



In Touch

with our community

LOCKS HEATH & WARSASH – 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 Trevor Cartwright 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 Cartwright 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.

...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

Reducing danger

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

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

The aim is to draw drivers' attention to the various hazards at this busy junction.

'Thank-you' lunch

Local councillors thanked helpers in the May elections and deliverers of *In Touch* by laying on a lunch for 35 in the Victory Hall, Warsash.

Social calendar

Warsash Branch Committee has been making plans for future social events.

There will be a supper evening in the autumn when Councillor Trevor Cartwright will give a presentation on ship-building, and a 'Meet MP Mark Hoban' evening around November. The AGM will be held in February 2007.

Party chairman visit

Chairman of the Conservative Party, Francis Maude MP, was guest speaker at Fareham Conservative Association's summer ball at HMS Collingwood on July 7.

It was attended by over 160 supporters and hosted by Fareham MP Mark Hoban and his wife Fiona. This event was a great success, thanks to a hard working Ball Committee.

Hook villagers' sortie to ground model aircraft

AIR RAIDS by model planes have continued unabated as the Battle of Hook rages on.

Planes flying from the Recreation Ground are upsetting villagers.

People walking their dogs and recreation ground users have had near misses from planes flying out of control at high speeds.

Several have crashed on to houses and glasshouses.

Villagers sent a 180-signature petition demanding the planes be grounded for good, which was due to go to the Council's Executive on July 17 with proposals to adopt a bye-law relating to the recreation ground.

The issue landed before the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee on May 30 when deputations were heard from two residents and Councillor Trevor Cartwright requesting a total ban.

A Model Aircraft Club representative delivered a counter attack.

Councillor Cartwright said a decision on a bye-law was deferred and the Council's officers asked to seek more information from Gosport Borough Council about its decision last year to ban model aircraft flying from Grange.

Meantime, the situation will be reviewed in the light of Health and Safety, with possible days and times when flying might take place and how a bye-law might be enforced.

Alternative venues will also be investigated and the British Model Flying Association was urged to persuade members to self-regulate their activities at Hook to lessen the effect on residents and recreation ground users.



Low level: A model plane swoops low over Hook Recreation Ground while a game of football goes on in the background.

Thanks for the huge majority, says Trevor

COUNCILLOR Trevor Cartwright MBE, who was re-elected for Warsash Ward in May, has sent the following message:

"Thank you to all the residents who took the trouble to go to the Polling stations on the 4th May to vote for me.

"I am very pleased to be re-elected as the Councillor for Warsash Ward with such an excellent majority and will do my very best to continue representing all interests."

Results	
Trevor Cartwright (Con)	1597
Liberal Democrat	255
Green	133
Labour	117
Conservative majority	1342

Maritime students facing ban on parking

A RESIDENTS' parking scheme may solve problems in Hook Park and Newtown Road, Warsash caused by students at the Maritime College.

Haphazard parking annoyed residents who sent in a 115-name petition demanding that Fareham Council should find a solution.

The Executive decided the Council, police and college authorities should ensure students park on the campus and an effective travel plan is introduced.

Permanent waiting restrictions for Hook Park Road approaching the bridge will be considered next year.

"These could be extended, but this may be detrimental to residents who would have to obey them. A residents' parking scheme could be the remedy," said Councillor Trevor Cartwright.

Olympic medallist opens new training centre



NICK ROGERS, who won a silver medal in the 470 sailing class at Athens, opened the new Training Centre at Lobster Quay on Saturday June 17.

Warsash Councillor Trevor Cartwright (pictured) said the centre provided excellent facilities for club members, especially for the youngsters who are training under the Volvo Sailing Scheme.

The opening was attended by officers of the club, Leader of Fareham Borough Council Seán Woodward and many guests, including Warsash Sea Scouts and Cadet members of the Sailing Club.

Setback for leisure centre and swim pool

THE SITING of a swimming pool and leisure centre in Locks Heath may be in doubt.

Ownership of the Lockwood Shopping Centre changed hands and the agreement the Council had reached with previous owners is no longer acceptable.

Negotiations with the new owners have been positive so far, but they want certain assurances which will take time to resolve.

So the Council has to identify and agree another site in the Western Wards as a stand-by.

Councillor Mike Godrich said: "There are several options, but these new negotiations will take time and will likely be protracted.

"Rest assured both your local councillors and the Council will do their utmost to secure another site as soon as possible."

Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said reports that parking was the key issue were misleading. A survey had been carried out to establish the likely effects so decisions could be based on fact, not conjecture.

Genesis 'role model' Chris is nominated for prestige award

A YOUNG man who has become a role model at Locks Heath's Genesis Centre has been nominated for Fareham's Young Person of the Year Award.

Fifteen-year-old Christopher Dean joined the centre in April 2004 and was initially very shy.

Councillor Ruth Godrich recollects: "Through participating in a variety of activities he has developed both personally and socially.

"He has been instrumental in producing the Intro Magazine that is delivered to schools in the borough, participates in Trailblazers at school and volunteers his time two evenings a week at the Genesis Centre to work with the younger age group.

"He is a great role model for young people since he has a good understanding of the issues they face in growing up.

"This is a wonderful achievement to have

become a responsible young adult and we wish him well for the future," she said.

Christopher was proposed by Kay Castonguay, of the Genesis Centre, for the award in the 9-18 category.

The award was introduced in March 2001 to recognise the contributions made to society by under 18s in Fareham.

The importance and distinction of the award is recognised when it is presented at a full meeting of the Borough Council.

Recipients are also received by the Mayor at a tea party held in their honour and invited to sign the Borough's Roll of Honour.

The winner also receives a gift voucher and attends several receptions with the Mayor, assisting the Mayor to switch on the Christmas lights in the town centre and meeting the cast of the Christmas pantomime at Ferneham Hall.

Parents urged to support school travel plan

PARK GATE Primary School is preparing a Travel Plan for submission to Hampshire County Council for approval.

The aim is the safety of children and the reduction of traffic near the school if possible.

The advantages are the

provision of cycle racks and yellow jackets for older children who have passed their Proficiency Test and are allowed to bring their bicycles to school.

Other aspects are car sharing by parents and walking in groups with parents taking

turns to lead.

Appealing to parents to support the scheme and similar ones at other local schools, Councillor Mike Godrich said it would also help to achieve Government targets for reducing exhaust emissions.

LOCKS HEATH & WARSASH 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.

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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 wheelee 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

Poached carp a better risk than roast venison

POACHERS have switched their prey in Holly Hill Woodland Park from deer to fish.



They’ve discovered there’s more profit in live carp than dead venison.

Large numbers of carp or koi (the Japanese name) live in the park’s lakes and on still sunny mornings their vibrant colours can be seen as they rest near the surface.

Some reach over half a metre and chil-

dren feeding bread to the ducks are surprised when the carp move in and grab it first.

Sarisbury Councillor David Swanbrow said: “These big fish must be very tempting to anglers and some have

been caught by police while attempting to catch them and their rods and tackle confiscated.

“A big carp, if well marked, can be worth several thousand pounds to collectors, which makes the temptation to catch one even more alluring.”

Councillor Swanbrow, a member of the Friends of Holly Hill Woodland Park, said anybody who spotted poachers trying to catch fish should use their mobile to phone the police on 101.



Carpark: Scores of carp live in the lakes.