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SARISBURY – 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 Dinenege.

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

Drainage scheme

A surface drainage scheme was being installed this September at Burrige Recreation Ground.

David's quick response

A new resident contacted David Swanbrow about safety at the junction of Chapel Road, Glen Road and Spring Road, Sarisbury.

He was concerned that cars were speeding towards the junction making it dangerous for other vehicles approaching the crossroads.

After discussions with highways officers, SLOW signs were painted at the junction of the three adopted roads.

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 will continue to do my best for the area we all share," he said.

He was appointed as Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment in the Conservative administration.

Parking bans 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 the charges at Swanwick Station, will still be available on the south side of Rookery Avenue.

Residents of St Paul's Road complained about unsafe parking creating a hazard at the junction with Barnes Lane.

A parking ban around the junction has been agreed.

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.

Kids help select play equipment

LOCAL school kids helped Fareham Council to select new equipment for play areas in Sarisbury.

Councillor Seán Woodward said £53,000 had been allocated for improvements and children at Sarisbury Church of England Junior School were consulted on what equipment to install.



Swanwick Lane playground has received a new Rotaweb, the existing equipment has been refurbished and the fencing improved. The climbing frame at Sarisbury Green playground has been replaced with a Uniplay Ebrico (pictured).

Seán Woodward said: "It was great to get the local school children involved by getting them to vote for their favourite piece of equipment. I'm pleased the new equipment has been installed."

A wealth of local history is waiting to be dug out



THIS tranquil scene is what Sarisbury Green looked like around 1900.

After a talk by Warsash Local History Society to Sarisbury Residents' Association, we are helping it might inspire people to start one in Sarisbury, which could cover Burrige, Swanwick and Lower Swanwick.

There is already an impressive collection of very old post cards of the area stored at Bursledon Brickworks.

Records of the Sarisbury Parish Council, disbanded in 1932 when the area became part of Fareham Urban District Council, are available in the County Records Office having been held for many years by Fareham Borough Council.

If you are interested please contact either Councillor David Swanbrow or Councillor Seán Woodward.

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."



Burrige 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.

Victorian buildings listed

SARISBURY Parish Rooms and the former school building opposite in Barnes Lane have been locally listed.

The two Victorian buildings are prominent landmarks within the boundary of the Sarisbury Green Conservation Area and are considered to be of special architectural or historic interest.

The old school building is now in commercial use but the Parish Rooms maintain their original function of providing meeting rooms for residents.

Councillor David Swanbrow, who took over as chairman of the Parish Rooms trustees after Mr Peter Shepherd resigned following many years as chairman, says that the trustees have constantly used revenue from hiring the rooms to improve the building inside and out.

'Every binner is a winner' recycling scheme



THE Council began replacing textile recycling bins on its land that used to be operated for the Salvation Army, Hants & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and TR Aid.

Councillor David Swanbrow said: "Although it may seem that the charities who previously operated these bins have lost revenue, in fact they have gained.

"The Council has guaranteed to share £35,000 between the charities which is more than they were receiving when they ran the bins. What is more, they receive this money earlier than before when they operated the bins themselves.

"Of the remaining revenue from the bins, most will be made available to local good causes through the Council's Community Fund with 10% retained to help keep council tax bills down.

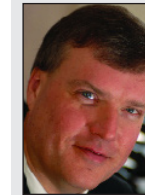
"This is one of those very rare occasions where everyone wins."

PHOTO: Gwen Davies, of Sarisbury, uses one of the new blue bins.

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Mitigating measures allow bus gate trial opening to go ahead

THE CONTROVERSIAL bus gate between Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley and Botley Road has been open to all traffic since work started on the motorway 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/ Yew Tree Drive junction. In Swanwick Lane, works will be undertaken 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 Sweethills 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.

Inspector warns Fareham: 'Prepare for many more gypsy sites'

A PLANNING inspector has infuriated residents by allowing a gypsy site at the end of Burridge Road.

And she warned Fareham Council to prepare for many more traveller sites.

Even worse, a barrister consulted by the Council advised there were no grounds for a High Court challenge,

Fareham planners had twice thrown out the application for the site plus extra hard standing and a utility/day room.

After dilly-dallying well over a year, the inspector overturned the Council's decision and awarded costs to the gypsies.

Councillor David Swanbrow said: "It is now clearer than ever that gypsies and travellers have far greater rights than the settled population."

The warning in the inspector's report says Fareham Council should plan for many more gypsy and traveller sites, especially as there are gypsy families currently living in houses who want to live in caravans.

The pitch must be occupied by a gypsy family; to do otherwise would be a breach of the condition against which the council could take action.



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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.

