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WARSASH – SUMMER 2010

Trevor says thanks to Warsash Ward supporters



Trevor Cartwright: Encouraged by the number of young voters.

COUNCILLOR TREVOR CARTWRIGHT would like to thank all of the residents of Warsash who voted for him in the recent Borough Council elections.

He was impressed with the exceptional turnout and said it was encouraging to note an increase in the number of young people voting, some for the first time.

He has been appointed chairman of the Scrutiny Board and Appeals Panel, vice-chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Public Protection and Performance & Review Panels.

He continues as chairman of the Community Safety Partnership and the local Strategic Partnership networkfareham and remains a member of the River Hamble Management Committee.

He said: "I am pleased to be re-elected with an increased majority and will do everything in my power to serve Warsash residents."

RESULT

Trevor Cartwright (Con)	2,903
Savage (Lib Dem)	889
Moore (Lab)	357
Maj	2,014
Turnout 75%	

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 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

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, particularly Warsash.

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 on June 8 that they would keep teams in the area until 1 or 2am as the pubs close later there.

Since the arrest of four people from Southampton, vehicle crime had ceased, but there had been two burglaries in Warsash with entry being gained through a side door; residents were advised to lock their doors.

Street-wise awareness carried out with local schools had been very successful.

Speeding vehicles were being targeted in Dibbles Road and Fleet End Lane and police want to know of other areas of concern. Barnes Lane's problem and speeding in Greenaway Lane were being dealt with.

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

Drivers park in the road at Hamble Park obscuring the entrance and residents want yellow lines there.

Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward gave an update on the Council's achievements and discussed the pressures that it faced.

Residents were asked to choose the top 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 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

Asked why Fareham receives one of the smallest grants from the government, Councillor Woodward said much more money was given to the North as it was supposed to be based on areas of deprivation.

"The current government is going to look at this and make it more transparent," he said.

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. Recently approved projects were:

Warsash Victory Hall: £3,000 towards upgrading the fire alarm system and to fit a new firecheck door.

Titchfield Festival Theatre Club: £5,000 towards a diesel heating system, heavy duty curtains and to help convert a cowshed into changing rooms and rehearsal space.

Salisbury Residents' Association: £559 for a tree to replace one that has died on Little Green.

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

Warsash Wasps are honoured for football development

WARSASH Wasps Football Club has been nominated for a prestigious award.

Wasps were chosen by Fareham Borough Council through the Charter Standard Award Programme for their hard work, support and commitment to the development of football within the Borough.

In particular, they have helped develop powerchair football.

They not only won the County Award, but also the Regional Award and have now been put forward as one of only 8 clubs within the country for a chance to win the National Award.

If they win this, it will be presented at Wembley at the Community Shield match.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright commented: "This is a huge achievement for the club which is run solely by volunteers."

Warsash Wasps are a Charter Standard Development Club (kitemark recognised by the FA).

They are currently supporting the powerchair football programme and working hard to set up a team to participate in competitive opportunities, as well as providing football opportunities for young people from 6-19 and adults.

Councillor Cartwright added: "I am sure all residents would like to join me in wishing them continued success for the future."

Improvements proposed to benefit all river users

THE River Hamble Harbour Management Committee has considered improvements along the river, funded by the Asset Enhancement Reserve.

Projects being recommended to the Harbour Board for bids include:

1 Improvement of safety signs on public slipways.

2 Improvement of tender storage afloat and ashore, including better access to the water and a possible extension to the public jetty at Hamble.

3 A project for providing more school and youth club visits to the river.

4 Possible repairs and improvements to the Warsash to Swanwick footpath, particularly

where deterioration is affecting Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Committee chairman County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "It is important we obtain the best value for any investment made in improving the river for all to enjoy."

"I am keen we work in partnership with other bodies who may be able to provide funding."

Letting off steam in the 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.

Mayoral honour for Trevor and Ruth



WARSASH Councillor Trevor Cartwright has been elected Deputy Mayor of Fareham, with his wife, Ruth, as Deputy Mayoress.

Trevor said: "This is a huge honour for us both and we are now working on forming a charity fund-raising committee and events as Mayor and Mayoress Elect for 2011/12.

"We have already decided the Cystic Fibrosis Trust will be one of the charities to benefit and will be deciding on others during this year."

He has represented Warsash on Fareham Council for the past 10 years.

He is a member of the management committee of Warsash Sea Cadet Corps and belongs to Warsash Sailing Club, the RNLI and the RSPB and enjoys sailing (racing) and cycling.

Mayor's appeal for charities

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 charities are The Rainbow Centre, Global Voices and Goe in the Water.

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

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."

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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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 Warsash 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