

Dear Resident of Fareham East Ward,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday September 8th, 2022.

We are deeply sorry for the loss of our beloved Monarch who has been the centre of our nation for over 70 years.

The monarchy continues with King Charles III and we wish him well for the future.

Long Live the King.



Special mention must also go to the splendid spectacle of the 142 Royal Navy personnel, from our local Naval Establishments, **HMS COLLINGWOOD** and **HMS SULTAN** who pulled the State Gun Carriage for Her Majesty's funeral.

They did a wonderful and highly professional job and were a credit to the Senior Service.





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farehamlibdems.org.uk



For the latest local information visit our **NEW Fareham East Liberal Democrats FACEBOOK page:**

We are your **Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team** and campaigners in *Fareham East Ward*. To help us keep in touch, we are send you this e-newsletter. *The number of recipients has now risen to around 160 e-mail addresses in the ward.*

If you like what we do, why not ask your neighbours and friends to contact us via our email address: farehameast@gmail.com, and we will be happy to include them on our mailing list.

If you do not want to continue to receive this newsletter, please go to the bottom of the page by clicking [this link](#) to find out how to unsubscribe.

Best Wishes from,

Katrina Trott (Fareham East Councillor)



Katrina is a **Liberal Democrat** but she represents, and has a record of helping, all residents of Fareham East Ward regardless of their politics.



David Hamilton *is our second **Liberal Democrat** Councillor having been elected to the Council on 5th May.*

The Fareham East Lib-Dem Team

We hold monthly **Ward Surgeries** at Westbury Manor.

Come along to discuss your issues from:

10:30 - 11:30: on

1 October,

5 November,

3 December.

If you would like to respond to anything in this newsletter, whether complimentary or not (!) please contact us by email: farehameast@gmail.com

Peter Trott
Fareham East FOCUS Editor



CAN YOU HELP ?

We don't receive donations in cash or kind from big business or other organisations like other parties. We rely on the good offices of our members and friends to help us get our voice heard and to help us WIN in local elections, so that we can continue to support YOU in Council.

We always need people to help with our campaigning and to deliver the sort of service YOU would expect in Local Government.

Please contact us by email, or phone to talk to us about how you may be able to help us WIN in FAREHAM EAST.

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Warmer Homes Programme

You may qualify for FREE home energy improvements with the Warmer Homes programme.

Fareham Borough Council has announced that it has been awarded funding from the Government's Sustainable Warmth competition, to offer fully-funded energy-efficiency improvements for eligible homes as part of the 'Warmer Homes' programme.



Funding under the Warmer Homes programme is available until March 2023, for the following energy efficiency measures:

- Improved insulation
- Air Source Heat Pumps
- Solar PV panels

If your home is connected to the gas network, funding of up to £10,000 is available. If your home is not on the gas network, funding of up to £25,000 is available.

For more information about the Warmer Homes Programme visit the FBC website [HERE](#)

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Trip Hazards in Pedestrian Precinct



Katrina has reported this trip hazard to Hampshire Highways, because they are responsible for maintenance of roads and paths and the pedestrian precinct is in their remit.

This is just one example of cobbles moving and causing potential trip hazards in the area.



Katrina has therefore Hampshire Highways asked to conduct a full survey of the precinct and for remedial work to be conducted as a matter of some urgency. The reply received from HCC indicates that these do not constitute a significant danger to the public at this time but the situation in the precinct will continue to be monitored.

