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NO MORE RUBBISH EXCUSES. INTRODUCING FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S NEW LITTERING CAMPAIGN

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A message from the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán Woodward

Welcome to the first issue of Fareham Today for 2022.

As we start to look forward to spring, our cover reflects a new campaign which is very close to my heart. We live in a Borough of unique beauty and I am passionate about keeping it that way. That's why we are launching a new 'No More Rubbish Excuses' anti-littering campaign.

Last year saw a marked increase of the number of littering reports across the Borough, so this campaign encourages residents to use one of our 600 litter bins or to take their litter home with them. We spend over £1m annually keeping the Borough clean and tidy. I am also excited about our partnership with the Litter Lotto which offers conscientious bin users the chance to win big cash prizes. Turn to page 4 for all the details.

Also, in this issue we offer some insight into Fareham's plans for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Of course, I encourage you all to celebrate in your own ways and also invite you to come and join us for some very special and unique projects and events. You can find out more on page 6.

Turn to page 8 to see how we have started the year with some strong first steps in our goal to be carbon neutral across all our Council buildings and services by 2030. This ambition gives me a tremendous sense of pride and this year we able to start focussing on implementing some real change. In each issue of Fareham Today we will offer more updates, so please watch this space!

Speaking of change, we have relaunched our local directory for older residents. The Wise Guide, formally known as the Billy Book, provides a one-stop list of useful contacts to help older residents stay healthy, independent and socially active. While you may not need this service yourself, Fareham has one of the fastest growing populations of older residents in Hampshire. That's why I really encourage you all to share this directory with others who may find it useful. You can find out all about The Wise Guide on page 10.

I hope you find this issue informative and helpful. If you have any suggestions for how we can continue to improve our Borough, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sean Woodward



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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A NEW POLITICAL MAP FOR FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A new pattern of wards is being developed for Fareham Borough Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Fareham should be 32. This is a change from the current Council which has 31. It is reviewing Fareham to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements help us work effectively as a Council. It wants to be sure that its proposals reflect community ties and identities.

The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area and we encourage you to take part in this consultation by the deadline of 4 April 2022.

The Commission is interested in views such as:

- Which communities should be part of the same ward?
- What facilities do people share, such as parks, leisure centres or schools and shopping areas?
- What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic?

- Have there been new housing or commercial developments that have changed the focus of communities?
- Are there roads, rivers, railways or other features that people believe form strong boundaries between neighbourhoods?

The Commission will use your views to help draw up a proposal for new ward boundaries. There will then be a further round of consultation, once the Commission has drawn up those proposals.

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can give their views: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/ hampshire/fareham.

You can also email reviews@lgbce.org.uk or send your views via post to:

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If you can't find a bin, or it's full, take your rubbish home.

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For more information visit www.fareham.gov.uk/litter



NO MORE RUBBISH EXCUSES!

On 1 March 2022 we are launching a new anti-littering campaign to encourage people to take their litter home. Fareham is an area of unique beauty with many beach, countryside and recreation public spaces, so it's important that we keep it looking its best.



The theme of our campaign this year is 'No More Rubbish Excuses', designed to help tackle some of the main issues we experience around the Borough. These include

- Rubbish left at the side of bins in public spaces when the bin is full. This is easily spread far and wide by weather and wildlife, so take your litter home.
- Bags of dog mess left in public areas. There are over 600 litter and dog waste bins located around the Borough, so either find a bin or take it home.

Litter left at our beachfront locations are not only an eyesore, it makes its way into our oceans and causes significant damage to sea life and ocean biodiversity. We have installed even more bins at these locations so please use them or take your litter home.

Not only will we be promoting this campaign Borough wide in littering hotspots and places of natural beauty, but we have also teamed up with Litter Lotto to offer residents spot-prizes and the chance to win a £10,000 jackpot – just for throwing your litter in the bin!

All you have to do is download the Litter Lotto app, using the QR code below, and upload a picture of you putting litter in one of our bins for your chance to win.

Around 686 tonnes of waste was collected from our litter bins and through litter picking of streets, parks, seafronts and open spaces in 2020 – that's like 98 elephants or 381 average cars! Not only that, the total cost of the removal of litter and fly tipping from our Borough in the last financial year was over a million pounds. So please take responsibility for your local areas and take your litter home.

