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Park Gate & Priory Park – Autumn 2013

Up to 800 jobs will be created as....

## Tories net £70m cash bonanza for Fareham

**IT'S AS GOOD** as having the winning ticket for the Euro Millions lottery.

Money has been ploughed into Fareham in the past few months – thanks to the influence of Council Leader Seán Woodward and the **Conservative**-run Borough and County Councils.

There is already £70m in hand to invest in infrastructure, business and hundreds of jobs, as listed below.

And the total could top £100m if Transport Secretary Patrick McLaughlin can be persuaded to fork out £30m for the long-overdue Stubbington by-pass when he meets Councillor Woodward and Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage.

The big spend will include the Solent Enterprise Zone at the former HMS Daedalus and widespread road and transport improvements across the Borough.

So how did Fareham reap such a golden harvest?

Seán Woodward wasted no time in Winchester after his re-election as County Councillor for Sarisbury Division.

His appointment as Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment soon followed. So did the cash.

As he also sits on the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP), Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight



**Flying high:** A WW2 Catalina flies over Lee airfield where the Solent Enterprise Zone will be built at the former home of the Fleet Air Arm.

and the Local Transport Body, he was able to bring his influence to bear and either decide on or lobby for the millions now being invested in Fareham.

He said: "These important infrastructure projects will help to retain and safeguard thousands of jobs in the Borough and I am delighted to have played my part in bringing this investment to Fareham."

### Solent Enterprise Zone

Serviced plots for marine, aviation and aerospace businesses; Business innovation centre  
New access roads  
College for 900 advanced engineering students  
New hangars; resurfaced runway  
Cost: £50,000,000  
Investors: Fareham BC, Hampshire CC, SLEP, Government

### Fareham Town

Western Way improvements, relocation of bus lane providing direct bus link from bus station  
Buses removed from Quay Street roundabout  
Improvements to Redlands Lane/Gudge Heath Lane, station roundabout  
Cost: Over £7,000,000  
Investors: Hampshire CC (£1,000,000); Department for Transport (£6,000,000)

### Access to and from Gosport

Improvements to Peel Common roundabout and Newgate Lane  
Cost: £9,000,000  
Investors: Hampshire CC, SLEP, Government departments

### Western Wards

Mitigation measures for Burrigde, Swanwick and Whiteley due to opening of bus gate from Yew Tree Drive to all vehicles  
Cost: £285,000  
Investor: Hampshire CC

**Only CONSERVATIVES can deliver such investments**





**NEWS ROUND**

**Seán thanks voters**

Seán Woodward has thanked voters of Sarisbury Division who again put their trust in him to represent them on Hampshire County Council for a third term of four years.

"I achieved over 70% of the vote, one of the highest vote shares in the country and will continue to do my best for the area we all share."

He was appointed as Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment in the [Conservative](#) administration.

**Mayor's charity total**

Last year's Mayor, Councillor Dennis Steadman, has thanked everybody who contributed to and helped towards raising a splendid total of £17,200 for his chosen charity, Wessex Heartbeat.

**Parking ban agreed**

After numerous complaints from residents of Shetland Rise, Caspian Close and Castilian Way, an order was made to ban parking on the north side of Rookery Avenue, Swanwick and around the junctions of Caspian Close and Shetland Rise.

All day parking, mostly rail commuters avoiding paying the charges at Swanwick Station, will still be available on the south side of Rookery Avenue.

**Drainage scheme**

A surface drainage scheme has been installed this September at Burridge Recreation Ground.

**Light fantastic**

Hampshire County Council has embarked on one of the biggest street lighting projects in Europe.

It is replacing 78,000 lighting columns on a 'one for one' and new position basis, 51,000 lanterns, 12,500 illuminated signs, bollards beacons etc, while maintaining a total of 145,000 street lights.

If you encounter a street light fault please report it to [www.lightsonin-hampshire.co.uk](http://www.lightsonin-hampshire.co.uk)

**How developers dodge contributions**

**DEVELOPERS** who impose covenants to avoid paying for long-term maintenance are under scrutiny.

Normally, with a new planning consent developers must legally pay for infrastructure to contribute to roads, schools etc, including a sum paid to the Council for the area to be maintained in perpetuity, but developers dodge it by imposing covenants in sale documents so residents have to pay increasingly costly annual fees

Residents of Collingworth Rise, once a cul-de-sac, have paid for maintenance of an amenity area since 1997, but the road has since been opened up so other residents are entitled to use it.

Councillors Marian Ellerton and Brian Bayford took up the issue and the maintenance company agreed the area could be transferred to the Council – provided those affected paid the transfer price for 5 years' worth of maintenance.

The Council will accept the charge at 1997 rates but cannot waive it because it would set a precedent and encourage other developers to avoid contributions.

**Mayor hands over keys to community centre**



**FAREHAM** Mayor Councillor Susan Bayford officially handed the keys and management of the Community Centre from the Council to a group of centre users, fondly known as the Lockwood Six.

The six committee members, led by chairman Geoff Eales, have formed a charity to run the Community Centre.

The Mayor stated: "This was a significant project to turn around a struggling centre into one that will thrive."

Earlier this year, the Council produced options for development/extension of the Locks Heath district centre.

Studies indicated more retail outlets were needed to attract customers and make it more viable and local councillors supported the options to rebuild community facilities incorporating a swimming pool and leisure centre. The Council will review the options, taking into account business and community objectives before the end of 2013.