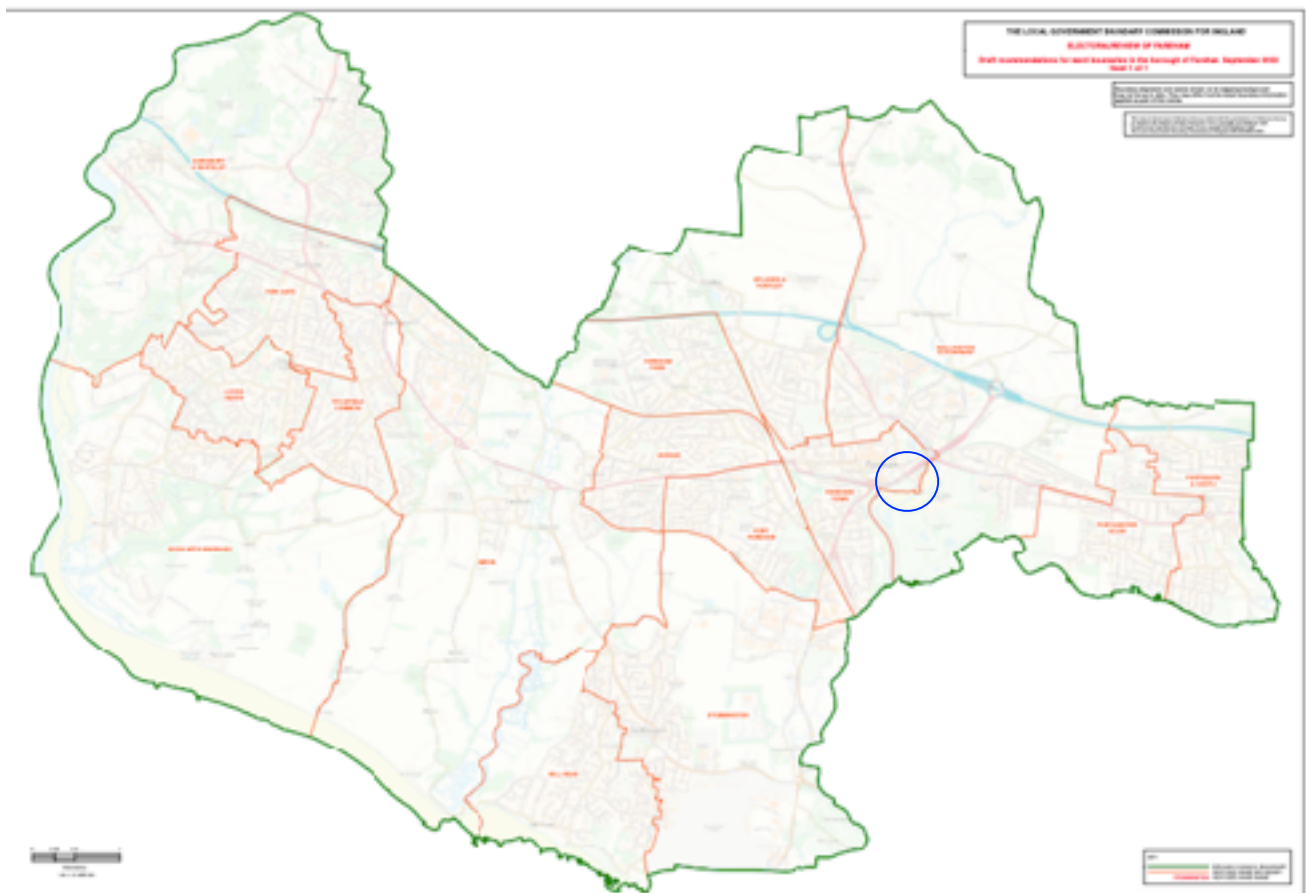
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Elections and Ward Boundary Changes

In our July e-Newsletter, we reported on the proposed changes to ward boundaries and that the Local Government Boundary Commission would consider the changes proposed by FBC. This has now happened and an amended set of boundary changes is shown in the map below.

YOU now have the chance to suggest final alterations before these boundaries and ward names come into force. A Boundary Commission public consultation began on 6 September and will run for 10 weeks until 15 November 2022.

You can view the proposed changes in detail and provide comments on the commission's website: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/32652>



For more information see the press release on FBC's website: [HERE](#)

As it stands, much of the current **Fareham East** ward will be contained in the new **Wallington & Downend** ward. **Katrina** and **David** have a number of minor changes they would wish to see incorporated before the map is finalised. In particular, they would wish to see Deanes Park Road and Lower Bath Road taken into the new Wallington & Downend ward, see area circled.

We will return to this subject in later editions.

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Green Measures for Queen Street Homes

Katrina recently visited the site of the two new homes currently being built in Queen Street, Fareham.

Local Lib Dems pushed for FBC to adopt Green policies and, as Housing Spokesperson for the Lib Dems, **Katrina** worked closely with the Head of FBC's Housing Delivery to ensure these homes for social rent would be as green as possible and they are now being built to include these 'Greener' measures:

- (a) a 'fabric first' approach (i.e. insulation that meets the emerging/latest building regulation requirements);
- (b) photovoltaics (i.e. solar panels);
- (c) air source heat pumps; and (d) an electric vehicle charging point for each home.

FBC is working to make the housing stock greener. This includes some of the retrofit work at many Council properties that has taken place in the last 12-18 months.



We believe this is the right way to go with housing provision in the borough and live in hope that other developments will follow suit to ensure our housing stock, both council and privately provided, is built to the best possible 'Green' standards.

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Speeding on Local Roads

We are pleased to confirm that two Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) signs have been installed in Old Turnpike and a further sign is in place on Park Lane. They are of the same type as had been deployed on Wickham road earlier in the year.



We requested these reminder signs to be fitted after concerns were raised by local residents, who asked for something to be done because they were concerned about the danger of excessive speeds on these two roads.

