



# Conservatives

# In Touch

with our community

LOCKS HEATH – SUMMER 2010

## Susan says thanks to Locks Heath Ward supporters



**Susan Bayford:** 'Pleased to help with any queries or problems.'

### COUNCILLOR SUSAN BAYFORD sends the following message to supporters who voted for her in the May elections:

"I am writing to thank you very much for electing me to serve my first 4-year term on Fareham Borough Council representing Locks Heath.

"Irrespective of whether you voted for me or not, I am your ward councillor and I would be very pleased to help you with any queries or problems that you might have. I can be contacted on 01489 880740 or sbayford@fareham.gov.uk

#### RESULT

<b>SUSAN BAYFORD (Con)</b>	<b>2,439</b>
Pritchard (Lib Dem)	1,373
Knight (Lab)	439
Maj	1,066
<b>Turnout 75%</b>	

## 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 David Swanbrow, Fareham's Executive member for Strategic Planning and Environment, said:

"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 Swanbrow.

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 Swanbrow 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 Britain in Bloom competition

**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, whose judges will be in Fareham at the end of July, with the results declared in 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.

**Photo:** Judges awarded a Green Flag to the sensory garden in Osborn Road in 2009.



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

## WARD NEWS BRIEFS

### 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 was due to be made an honorary alderman, along with retired Locks Heath Ward Councillor Mike Godrich and ex-Mayor Ernest Crouch, for his 26 years' service as a councillor and this will be conferred posthumously at a ceremony later this summer.

### Transparency

The Borough Council has been publishing this information for nearly a year and is delighted the new government has followed our lead in requiring all councils to do the same.

Log on to the Council's website <http://www.fareham.gov.uk/council/general/transparency.aspx>

There, you can see we publish not only all expenditure, but also future spending plans, employee pay and benefits, senior staff pay, members' allowances etc.

### Play Ranger events

Free Play Ranger events will take place at parks and open spaces across the Borough offering children and their parents an opportunity for natural play ideas.

Call Sue Mills, acting communications manager, on 01329 824518 for details.

## Local campaigns are paying off, police tell CAT meeting

**POLICE** are clamping down on anti-social behaviour in the Western Wards.

Vehicle nuisance, alcohol abuse and general misbehaviour are being targeted.

Sergeant Dave Spacey told the Western Wards Community Action Team meeting at Victory Hall, Warsash that speeding vehicles were being targeted and police want to know of areas of concern.

Sgt Spacey said cars parked on pavements would not necessarily warrant a ticket, but if they were there constantly it would be investigated.

Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward explained that the current owners of Locks Heath Centre refused to lift the covenant to allow a swimming pool to be built, but the Council had identified an area in Coldeast for a pool and fitness centre and a cemetery and, if possible, a community centre.

But the Council could not force the Shopping Centre owners to allow parking on their property.

A questioner asked whether First Bus could be pressured to provide better routes for those in the Western Wards who do not drive.

The Leader said First Bus only operated profitable routes, but would be running a service through the Coldeast site. Residents were advised to liaise with County Councillor Keith Evans

The meeting, chaired by Councillor Brian Bayford, was attended by Councillors Susan Bayford, Trevor Cartwright, Mary Nadolski, Marian Ellerton, David Swanbrow and Ruth Godrich.

CAT officer Janine Hensman advised residents of the availability of community funding.

Next meeting will be at Sarisbury Green Social Club, Bridge Road at 7pm on November 17.

## Three very deserving causes will benefit from Fareham Mayor's charities appeal

**FAREHAM'S Mayor and Mayoress have appealed for cash in support of their charities appeal.**

Councillor Brian Bayford and Councillor Susan Bayford will hold a variety of events to support their chosen charities – The Rainbow Centre, Global Voices and Toe in the Water.

**The Rainbow Centre:** Helps children with cerebral palsy and other similar disabilities.

The centre uses a technique known as Conductive Education, which aims to enable children to reach their maximum potential, helping them towards living a more independent life.

**Global Voices:** Was set up in September 2008 by a Fareham school to develop unique learning partnerships and to bring young people together through the medium of music.

This is an extension of the 'PanJazz' partnership with Brookfield and

Portchester Community Schools.

**Toe in the Water:** A tri-service initiative which re-inspires and re-integrates badly and/or traumatically injured service personnel, using competitive sailing as a direct extension of rehabilitation work carried out at Headley Court.