**Cash for good causes and more in the pot**



**THERE'S** a pot of money available for local community causes.

County Councillor Seán Woodward has been dishing out cash from his £8,000 county grants budget.

But after awarding grants to several groups, he still has £5,000 up for grabs.

"I would welcome applications for the remainder as it is such a useful way of helping local community groups to flourish," he said.

To date he has paid £150 to Y-Services for a summer play ranger scheme, which proved most successful.



Then there was a £500 grant to the Blue Lamp Trust Bobby Scheme.

This is a practical service providing home security, long-life smoke alarms and peace of mind for the needy, elderly and vulnerable victims of burglary.

He said: "Burglary can be a devastating experience, causing turmoil, depression and sometimes stress-related illness.

"For those living alone, it may undermine their confidence to continue living independently."



Burridge AFC received £2,000 for dug-outs. A similar amount was given last year for new goals and Seán is pictured in the line-up between them.

Dictionaries paid for from a grant to Whiteley Rotary Club were presented to pupils at Sarisbury C of E Junior School, pictured with Seán and last year's Mayor Dennis Steadman.

The picture (right) was taken at the opening of Woodland Play Area for Sarisbury Pre-School.

**Ivor's badgering for Bridge Road crossing finally ends in victory**



**IT'S OBVIOUS** from the picture why residents have been badgering for a pedestrian crossing over the A27 at Bridge Road, Park Gate.

Since the Badgers Copse development was completed 12 years ago, it's been a case of risking life and limb to get across, particularly mornings and late afternoons.

Now, thanks to a vigorous campaign by residents, led by Ivor Dugdale-Jenkins and backed by [Conservative](#) ward Councillors Brian Bayford and Marian Ellerton, they have won the day.

Hopes were raised about 4 years ago when the scheme was included in the County Council roads programme but unfortunately not progressed.

Ivor and his supporters did not give up and this year following the appointment of Hampshire County Councillor Sean Woodward to the post of Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment the scheme was finally approved and completed in the late summer.

**PHOTO:** Ivor and some of his supporters using the new crossing which has been welcomed by the local residents.

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# Bus gate opening avoids major delays in Park Gate and Whiteley

**THE CONTROVERSIAL bus gate between Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley and Botley Road has been open to all traffic since work started on the bridge at Junction 9 of the M27 several months ago.**

Without this, there would have been unacceptable delays leaving Whiteley and through Park Gate during road works on the new pedestrian crossing.

Fareham Council approved an application from the County Council to allow a 3-month trial opening after the M27 works in February 2014 so the effects of the opening under normal conditions can be monitored

Mitigation measures include speed cushions the length of Yew Tree Drive, a signal controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Yew Tree Drive near Gull Coppice with a 20mph speed limit and a ban on heavy goods vehicles using the bus gate, even for access.

There will two new lollipop crossings – one near the Sweet-hills Crescent roundabout and one at the Rookery Avenue/



**Lollipop lady:** Staying, but only for a couple of weeks to allow people to get used to the new Toucan crossing, then moving to the junction with Rookery Avenue.

Yew Tree Drive junction. In Swanwick Lane, works will be undertaken to alter the white lining aimed at changing the road environment and reducing vehicle speed.

The works will be monitored during the trial and may be modified as a result. Pedestrian refuges are planned at the western end of Swanwick Lane and on Botley Road between Rookery Avenue and Calabrese, with uncontrolled crossings near Station Road and

Beacon Bottom.

Speed cushions will be installed on the uncalmed arm of Sweet-hills Crescent. Flashing speed limit reminder signs in Botley Road, Swanwick Lane and Yew Tree Drive will be monitored and their positions altered if required.

The measures will help decide if further works will be needed when the link is permanently opened once Whiteley Way is completed.

An application for development north of Whiteley is due to go to Winchester City Council in 2014.



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## Local businesses helping economy to turn the corner

CONFIDENCE is growing in Fareham's business community that the economy is turning the corner.

I believe we have a vibrant local economy, with people like Jennie Goodman who started an online wedding business, then took over A Bride-2-Bee in Warsash with financial support from Barclays.

Businesses like Lockheed Martin, where I'm pictured with Mark Cooper, use cutting edge technology and recruit both graduates and apprentices as they invest in their future.

We see this in August's unemployment figures with 200 fewer people in Fareham claiming Jobseeker's Allowance compared to a year ago, but we cannot be complacent in confronting the challenge of unemployment. I am pleased that local businesses are playing their part.

I recently visited the Co-op in Portchester where they were running a workshop to help the young unemployed understand employers' needs and give them an insight into ca-



reers in retail. This was part of a national initiative called Feeding Britain's Future - recognising the need to meet the aspirations of our young people and develop the talent that will maintain our future prosperity.

Last month, I learned about the excellent work that the Rotary Club of Fareham does to support projects at home and abroad – a reminder of the generosity that underpins so much of what goes on in our community.

In July, I attended a thanksgiving service for the 50th anniversary of Abbeyfield in Fareham, which provides accommodation for older people in East Street. What distinguishes it is the commitment by volunteers to spend time with residents.

At the other end of the spectrum are the Scout leaders who I met at Lyons Copse for the Fareham East Scout Camp, where I learnt how to light a fire with cotton wool and Vaseline! A big thank you to all whose generosity provides the glue to keep our community together.

