 100 metres from the existing stop where it avoids being outside someone's front door.

First Bus will assist with the re-location by putting up advisory signs at the existing stop.

Councillor Connie Hockley said: "There is no really ideal location for an east-bound stop in Coach Hill, but we hope this will offer a

combination of a fairly wide footway on a straight stretch of road, which minimises sight-line obstruction and inconvenience to pedestrians.

"The shelter for west-bound buses heading for Locks Heath and Warsash has been installed in The

Square.

"The shelter for buses heading for Fareham or Portsmouth city centre will be erected at a new stop on Coach Hill."

The shelters are part of an ongoing programme of investing in bus facilities across Fareham.



**Comfort:** Bus passengers have this new shelter in Titchfield Square.

# Baby Oliver's arrival gives a new twist to the icing on Connie Hockley's cake



**Granny duty:** Baby Oliver is in safe hands and so is Titchfield Ward for another four years.

**WITH a baby like Oliver, you couldn't ask for more.**

But his arrival provided another twist to the icing on the cake for Councillor Connie Hockley.

She had just been re-elected with an increased majority in Titchfield on May 4, then baby Oliver – her daughter's first child - arrived 12 days later.

Connie said: "Whenever I am up for re-election I get nervous in case I lose my seat, but I have the honour to serve the ward for another four years.

"To have my majority increased was the icing on the cake. Thank you to all those who took the time and trouble to vote for me and I promise to continue to work hard for our ward and for Fareham."

## TITCHFIELD CONSERVATIVES

We are very active with social and political events and membership drives. If you would like further details, to join us, or to help in any way such as distribution of *In Touch* newsletters in your road, please contact your ward councillors.

### ANY PROBLEMS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Please write the details here and give the exact location

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### Your man in Westminster



By Mark Hoban MP for Fareham

The Government used the World Cup to bury bad news. They sneaked out proposals to build 45,000 houses a year in the South East on the day England played Sweden.

No wonder they wanted to hide this as it would mean in South Hampshire alone building 130,000 houses over 20 years compared to the current plans for 80,000. The scene is being set for the Government to overrule these plans and force through higher numbers and when I asked the minister who has the final word on this to rule it, she refused.

We know we need more houses in the South East: people are living longer and more of us are living on our own. These factors push up the demand for houses.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for young people to get on the housing ladder because of rising house prices. New homes are inevitable, but who should decide how many are built?

At the moment, the final decision about how many houses will be built in our community will not be taken by local councils, despite the work they put into developing plans.

A minister sitting in Whitehall will decide how many houses will go in Fareham and how many of them will be built on brownfield sites (including back-gardens) and greenfield sites.

I think this is wrong. It is time that local people had a much greater say over development. You and I will have to live with the consequences of development, not the civil servants and ministers sitting in Whitehall. We will have to deal with the traffic jams from the front door to the school gates to the office car park, when Government fails to spend enough money on the roads needed to support all the extra housing. It is right that we have a stronger voice in those decisions so that we can decide how best to meet the needs of our community.

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# Fareham tops county waste recycling table

**FAREHAM residents have wasted no time in helping the Borough Council to meet Government recycling targets.**

In fact, householders have responded so well that the Council has exceeded the 30% target.

In the quarter to April, a figure of 37.8% was achieved – the highest in Hampshire and one of the best in the country.

Councillor Brian Bayford, Executive Member for Streetscene, commented:

“This is due to the efforts of many residents in fully using the blue-top recycling wheelie bins and to the extra free service offered by the collection of green waste.”

However, the target to be achieved by 2010 is 50% so further plans are being made to support and advise residents who are unsure of what to recycle and those who do not take advantage of the recycling facilities.

Owing to the success in meeting the Government target a special grant has been allocated by a Government agency (WRAP) to further encourage recycling.

This will be used to provide a monitoring and ‘door-stepping’ programme by a specialist team.

The team will identify areas and residents with problems and provide assistance to help and advise.

There are about 90 blocks of flats or maisonettes that are currently

unable to be properly serviced due to inadequate space or difficulty of access.

Priority is being given by the Council to resolving these problems and the ‘door-stepping’ team will also be involved.

All new flat developments in the Borough are required to meet guidelines on space and servicing for waste management.

Some residents have requested extra green sacks, which can be provided up to a maximum of 3.

These will be collected by the ‘dusties’.

However it is not possible to collect green waste in anything but the bag provided.



**Not the way to do it:** ‘Dusties’ will only collect garden waste that’s in official green bags.

### WHAT’S AVAILABLE TO YOU

- 1 x 240 litre green top bin (for those with a 140 litre)
- 2 x 240 litre blue top bins (for recycling)
- Green garden waste sacks
- Ring 01329 824387 or 824389.
- For further information, call Councillor Brian Bayford on 01489 880740

## More masts? It’s all right for the seagulls



**THE SEAGULL atop the mast on the left is happy because a mobile phone company wants to give him another perch alongside and erect a mast and boxes at the location pictured right**

Councillor Keith Evans has objected to two proposals to install 15 metre high mobile phone masts.

The first is to install ground boxes and a mast in the grass verge area between the A27 and Old Southampton Road opposite the B&Q Superstore.

This has been objected to on the grounds that there is already mast there and that this should be used rather than adding another.

The second proposal is for ground



boxes and a mast on the green grass triangle at the Netley Road-Hunts Pond Road junction.

This has been objected to because it would spoil the street scene and obstruct the sight line of drivers coming out of Netley Road.

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