



## Conservatives

# In Touch

with our community

FAREHAM SOUTH – SUMMER 2010

### Dennis thanks Fareham South Ward supporters



**Dennis Steadman:** Pressing for new community facilities.

**DENNIS STEADMAN thanks all the residents of Fareham South who voted for him in the recent Borough Council elections.**

"I would like to express sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have again placed your faith in me – the 4th time that you have trusted me to represent you.

"Many of you had political leanings away from the party I stand for, but chose to support me in view of my past record. This I find very humbling.

"I will continue to strive to improve the quality of life for the residents in Fareham South.

"To this end, I am already pressing the authorities for a separate community facility in the west end of our ward to accommodate its youth and possibly older generation – a difficult and lengthy task.

"Litter and street cleanliness, footpath and highway standards are always high on my agenda."

#### RESULT

**DENNIS STEADMAN (Con) 1,589**

Leonard (Lib Dem) 761

Carr (Lab) 655

Jenkins (ED) 150

Vivian (Gr) 147

Maj 828

**Turnout 63%**

## Axe for 'garden grabbers' as Tory planning reforms bite

**GARDEN grabbing planning policies set by Labour are among the first to be axed by the Government, thanks to Conservatives laying the foundations.**

The Coalition wasted no time getting rid of six unpopular measures and two pieces of unwanted guidance.

As moves to transfer planning powers away from remote Whitehall mandarins and back to local councils gather pace, Councillor Nick Walker, chairman of Fareham Council's Planning Committee, commented:

"They must be congratulated for their swift action on planning issues that have frustrated councils and residents alike. They promise that further changes are on the way. This can only be good."

He welcomed the decision by Greg Clark, the minister responsible for decentralising decision making, to scrap minimum density targets on new development; he has already issued a new planning policy statement to that effect.

Mr Clark also made changes allowing councils to reduce dramatically 'garden grabbing' where gardens have been lost to inappropriate development.

"For years, the wishes of local people have been ignored as the character of neighbourhoods and gardens has been destroyed, robbing communities of vital green space," said Councillor Walker.

It will allow Fareham Council to resist developers building high density one or two bedroom flats where the need is for family houses.

Before the election, the Conservative green paper promised to scrap the South East Plan, but councils would be expected to base their plans on what they submitted to the plan rather than what was forced upon them by Whitehall.

### Civic salute to armed forces



Fareham honoured our servicemen and women on Armed Forces Day with a ceremony in the town centre on June 21.

A parade was led by Royal Marines drummers and the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Brian Bayford, took the salute while the Armed Forces flag was raised over the town, to remain in place for the week.

They also said they would introduce laws allowing objectors to appeal against decisions to approve planning applications that were contrary to a council's published plan.

Councillor Walker added: "It will take time to implement all their ideas but they have made several good starts.

"Already, Eric Pickles (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) has issued a letter saying that decisions on housing supply - including provision for gypsies and travellers - will rest with local planning authorities rather than the government.

"Planning inspectors must now take this statement as a material consideration at appeals."

### Fareham's bid for silverware in prestige national contest

**GREEN fingers are being crossed to see whether Fareham can win a prize in the prestigious Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom contest.**

The town was invited to enter because of its repeated successes in the South &

SE England in Bloom.

Judges from South & SE England in Bloom will be in Fareham at the end of July, but the results will not be known until mid-September.

The town will be judged on August 4 in the Britain in Bloom competition, with the

results being announced at a ceremony held by the RHS at the end of September.

Fareham in Bloom gardens open day will be on Sunday, July 25 and the presentation evening will be at Ferneham Hall in October.

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

**WARD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Road rating**

Beaconsfield Road has been submitted for rating this year and will be on the list to be sent to the County Council.

Rating involves a detailed examination of footpath and highway conditions by the Borough Engineering Department and has been carried out at Councillor Dennis Steadman's request.

The initial inspection did not highlight any area of immediate danger but should the condition rate highly enough, work would be triggered during the next financial year.

**Dressing**

Fayre Road is in the programme for this year's surface dressing season. If the patching has not been carried out yet, it will be done in the next month or so

Surface dressing will follow, but it is too early to give any estimation of time as programmes can change due to the weather.

