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Cllr Seán Woodward



Cllr Simon Martin (right)
with supporter Fred Stone

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THANKS FOR PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN US

Park Gate voters have been thanked for putting their trust in Seán Woodward and Simon Martin to represent them again. Both were successfully re-elected at the recent elections for Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council respectively.

Seán said: "I am so pleased and honoured to have been re-elected to Hampshire County Council to continue to serve the residents of Sarisbury and Park Gate Wards with the same large majority of votes as I received four years ago. I have never taken the results of elections for granted and it was wonderful to meet so many people during the campaign many of whom told me how much they appreciated receiving regular copies of the InTouch newsletter and the fact I continue to inform residents and answer their questions on Facebook despite some very poor behaviour by a small minority of Facebook Warriors."

Simon said: "I am delighted to have been re-elected to serve the residents of Park Gate for a second term. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and to hear your concerns.

"I will be reporting back regularly through InTouch on issues such as planning and development and infrastructure, antisocial behaviour, recycling and climate change. I fought the election on local issues that affect us all and received an increase in votes from my last election in 2016. I am honoured in the trust that you have placed in me."

Government backs delivery of Welborne

New Government funding will support the delivery of Welborne Garden Village.

The Government is making more funding available to cover the technical costs of the M27 Junction 10 works and for the capital cost of the development.

Buckland Development Ltd has proposed to potentially increase its contribution to Junction 10 to as much as £50m in amended plans that are subject to a further three-week consultation.

The Government has recognised that we carry significant costs around the delivery of a garden village at Welborne which go beyond the typical remit of local authorities, announcing a further £130,000 capacity funding in addition to the £1.1m already received.

It has taken months of negotiations to find a way forward on the delivery of the Junction 10 Scheme so that the much-needed housing can be delivered.

Local Plan Update

Changes to the way the Government assesses how many new homes are required in each local authority area mean we are consulting on another version of our Local Plan.

The government-required number of properties per year up to 2037 was reduced to 403, but has now been increased again to 541.

We will aim to provide these properties while maintaining a strategic gap between Fareham and Stubbington as well as the Meon Gap and by enabling housing growth in Fareham Town Centre.

A special edition of Fareham Today is being delivered to all homes in the Borough as part of the consultation. We will also hold Community Action Team meetings and virtual exhibitions identifying the additional housing and employment sites

Chairman of Hamble River Board

County Councillor Seán Woodward is delighted to have been appointed as the Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Board. The Board is responsible for providing services and facilities and managing the river for the benefit of all users from the point of view of both safety and environmental protection.

Councillor Woodward said: "For a number of years I have chaired the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee which scrutinises the activities of the Board and makes recommendations for its consideration.

"I am very much looking forward now to working with fellow Board members and, subject to the views of the Management Committee, making those decisions."



News in Brief

County Council Grant Funding

Grant funding of £8,000 in total is available to local organisations in the Sarisbury, Park Gate and Priory Park areas to enable them to undertake projects of benefit to their groups and potentially the wider community.

If having read the guidance at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor> you are involved with any group that may be interested please do get in touch with County Councillor Seán Woodward at sean.woodward@hants.gov.uk Cllr Woodward said: "It is gratifying to be able to help so many organisations to realise their dreams and to be great assets to the local community while helping their organisations to thrive."

New Care Home

Ancasta Grove, a new 75 bed care home, has now opened on Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green. Chris Roby, Customer Care Manager for Care UK showed around Councillors Joanne Bull and Seán Woodward and they were both very impressed with the facilities which comprise hobby rooms, sitting rooms, dining rooms, gym, cafe and a super outdoor area.



Park Gate is safest in Conservative hands

Waste less, recycle more

We all would like to waste less and recycle more, but how?

Councillors have been getting to grips with two recent government consultations. "DRS" is a deposit return scheme where a small part of the price of a product would be returned to the customer when they returned the packaging. Older residents will remember schemes like this for glass bottles.