Residents can request the deployment of a SLR by emailing FBC at: parkingservices@fareham.gov.uk. They are normally on site for up to two weeks. Details can be found by following this link to the [FBC Website](#)

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Planning Application - Furzehall Ave/ Wickham Rd

In 2013 we alerted residents of Furzehall Avenue that Persimmon Homes had raised a planning application, P/14/1252/FP. In 2014, the application was revised and was given approval by FBC in November 2015.

The application proposes:

Demolition of Existing Office, Erection of Office with 7 No Flats above with associated access, parking, landscaping and the erection of 6 No dwellings fronting Furzehall Avenue.

No demolition or building has taken place to date.

We now learn that Persimmon Homes intends to sell the site as it stands. As the Planning Application is still in place, any future owner would be able to carry out the development as proposed.

We do not yet know how or when the sale will happen but it is clear that some preparations are taking place as a new pair of gates has recently been installed at the site.

Persimmon Homes has, we are told, moved its headquarters to Eastleigh.

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Don't Lose Your Vote !

Fareham residents are being urged to check their electoral registration details or risk losing their chance to vote on decisions that affect them.

The annual canvass allows the Council to keep the electoral register up to date, to identify who risks losing their voice at elections, and to encourage them to register before it's too late.

The annual canvass is the way of making sure that the information on the electoral register for every address is accurate. To make sure you don't lose your say at the next election, look out for instructions from FBC.

If you aren't already on the register, the easiest way to register is online here: [**Register to Vote**](#)

Recent home movers in particular are urged to check their details. Electoral Commission research has found that recent home movers are less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for a long time. In Great Britain, 92% of those who have lived in their home for 16 years will be registered, compared with 36% of people who have lived at an address for less than a year.

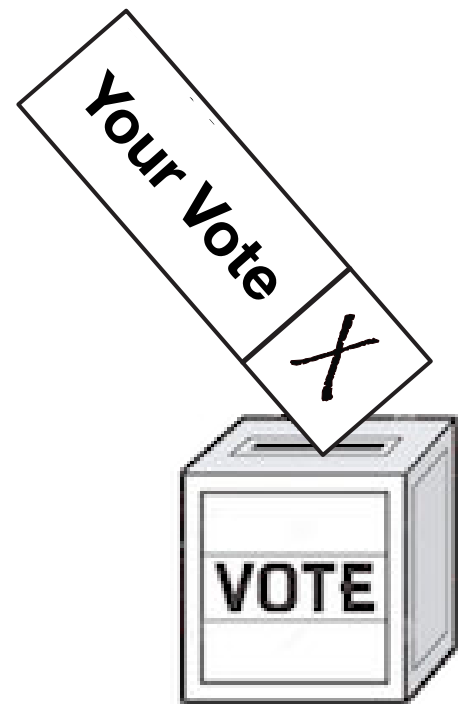
"It's really important that everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so. We urge people to look out for updates from their local council on this year's canvass. The council may contact residents by post or email.

If you are not registered to vote, make sure you provide the necessary information to your local council when asked and register to vote online at [**Register to Vote.**](#)"

Information on registering to vote is available on the [**Electoral Commission**](#) website.

Residents with questions about their registration status can contact their local council's electoral services team at [**elections@fareham.gov.uk**](mailto:elections@fareham.gov.uk) or **01329 824588**.

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Eastern Parade - Sea Wall Repairs

FBC's Executive Committee has approved expenditure of £98,000 to carry out interim sea defence works at Salterns recreation ground.

It should be noted that at this stage, this is only an **interim measure** as the report to Council earlier this year states:

"This proposal is to undertake interim Capital Works to reinstate the defences to avoid further deterioration, while a longer-term replacement scheme is considered."

We will continue to press for a full and complete repair and reinstatement of the sea wall at Salterns Recreation ground to ensure the area is protected from further flooding.



The report states that the work should be completed by the end of September.

You can read the background to this item on the FBC website: [HERE](#)

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Drone in use at Civic Offices



This picture shows a drone being used to survey the the civic offices, in particular the state of the concrete structure.

Last time this examination was conducted, a cherry picker was used. The operation is considered to be much safer using a drone as people do not have to work at height.

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Energy Costs !

The cost of the energy you use, both Gas and Electricity, is soaring. We wait to see if the Government's proposals to mitigate the hardship this is causing to many residents, will actually reduce their bills.



In our view, it is a great **shame** that our new PM and her Cabinet have stated that they will not tell the energy companies to use their **excessive profits** to help the less well off, who are likely to be the hardest hit over the coming months.



Instead, as we see it, the cost will be met by government borrowing billions of pounds to fund any mitigation. This means it will be **YOU** and **ME** who will have to pay the interest on that borrowing through taxes etc. for probably decades to come.

If you are struggling and need advice, the BBC explain the energy price cap **[HERE](#)**.