More than 60 able-bodied volunteers from the military and civilian sailing communities, many based in and around the Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth area are involved.

Toe in the Water is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions and is fully supported by the military.

The Mayor said: "If you can support our charities, please send a donation to:

**Mayor of Fareham's Charities  
The Mayor's Office  
Civic Offices  
Civic Way  
Fareham PO16 7PP**

## Top quality service to frail and infirm continues after contract glitch

**LOCKSWOOD Day Care Centre is now running smoothly after an administration glitch.**

Trustees, who had run the centre for 20 years, lost a contract with Social Services to Age Concern.

Councillor Ruth Godrich said: "The trust decided to offer subsidised places from reserves until

the County Council's personalised payments to clients for social care were running, when they were given direct payments."

The trustees regrouped their management team and re-opened on January 1, retaining 70 of the 84 clients who used the centre under the former contract.

Strategic management, budget setting and control are by the trustees; operational management is delegated to a special team.

Councillor Godrich praised the team and said the trust continued to provide high quality care for its frail, elderly and mentally infirm clients.

## Neil launches energy saving initiative in Fareham

**AN ENERGY saving initiative has been launched in Fareham.**

Ex-Royal Navy man Neil Richardson briefed councillors with a presentation on the work he has been doing in the community so far.

"As part of Southern Electric's commitment to providing a more personal service, I am available to offer impartial advice on:

- Energy efficiency
- Energy saving devices
- Tariff information
- Bill queries
- Fuel poverty
- Working with the vulnerable

He manages an electricity energy saving monitor library where he installs, explains and offers tips.

He runs energy surgeries at locations within the community and is available for appointments, helping residents with energy related queries at home.

He also gives energy efficiency talks to local groups and attends community events.

His work started in Whiteley and has now moved into Locks Heath. He aims to work across the Borough making a positive difference to energy bills by reducing consumption.

Residents can call Neil free on 07825 014164.

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## 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.

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.

## Hands-on Mayor Brian tries out a mechanical digger at Abbeyfield development launch



**FAREHAM Mayor Brian Bayford clambered on board a digger to mark the building of new Abbeyfield homes at Locks Heath.**

He was accompanied by the Mayoress, Locks Heath Councillor Susan Bayford.

The project at 44 Locks Road will consist of one and two-bedroom flats for pensioners living in the Borough

and it is hoped that the first phase will be completed by the end of the year.

This development meets the Council's recently adopted policy for older persons' housing, as it includes a suitable number of two-bedroom units.

**Photo:** The Mayor handles the digger, flanked by the Mayoress and Paul Allen, Abbeyfield Chief Executive.

## Helping to keep you safe on the roads

**FAREHAM Road Safety Council was set up to educate and advise residents.**

It has supported Hampshire Road Safety Council in its many projects and made people are aware of new regulations.

Councillor Ruth Godrich says issues that Fareham has undertaken include checking cycles for safety, fitting child car seats, high visibility clothing, driver eye testing and safe walking and cycling to school.

It has been involved with the police in carrying out speed checks and trying to ensure that every school has a crossing warden.

## County Council seeking ways to cope with future big freezes

**REMEMBER the big winter freeze up? The County Council is carrying out an exhaustive review to see how to respond better if similar extreme weather occurs again in our area.**

County Councillor Keith Evans said: "We all had bad experiences last December and January - abandoned cars, icy roads, dangerous footpaths, unable to get to work, children not at school."

He is vice-chairman of the review panel which is gathering evidence and comments from a wide range of authorities and groups.

Keith said some of the facts revealed so far include:

- Even with double the recommended levels of salt reserves (we had 12 days' worth), the County was down to only one day's supply at one stage
- As the emergency progressed, Hampshire was receiving only 10% of the re-supply that the government said we should get
- The County gave support to some neighbouring counties and to Portsmouth and Brighton & Hove.
- Highways are closely examining the

implications of increasing the road clearance programme and to ensure that important locations such as large schools, hospitals, large health centres, major employment centres etc are future priority targets.

•Agreements are also under consideration to help with the clearance of bus depots and large car parks.

•There will be a very significant increase in the number of local grit bins

He added: "I am sure that the County's winter resilience plan will be significantly strengthened. The final report of this review group will be issued in September."

## LOCKS HEATH 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**  
MP for Fareham

# 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 Locks Heath 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.hampshiremarinewatch.co.uk](http://www.hampshiremarinewatch.co.uk)