**Jim Murray**

Tributes have been paid to former Fareham Mayor and ex-councillor Jim Murray, who died last month, aged 80.

Council Leader Seán Woodward described him as a man who devoted his time to public service.

He represented Fareham East for 26 years and was due to be made an honorary alderman for his services to the Council and community. This will be conferred posthumously later this summer.

Among his many posts, he was chairman of governors at Cams Hill School.

**Paul 'pedals' a wheely great idea for town cycle path**

**A RESIDENT'S plan for a designated cycle path via Bishopsfield Road and The Avenue to the town centre has been acclaimed.**

Paul Hockaday outlined his scheme to Councillor Dennis Steadman, who said:

"I am very grateful to Mr Hockaday for this excellent idea and the detail that he has explored.

"I am sure that if it could be incorporated into the Town Access Plan it would be environmentally beneficial and could possibly form part of Fareham's Greening Campaign."

There is a footpath which might be wide enough to be divided into



**Pedal power:** Paul Hockaday shows Dennis Steadman where the cycle path could begin outside Fareham College.

pedestrian and cycle designated areas.

In other areas, the undergrowth could be cut back to restore the footpath to its original width.

Many students use this route to

Fareham College and St Jude's School and such a scheme would make their journey safer.

Some residents and persons attending St Phillip Howard Church in Bishopsfield Road could also be encouraged to cycle into the town centre rather than driving.

Dennis Steadman added: "The problems lie with the railway bridge and highway junctions.

"The scheme would be mainly a matter for Hampshire County Council who are currently working on the Town Access Plan for Fareham, and this could be an addition."

**Action Team meeting deals with several pressing issues**

**VEGETATION around The Gillies may be thinned after a police request to Fareham Council.**

New police beat Sergeant Aaron Freemantle said they were aware of anti social behaviour in the area and making it more open might be a solution.

Sgt Freemantle, who introduced his team, was addressing the meeting of South West Community Action Team (CAT) at Oak Road WI on June 10.

He said an ASBO had been served on a person in Highlands Road area and explained that police were ready to intervene in neighbour disputes.

To help reduce speeding traffic, mobile warning displays and speed cameras will be used.

Road shows will start soon in residential areas to show the dangers of cycling on pavements and the police will also speak to equestrian centres about horses fouling pavements.

The meeting was attended by Fareham Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward, Councillors Di Harrison, Leslie Keeble and Dennis Steadman, and chaired by Councillor Trevor Cartwright.

CAT officer Mark Dunning invited residents to join the e-panel and explained how to apply for funding.

Funding has been approved to help Shop Mobility provide a training DVD, to help make Bridleway 100 more

accessible, replant part of the fly-over flower beds and provide new benches at Fareham Quay.

A questionnaire about *Fareham Today* was distributed to assist the Council with future publications.

Residents were asked to choose the top two and bottom two priorities from the Council's list by placing coloured dots on the appropriate charts, which will be used in making future decisions.

Councillor Woodward gave an update on the Council's achievements and then discussed the pressures that it faces in the forthcoming year.

He then answered questions.

**QA buses:** Councillor Woodward said it was hoped shortly to resolve the problem of buses being unable to turn.

However, bus routes must be profitable and First bus would not run unless it was heavily subsidised.

Community Action Fareham could help with their dial-a-ride or shuttle bus.

**20 is Plenty:** Such signs are not statutory and can be erected anywhere but you need funding.

**Prague Junction:** Re-opened as Coyote Station, but quickly closed down again. Residents feared it might re-open yet again, but there were stringent conditions put upon the licence by the Council's Licensing panel.

The next cycle of meetings begins on September 22 at 7pm at Henry Cort Community College.

**Letting off steam in the Council car parks**

**MOTORISTS who park in Council car parks will soon be able to have their cars steam cleaned while they shop.**

Econowash won the tender to provide a car washing service in the 44 Council car parks and will be using steam to clean cars using biodegradable products and only two litres of water per vehicle.

Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward described it as "an innovative scheme".

Econowash will use mobile steam cleaning equipment, allowing them to move easily and safely between cars.