For more information, go to www.fareham.gov.uk/litter





CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, having acceded to the throne on the 6 February 1952 when she was just 25 years old.

Fareham has a history of recognising significant Royal milestones, so to commemorate this anniversary, we have planned a series of community events and activities within the Borough.

The Queen's Copse

To celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service we have created a sponsored tree planting scheme within Abbey Meadows, Titchfield.

The Queen's Copse will become a secluded and protected wildlife habitat to encourage biodiversity in the area, and Fareham residents, community groups, organisations, clubs and businesses can sponsor trees either for themselves or in memory of a loved one.

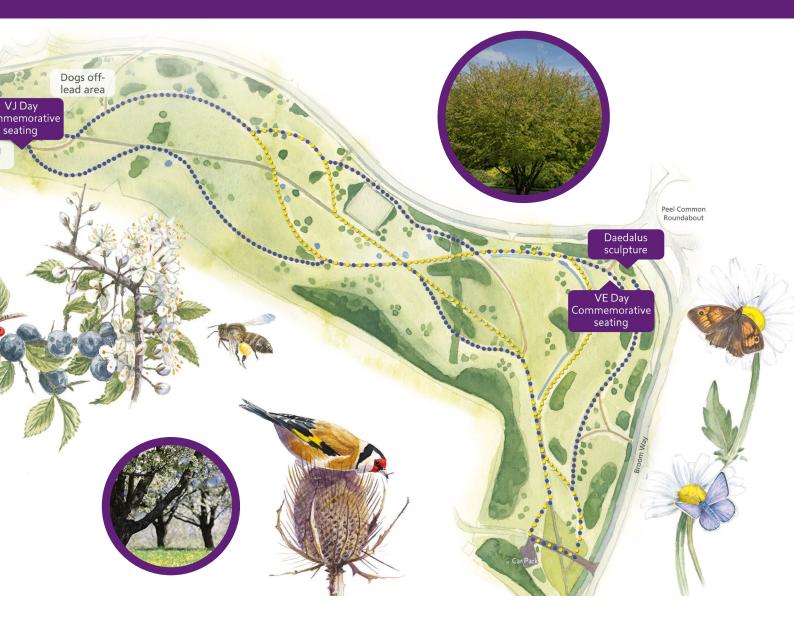
With a choice of tree species and three different sponsorship options, which you can find by visiting the Council's website: **www.fareham.gov.uk/queenscopse**

To sponsor a tree, simply fill in the short application form by 15 April 2022. Once your application has been received, a member of the Council will call you back to discuss the options with you and take your payment.

Entrance

Viewing

There are a limited number of each variety of tree available to ensure the copse remains as biodiverse as possible. Once all the trees have been sponsored, they will then be planted at the start of the planting season from November 2022. Those who have sponsored a tree will receive a certificate and will be invited to an official unveiling event. Your name, or a name of your choice, will also be added to a role of honour displayed on the Council's website.



The Queen's Green Canopy

In 2021, a unique nationwide tree planting initiative 'The Queen's Green Canopy' was launched offering people across the United Kingdom the opportunity to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". You can find out more about this initiative at: **www.queensgreencanopy.org**

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park

To provide a lasting commemoration, the public open space that is currently referred to as Daedalus Common will be named 'Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park' and a formal opening of the open space has been organised in honour of The Queen later this year.

Once opened, this space will provide footpaths, cycle paths, wildlife habitats and dog walking areas, the Daedalus sculpture and commemorative seating. The aviation-themed children's play area, which opened last year, is also being renamed.

Lighting of a Beacon

Following an incredibly successful beacon lighting event in 2016 to celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday, another beacon event is planned this year to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On Thursday 2 June 2022, it is anticipated that more than 1,500 beacons will be lit across the UK at 9.45pm and Fareham is set to light its own beacon from Portchester Castle.

This free event will provide live music, food and drink concessions and children's activities so that the whole community can come together and pay tribute to The Queen at this momentous time.

The Council is currently offering a local business the opportunity to promote themselves to the Fareham Community by acting as headline sponsor for this event. More detail can be found at www.fareham.gov.uk/leisure/sponsorship

CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030

As part of our commitment to become Carbon Neutral across all our services by 2030, Fareham Borough Council is making some significant changes to the way we do things.

