



# In Touch

with our community

SARISBURY & WHITELEY – WINTER 2007

Doggone it!  
Don't let  
your pet get  
carried away

**COLLAR your dog or microchip it – that's the message from Fareham Council.**

Strays can be a nuisance, but there is a service offered by the Council to people who find lost pooches.

The out-of-hours collection and kenneling service has been extended and can be contacted between 5.15pm and 10pm by calling 0800 374485 in a normal working week.

A tagged or microchipped dog will be returned speedily to its owner who will have to pay a fixed fee.

But if Bonzo makes off a second time, it will be kenneled at the owner's expense.

The dog will be kept for 7 days in kennels, then found a new home.

Executive Member for Public Protection, Councillor Arthur Mandry, said:

"We hope to be able to reunite stray dogs with their owners or find them a new home as quickly as possible."



## All set for another Tory below inflation budget

**'We manage to do more with less'**

**FAREHAM'S Conservative Council will again be the envy of neighbouring authorities when it sets a below-inflation council tax without reducing its excellent services.**

A rise of about 3% will mean average Band C householders will pay less than £118 a year for the Borough's services or £88.50 for single occupants.

Hampshire County Council takes the lion's share which, with demands from the Police Authority and Fire and Rescue, is likely to see Band C properties paying an extra £50 a year. Consistently prudent management achieves these very low rises year on year, despite the Government paying Fareham one of the lowest grants in the country.

Conservatives always look for the best value for taxpayers' money by finding innovative ways of increasing income and reducing expenditure, while continuing to improve services.

Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward said: "I am delighted that we have again been able to minimise the impact of council tax on our residents."

"We have yet again been able to produce a budget which is balanced, improves services and seeks an increase from residents which is below the level of inflation."

"The average household in Fareham pays less than £2.30 per week for the high quality services of Fareham Borough Council."

"That sum is viewed with envy by many residents of surrounding districts. We manage to do more with less than almost any other council in England."



**Open:** The new customer service centre at the Civic Offices and (left) Executive Leader Seán Woodward working flat out for low Council Tax lost over 2 stone after handing over the refurbished Leisure Centre.



### How we spend your money

**The Council has a capital programme of £22m over the next 5 years. Its plans include:**

- Improving 14 public conveniences £400,000
- Neighbourhood fora suggestions £100,000
- Improvements to council footpaths £50,000
- Play strategy projects £50,000
- Green Flag status for parks, woodlands £30,000
- Osborn Road multi-storey car park £100,000

**The Council spends £38m annually on revenue services and improvements include:**

- Community football development officer £10,000
- Tree Survey £40,000
- Business continuity planning £20,000

These come on top of improvements for this year, which included 5 new skateparks, mobile CCTV unit, new community centre at Fareham Methodist Church, £2m for enabling social housing for rent and several environmental improvement schemes.

## Fareham's commitment to equality for the disabled

**DISABLED residents and the groups that support them have been influential in creating a new Disability Equality Scheme for Fareham Council.**

The scheme, now available on the Council's website, underlines Fareham's determination to

achieve equality of opportunity.

The Council will ensure there is no discrimination against the disabled and will identify training to enable officers and members to recognise and accommodate the needs of our disabled community.

A disability equality working

group, involving disabled residents and staff, will be set up.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright said: "We were determined to ensure the actions we committed to were ones that would make a very real difference to disabled people, their families and carers."

Happy New Year! We keep *In Touch* throughout - not just at election time

**WARD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Education workshop**

Two MPs will hold an Education Workshop at the Wallington Community Centre on Saturday, March 3 from 9.30am to 12.15pm.

It will be chaired by Fareham MP and Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury Mark Hoban, with Havant MP and Shadow Education Minister David Willetts as special guest.

It's a must for any parents concerned with education matters.

For more information or to reserve a place ring Tina Ellis 01329 822646 or 843936.

**Protecting the green**

English Partnerships, currently responsible for the Coldeast Hospital site, have agreed to install wooden posts round the central green in Coldeast Close to try to prevent vehicles parking on the grass.

The close is owned by Coldeast Hospital. The posts should be installed later this year.

**Go for a grant**

Voluntary groups could benefit from the Council's Community Grant Scheme.

Groups can apply for funds between £100 and £1500 to support community play, sport or leisure opportunities within the Borough.

Two types of grants are available:

Fast Track – applications for grants up to £500 can be made all year round with a decision in 8-10 weeks.

Bi-annually – applications up to £1,500 are invited with a closing date of June 30, 2007.