Motorists who park in a council car park will be offered Wonderwash for £7.99.

In addition Econowash will be based at 1 Station Approach, Fareham where they will also offer a full valeting service.

## £2,000 grant gives Sea Scouts extra pulling power

**A COMMUNITY grant of £2,000 from the Borough Council has been given to 2nd Fareham Sea Scouts to help replace 12 oars.**

The Sea Scouts are carrying out a programme of refurbishment and replacement of their old fleet and auxiliary equipment and requested funding towards the total cost of £3,742 to replace the oars.

The group, based at Lower Quay, gives young people the chance to learn nautical skills and seamanship with the aim of promoting independence and self-esteem. It has about 130 members.

Fareham Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said: "I am pleased that the Council has been able to support the 2nd Fareham Sea Scouts with this Community Grant.

"This local group provides opportunities for young people to participate in a healthy, social sporting activity."

## Kids in hard hats play leading role in Broadlaw blocks naming

**YELLOW safety jackets and hard hats were substituted for school uniform when local pupils played a key role in naming two new blocks at the Broadlaw Walk redevelopment.**

Randal View and Lion Place - both names with local connections - were chosen for the buildings as part of First Wessex's community involvement.

Councillor Dennis Steadman, who attended with fellow ward Councillor Trevor Howard, said: "Wallisdean Year 5 pupils put a lot of effort into their research and wall display."

The excited children donned the safety gear for a conducted tour of inspection by John Waterfield, First Wessex development officer.

Randal View is derived from Sir William Randal Cremer (known by his name of Randal), who was an MP and a Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1903.

Lion Place has connections with William Price, the benefactor of the former Price's School in Fareham. The lion was the school's badge.

Also attending was Fareham Council Leader, Councillor Seán Woodward, and Strategic Housing Manager Mr Malcolm Stevens.

Ladies of the community centre located at Broadlaw Walk hosted the event.

Councillor Steadman added: "It was a wonderful day for the children and for the future of Broadlaw Walk, and our thanks should be given to all those who worked to make it so."

## Residents' parking scheme introduced

**FROM JULY, some streets in the town centre will have a residential parking scheme.**

The scheme is being introduced after consultations with town centre residents who have been requesting a residents' parking scheme for many years."

Residents living in the streets listed below can buy a permit for £40 per annum.

This will entitle them to park on-street in marked bays between 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

They will also receive 10 free visitor permits per household per year. Additional visitor permits are available to residents at a cost of £10 for a book of 10 permits.

No charge will be made for Blue Badge holders and essential medical staff can apply for a special permit.

The following streets will be part of the new parking scheme: Colenso Road, Crescent Road, Gordon Road, New Road.

## Dennis asks Council to support good cause

**A CHILDREN'S charity has applied for an £8,000 grant from the Borough Council.**

Let Us Play Scheme needs to cash towards the new CRB checks that have to be carried out.

The playgroup also hopes to get funding from other trusts.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said LUPS, which is run by Mr Den Edwards at St Francis School, Ranvilles Lane, is a registered charity established in 1986 that provides play schemes

for children with profound and complex disabilities, ranging from severe cerebral palsy, epilepsy and severe autism, during the school holidays.

There are 90 children on the group's books, whose ages range from two and a half to 19.

It provides a safe and secure fun environment with continual one-to-one support to enable each child to access and achieve at their own level.

Each activity is devised with the individual needs of each child in mind.

The group is continually evaluated by the parents and carers, as well as Social Services and Ofsted.

LUPS run play schemes in all the school holidays.

Councillor Steadman said: "I have studied this scheme with the detail provided by LUPS and heartily agree that this would be a worthwhile project for the Council to support.

"Even in these hard times we must find time to consider the less fortunate".

## FAREHAM SOUTH 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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**Our man in Westminster**



By **Mark Hoban**  
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# We will work in national interest to clear up mess inherited from Labour

nalled from the start of the negotiations that we had to respect the verdict of the electorate and work together with the Liberal Democrats to find solutions to the profound problems facing our nation.

As David Cameron has made clear, Britain needs strong, stable and decisive government at this point in our history. It was in the national interest that we achieved this coalition agreement on a secure basis, enabling us to govern securely in the national interest.