In January, we converted our garden waste collection vehicles to operate using a biofuel, specifically hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO).

We have signed up to a year-long trial of HVO fuel for our four garden waste vehicles, with a view to extend throughout the whole refuse and waste collection fleet and potentially smaller diesel vehicles if successful. This trial marks the first major climate change intervention of the year, with much more planned as part of our Climate Change Action Plan.

Diesel is a significant contributor to the Council's carbon emissions with fleet fuel contributing over 67% of our direct emissions each year. The refuse and waste collection vehicles account for two thirds of the fuel used by our fleet, contributing the equivalent of 610 metric tonnes in carbon dioxide annually.



Switching these four vehicles over to HVO will reduce our annual carbon footprint by approximately 99 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide in the first year. That's like taking 100 return flights from London to New York or filling 99 hot air balloons!

If the trial is successful and is rolled out to the entire fleet as well as all other diesel vehicles, this could see carbon dioxide reduced by over 700 metric tonnes.

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How we are helping Fareham residents

Not only has the Council committed to become Carbon Neutral by 2030, but we want to make it easier for Fareham residents to play their part in reducing the environmental impact of the Borough.

We have teamed up with City Energy, to offer residents across the Borough FREE home energy improvements of up to £10,000.

The deadline for applications has been extended until 31 March 2022. Residents who receive income related benefits or have a household income of less than £30,000 a year could be eligible for home improvements such as solar panels or new insulation, not to mention lower household energy bills. This programme has been made possible by a Government funding scheme to deliver sustainable warmth, reduce household energy bills and support the phasing out of fossil fuel heating as part of the Government's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050.

Find information on the scheme and how to apply: **www.solent-lad-applications.com**

You can find out more about the Council's plans to reduce its carbon emissions and what you can do to help here: **www.fareham.gov.uk/climatechange** The Council also has additional schemes planned throughout 2022, so please check in regularly to ensure you don't miss out.



THE WISE GUIDE



The Wise Guide is a directory of useful contacts for our older residents.

Formerly known as the Billy Book, The Wise Guide provides a directory of useful contacts to help older residents stay healthy, independent, social and active.

It is estimated that one in every eight households across Hampshire is occupied by a pensioner living alone and Fareham has experienced the largest rise of residents aged over 85 across Hampshire in the last 20 years.

Loneliness and social isolation can be a problem for some older people, so The Wise Guide has been produced to help them to remain active and engaged in their community and reduce isolation and loneliness.

While you may not personally feel you need this directory of contacts yourself, the Council urges you to share the details with friends, family and neighbours who may find it useful or have family members who will.

You can find The Wise Guide by visiting www.fareham.gov.uk/thewiseguide or picking up a copy in a Fareham Library, the Fareham Shopmobility office (see below); the Civic Offices or the One Community shop in Fareham Shopping Centre.

Is limited mobility affecting your ability to get around and go about your day?

Community First is a registered charity that runs a Shopmobility service in Fareham, providing anyone over the age of 16 with a wide selection of mobility equipment to help them access the places they need to go.

The service provides a selection of mobility scooters and wheelchairs available to hire on a short or longterm basis. You can hire equipment for home delivery to support independent living, or you can access the Fareham town centre service for visiting local facilities. Longer term hire of equipment is also available if you are going on holiday or need support at home.

If you are new to using a mobility scooter, the friendly team can provide advice and training to all users and their offices can be found on the ground floor of the Osborn Road Multi-Storey Car Park (close to Fareham Library).

A membership to Shopmobility costs just £10.00 per year and includes the use of the majority of the Shopmobility schemes in the Wessex area. Members can hire the following at a discounted rate:

- A wheelchair for £3.50 per day (£5.50 for non-members).
- An electric scooter or powered chair for £4.50 per day (£6.50 for non-members).
- A long-term loan of any equipment for a £50 deposit, plus daily fees.

The service also accepts and recycles good second hand mobility equipment. To find out more, go to **www.cfirst.org.uk**. You can also email shopmobility@cfirst.org.uk or call 01329 282929.

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