# Sarisbury school lollipop lady threatened by bully-boy drivers

**Police, council promise action as she faces daily insults, swearing and intimidation**

**LOLLIPOP lady Karen Sutton puts her life on the line as she tries to do her job in Barnes Lane.**

Barely a day passes without her being intimidated by drivers using bully-boy tactics to avoid stopping to let children from Sarisbury Junior School cross the busy road.

Councillor David Swanbrow, who received a letter from Mrs Sutton asking for help, said: "She has been a lollipop lady there for seven years, but has found the job more and more difficult.

"Much of this has been due to an increase in traffic, but it has been made worse by an increase in speeding and drivers making it clear that they don't intend to stop, forcing her to retreat back to the pavement.

"She has even been called names and sworn at."

He arranged for a meeting with Mrs Sutton, Alison Barnes of Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and Park Gate Police.

Fareham Council will arrange for the school warning signs to be relocated to make them more obvious and for warning signs to be improved generally.

Traffic volumes and speeds will be surveyed to see if more meas-

ures are needed and the police have added this location as a Community Reassurance Team site and will undertake speed enforcement at school times when possible.

The local police have also been asked to support the school crossing patrol and HCC will investigate removing a possible trip hazard.

"Hopefully, these concerted efforts will make Mrs Sutton's job more enjoyable once again," said Councillor Swanbrow.

Living near a school often gives problems for residents.

Sarisbury Junior School head Andy Stockton and the governors most involved met Councillor Swanbrow and produced a draft travel plan outlining what the school aimed to do.

Other areas where they need help, such as opening up foot-

paths across Coldeast and making some existing routes safer for walking to school, were also discussed.

The school has already surveyed residents of Coldeast Close and will soon be feeding back the results.

Councillor Swanbrow added: "I will work with the school and residents of Coldeast Close to help solve the parking problems."



**Brave lady:** Karen Sutton has to put up with aggressive drivers as well as the weather.

## Burrige volunteers needed to follow Pat's lead

**BURRIDGE residents, here's the challenge – if you want a new village hall, then volunteers are needed to run it properly.**

Pat Johnson, well known to members of Burrige and Swanwick Residents' Association, has come forward to head a management committee.

Now it's up to villagers to follow her example.

Fareham Borough Council has already identified the need for more pitches and community facilities in Burrige and Whiteley.

A survey of Burrige residents' views at the end of last year showed that although many people had used the hall at Burrige Social and Sports Club and saw the need for a community building, few were prepared to use the hall in its current run-down state.

The Council's Executive will now be looking at the future of the site at their meeting in February.

They will examine a report seeking to earmark

funds to undertake a feasibility study and options to provide new changing rooms and a community building with storage and catering facilities, but no bar, at the existing Burrige Social and Sports Club.

Councillor David Swanbrow said proposals would go ahead only if the Council was confident that a workable committee could be formed to manage the new facilities effectively.

"We need more people willing to give up a little time to make sure that the new building would be used and kept in good repair.

"It's up to you, residents of Burrige. If you want a new building Fareham will need assurance that it will be managed properly before it is prepared to spend the money."

**•If you would be willing to be a member of a management committee please contact Mrs Pat Johnson on 01489 570803.**

### Appeal leaves council sitting on the fence

OWNERS of 1 Holly Hill Lane, who erected a 2m high fence next to Sarisbury Parish Rooms without planning consent, are to appeal.

They had agreed to reduce the height to 1m and replant evergreen shrubs behind it to restore the conservation area boundary.

But this move came after their application for retrospective planning consent had been rejected.

Nothing will happen until the planning inspector's report is delivered.

### Barge appeal

An appeal against Fareham Council's refusal to allow modifications to the marina and relocation of the fuel barge at Stone Pier, Warsash has been withdrawn by the applicant.

## Watchful neighbours foil bid to steal valuable Holly Hill Park equipment



Saved: Lloyd Street (left) with FBC Ranger Mark Trigwell are still able to use valuable equipment which thieves tried to steal.

### VIGILANT residents foiled what could have been a costly crime in a text book example of Neighbourhood Watch.

Thieves tried to break open one of the storage containers in a compound where Fareham Council and The Friends of Holly Hill Woodland Park keep valuable equipment.

A resident called the police after hearing noises around 10.30pm on December 30. He gave them the number of Friends' executive committee member Mr Lloyd Street, who phoned another member, Mr Keith Anscell. They joined the police at the site.

Fortunately, the containers were securely locked, but it was possible the locks could eventually have been broken and expensive machinery and other equipment stolen or damaged.

Friends' member Councillor David Swanbrow commented: "It is only because someone in the neighbouring property took action that this was averted. Police apprehended two youths nearby, but without any evidence they had to release them."

He said it was important to safeguard Council property and he would ask officers to look into ways of making the site more secure.