We must recognise that all coalitions involve compromise. However, I would like to reassure you that the key principles on which we fought this election have formed the basis of this agreement.

It commits the next government to a significantly accelerated reduction in the budget deficit, to cut £6 billion of government waste this financial year and to stop the jobs tax.

The agreement also allows us to carry out key elements of the reform agenda we outlined in our manifesto, including welfare and school reform.

We have protected our nuclear deterrent and there will be no amnesty for illegal immigrants, nor the handover of any additional powers to the EU.

But the past few days have not just been about compromise. There is significant common

ground between us and the Liberal Democrats, such as our commitment to building a green economy, decentralising power and protecting civil liberties - including scrapping ID cards.

This will be a Government that puts the national interest first and takes determined and resolute actions.

We have already seen this in the difficult decisions that we have had to take on the public finances. As Treasury Minister, I know just how empty the coffers are and the scale of the challenges we face to get the economy moving again.

I am afraid that the last Government spent money as if there was no tomorrow.

Unfortunately, they have left you with the bill. That is why we have had to make difficult decisions on taxes and spending to balance the books whilst doing all we can to support economic recovery.

You can be assured that the tough decisions that we have had to take are aimed at one goal: clearing up the mess that we have inherited from Labour. It is a tough job but one that needs to be done.

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I am very grateful to the residents of Fareham South for their support in the recent General Election.

Regardless of whether or not you voted for me, I look forward to serving all of you as your Member of Parliament for the next five years.

The outcome of the election locally was very clear but it was not so clear nationally.

In the election, the Conservatives gained nearly 100 extra MPs, a bigger gain than in any election since 1931. This was a remarkable achievement. However, we fell short of an overall majority.

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, sig-

## Keeping Fareham tidy costs millions

### IT COSTS £1m a year to keep Fareham tidy.

In 2009-10 the Council collected 1,771 tons of street litter, says Councillor Keith Evans, Executive Member for Streetscene.

There are 543 acres of public open space to keep clean, 230 miles of roads and footpaths to sweep and clear and 650 litter bins to empty.

Street cleaning varies from daily in the town centre to once a fortnight in outlying areas.

Refuse collection costs just under £2m a year, 8 crews collecting a bin every week from each of 47,000 households.

19,684 tons of household waste were collected in 2009-10 and 8,168 tons of recyclates, and every household needed 1,047lbs of waste to be collected and disposed of.

## Council faces difficult balancing act in light of Government cuts

### FAREHAM Council is reassessing its priorities in view of the government's plan for 20% cuts over the next four years.

It will redouble efforts to find as many savings as possible while having the least impact on front-line services.

Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said each year this became ever more challenging, especially for a Council which sets almost the lowest level of council tax in the country – despite receiving one of the lowest levels of government grant.

He said Fareham was pleased not to have to increase the council tax this year and aimed for a similar result over the next couple of years, being mindful of the extreme financial pressures faced by many of our residents during the recession and its aftermath.

The Council is currently re-evaluating its priorities as well as con-

tinuing its philosophy of always trying to achieve more for less.

He said: "We are always looking for ways to reduce expenditure and to find new income streams.

"We take a great interest in what our residents tell us are their priorities, both the things that they tell us are their top priorities as well as what they tell us are not their priorities for spending.

"Top priorities always include waste collection and recycling, keeping our streets clear of litter and maintaining parks and open spaces to a high standard, whereas the lowest priority is always Westbury Manor Museum.

"We will be looking closely at our partnership agreement with Hampshire County Council, which runs the museum in our building, to investigate how this service may continue to be delivered in a way which respects the priorities of our residents."

## Nicked by new boat watch site

### BOAT crime is being targeted by a new website called Hampshire Marine Watch. And it's already paid off.

Fareham Police collared a man in possession of navigation gear and used the website to return the property to its owner.

The Council's Community Safety Partnership's website is designed to improve communication between organisations in the boating community.

In the first month over 1100 'hits' were received to the web site which clearly demonstrates the interest in this area.

For further information please visit [www.hampshire-marinewatch.co.uk](http://www.hampshire-marinewatch.co.uk)