The new scheme proposes to increase the level of "on-the-go" drinks' bottle recycling. We may in future see "reverse-vending-machines" (RVM) in our shops.

A second scheme requiring the producer to pay for recycling of materials used in packaging has been consulted upon. This is intended to incentivise a reduction of packaging and a move to easier and better value recycling. This includes films and foils as well as cardboard, plastics, aluminium and wood.

Under consideration is the separation of each refuse type at source and changes to the kerbside collection service to ensure a "less contaminated waste stream".

This may result in significant changes to the waste collection service you receive from the council including which day of the week we make collections.

The Council has considered these two proposals and provided responses to the government. We will keep you informed on progress and how they might impact residents.



Resident Gloria Jobling sorting recycling waste

News in Brief

Graffiti Complaints

We regularly receive complaints about increasing amounts of graffiti appearing on the M27, especially on new sound barriers.

Following Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward raising the issue with Highways England there is a government initiative to remove graffiti from roads and railways. On the M27 Highways England is trialling products to see which best removes graffiti. Once it has identified the solution it will remove graffiti before the scheme's completion later in the summer.

Swanwick Parking

Planning permission has been granted to provide a new 60-space public car park at Swanwick Shore. The existing car park is frequently at capacity with many people parking on the road and slipway.

The site has planning permission for 49 houses and while they may be built in the future this application is for an initial three years. The car park charges will match those of the council car park once those are implemented in the summer.

This car park has the potential to relieve the congestion at the shore which has been even worse during lockdown.

Access All Areas

We are delighted to announce this wonderful scheme will be available for 11-16 year olds that live and go to school in Fareham.

There will be plenty of fun filled activities taking place across Fareham during the summer holidays. For more information and to register please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/aaa.

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Suella
BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham



Solent Freeport gets thumbs up

Nice to see you!

With the gradual easing of restrictions, it has been great to see more people out and about in Fareham.

Whilst there is significant concern over the new variant, the Government has taken a prudent approach and will make decisions based on data.

The crucial consideration is whether the link between infections and hospital admissions has been severed.

At the end of May, 99,816 cumulative doses had been administered in Fareham and by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have surpassed 100,000 in our local area, a huge achievement by our healthcare providers as part of our unparalleled national vaccine programme.

Solent Freeport has been given the go-ahead by Chancellor Rishi Sunak creating one of the most exciting opportunities in a generation for our local area.

The UK's bespoke, flexible Freeports model combines customs zones with tax reliefs, planning freedoms and support for regeneration and innovation.

The Solent Freeport promises to deliver significant economic benefits, while:

- creating more than 26,000 jobs locally and 52,000 jobs nationally.
- boosting earning potential.
- regenerating our communities.
- enabling the Solent to transition to a net zero carbon economy by 2050.



Suella at the Port of Southampton with BBC South's Peter Henley. Photo before Covid restrictions.

The Solent Freeport will unleash the potential of our proud historic ports and boost income to Fareham and surrounding areas.

Donna's plans for 600 more police officers

Donna Jones met with Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney immediately after she was elected as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

She outlined her priorities to recruit 600 more police officers and to remove red tape and bureaucracy so officers can spend more time on patrol.



She would also like a review of the 101 and 999 services, so when people report a crime, they get feedback. As a member of the Police and Crime Panel Cllr Trevor Cartwright is looking forward to meeting Donna at the next meeting to learn of her further plans for the coming four years.

Right homes in the right place for Park Gate

Park Gate has seen its share of development in recent times, and recent applications at the planning committee proposed 18 new dwellings across two sites. Even more homes are expected to be proposed in Beacon Bottom in the near future.

More housing is desperately needed across the borough. Local Councillors Simon Martin and Ian Bastable



Beacon Bottom residents pre-Covid, concerned about development

continue to hear local residents voice their concern that where possible development should be in district centres and not expand the urban area into green space, where it has significant affects on wildlife and valued landscapes. They both continue to weigh the balance of issues and try to ensure development is only ever "the right homes in the right place".