### Green cone trial to tackle food waste

ENTER the green cone to get in on food waste recycling act.

Volunteers are testing a new 'green cone' food waste composter over the next 6 months.

The sealed system is claimed to dispose of food waste without flies or vermin gaining access. If successful it would remove large amounts of waste from the green wheelie bins.

Problems are still being experienced with flats where there is considerable pollution of the recycling containers.

Extra advice will be given to these residents and there will be a 'door-step' advice service on recycling and help to deal with problems during the summer heat wave.

## SARISBURY & WHITELEY 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.

### ANY PROBLEMS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP

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**Your man in Westminster**



By  
**Mark Hoban**  
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Fareham

IF WE ARE to be successful in the 21st century we need to get our education system right.

We will not be able to compete successfully with India and China, unless we have a highly skilled workforce. Despite the excellent work that takes place in our local schools, colleges and universities, more needs to be done.

In early January, new league tables were produced which show that less than half of 16-year-olds in Hampshire get five good GCSEs including English and Maths. I know from talking to local businesses how it important it is for them for children to leave school with a good grasp of basic skills.

International studies show that while we do well as a country with the proportion of young people going to university, we lag behind our competitors when it comes to the number of young people staying on at school or college at 16. I am not sure whether the answer is to raise the school leaving age to 18 as the Government proposes. Will young people bother to go to college if they do not feel that the courses on offer are worthwhile?

Ruth Kelly's decision to send her son to a private school because of his particular educational needs also caused controversy in January.

People will have their own views on whether she was right to do this as a mother and a senior politician, but I know from my postbag that the help and support we give to children with special educational needs is an important issue.

You will have your own views, as a parent, a teacher, a student or an employer and I want to give you the opportunity to air them at a meeting we are holding on March 3 with David Willetts, the Shadow Secretary of State for Education. Details are on Page 2 of this In Touch. I hope you will come along to debate and discuss these issues so that you can influence the future of education in our community.

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# 16 wardens to target verge and double yellow parkers

**PARK on a double yellow or sink your wheels into a grass verge in Fareham after this April and there's a high chance you'll be booked.**

Sixteen full-time parking wardens will be appointed to enforce 'no waiting' restrictions across the borough.

The Council will take over parking enforcement from the police whose duties end after April 2007.

Executive Member for Community Councillor Connie Hockley said the County Council would have imposed a private contractor had Fareham not decided to take over the responsibility.

The aim was to bring uniform standards and flexibility to street regulations and the new set-up would also allow the Council to consider residents' parking schemes.

"Regulations are usually



**Rutting season:** A resident snapped the lorry which churned this verge in Riverside Avenue, Wallington into a quagmire. Note the building materials dumped on the verge opposite.

imposed after complaints by residents of indiscriminate or dangerous parking.

"Verge parking orders have also been given a warm welcome by local people who do not wish to see their grass verges reduced to a rutted quagmire, with possible damage to services beneath the

surface," she said.

She denied it was just another Council money-making scheme.

"If the rules which are imposed for the benefit of the majority are complied with, there will be no fixed parking penalties issued and hence no income from them."

## Services agreed for Fareham's new hospital

**AN AMBULANCE stand-by point may be provided at Fareham's new community hospital at Coldeast.**

Discussions are taking place with the Hampshire Ambulance Service for the inclusion of an ambulance bay and service from the site.

The Hospital Planning Group agreed the schedule of accommodation on January 5 after consulting local GPs. It is planned to provide:

- Large out-patient department replacing the Sylvan Clinic with

- 6 consulting suites and 2 suites for antenatal clinics.

- 12 maternity beds including two delivery rooms to replace Blackbrook Maternity Home.

- Rehabilitation department with 2 consulting rooms and 6 treatment cubicles to replace and enhance services at Highlands Road Clinic.

- 2 general-purpose diagnostic X-ray rooms and 2 ultrasound units.

- Elderly assessment centre, with large treatment area and 2 consulting

suites.

- Older persons' mental health day hospital with 2 consulting suites, treatment room, large sitting room and 2 activity rooms.

There will be an out-of-hours and minor procedures facility serviced by GPs to save residents having to travel to Gosport or Southampton. It will include a pharmacy.

Councillor Brian Bayford, Fareham's representative to the Primary Care Trust, said Fareham would have the initial ele-

ments of a very comprehensive health service campus by 2010.

"However, the hospital will have only maternity beds. Beds for Fareham residents will be at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

"This is because of a promise, made in 1998 by the NHS management to the residents of Gosport, that if the MoD left Haslar Hospital alternate facilities would be provided in Gosport," he said.