The government and energy suppliers have a number of different schemes to help customers pay for energy.

There are three types of support:

1. Special government help during the energy crisis

Several support schemes are available:

- A £400 Energy Bills Support Scheme For every household in the UK. The money will be credited to your energy account in 6 monthly instalments of £66.70 and should start in October 2022.
- People who live in houses that are in council tax band A - D should have already received £150 directly to their bank account. [gov.uk page for council tax rebate](#)
- People who are entitled to certain benefits or tax credits will get £650. It'll be sent to your bank account, in two payments, the first was in July and second in October. [gov.uk page on cost of living payments for people on benefits](#)
- Pensioners who are eligible receive Winter Fuel Payments this winter, will receive an additional £300 in Cost of Living Payment. [gov.uk page on cost of living payments for pensioners](#)
- People on certain types of benefits will have an extra £150 paid into their bank account this winter. [gov.uk page on disability cost of living payments](#)

2. Regular Yearly Government Support

£250 - £600 Winter Fuel Payment

Visit the [gov.uk page on Winter Fuel Payments](#) for more detailed information.

The payment is different depending on your circumstances

You should already be getting this if you are meant to be getting it.

It is paid into your bank account in November or December, but no later than 13 Jan 2023

£25/day Cold Weather Payment

Visit [gov.uk page on Cold Weather Payment](#) for more detail.

When does this happen? - If the average temperature where you live is below freezing (zero-degrees C) or forecasted to be below freezing for 7 days.

£150 Warm Home Discount (England and Wales)

Visit the [gov.uk page on Warm Home Discount](#) for more info.

3. Support from your energy supplier

Contact your supplier directly to find out more.

Note: all information on Government schemes is correct as of July 2022, but may be subject to change.

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Buying and Selling Online - Caution

2 September 2022

Take caution when buying and selling items online on sites such as Facebook Marketplace

Good afternoon,

We want to share some cautionary advice about buying/selling online, particularly through Facebook Marketplace, and the risks that you could face.

SCENARIO...

Someone puts up a high value item, such as a bicycle or motorbike, for sale on Marketplace and is contacted by a prospective 'buyer' who is invited to the seller's home address to purchase the items.

The so-called 'buyer' then doesn't turn up to collect the goods, and in the coming days the seller is victim to a burglary in which the items are stolen.

When you are either selling or buying online and through Facebook Marketplace, you never truly know who you are dealing with, as criminals can hide behind a social media profile.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind people to be vigilant when buying and selling via social media.

Some ways you can protect yourself as a buyer or seller online are:

If someone's message or profile looks suspicious, trust your instincts and walk away.

When purchasing smaller items, do the exchange in a safe public place, such as a local police station.

Avoid giving out your home address to someone you don't know.

Use an online payment option such as PayPal, which helps to protect you.

If you're the buyer, never transfer money directly into a seller's account without viewing the item in a safe secure place in person first.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you have experienced this type of crime, we encourage you to report it to police on 101, or by using the report tool on our website:

www.hampshire.police.uk

For more information and advice, or to report fraud you can also visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

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(Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight)

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Stolen Rolex Watch - A Case in Point !

On 20 September 2022, Hampshire Alert sent out this message.

Officers are investigating after a man had his watch stolen during a robbery in Park Gate.

The circumstances are that the man had advertised his **Rolex watch** for sale on Facebook Marketplace. He had been planning to use the proceeds of the sale to pay for private medical care.

On 6 September he received a call from a woman saying she was interested in buying the watch and that she would attend the victim's home address 15 minutes later.

At around 8pm that evening, a woman and a man turned up at the victim's home address and at first pretended to proceed with the transaction, before the man threatened the victim with a knife and the pair left with the watch.

The watch is described as a silver Rolex Oyster Perpetual DATEJUST, with a white gold fluted bezel and a jubilee bracelet.

Enquiries are in hand at this time, however we are asking anyone who has been offered sale of the watch pictured here to make contact with police by calling **101**, quoting **44220364146**. You can also submit information to us online here: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>

Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their anonymous online form at crimestoppers-uk.org

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Energy Rebate Scam e-mails

7 September 2022

Action Fraud is warning the public about a sharp rise in reports relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem, the independent energy regulator for Great Britain. The emails claim that the recipient is due a rebate payment as part of a government scheme and provides links for the recipient to follow in order to apply for the rebate. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.

Between Monday 22nd August 2022 and Monday 5th September 2022, a total of 1,567 phishing emails related to this scam have been reported via the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS).

All the emails display the email subject header "Claim your bill rebate now". Offenders are using the Ofgem brand logo and colours to make the emails look as authentic as possible. However, the emails ask recipients to "apply for an energy bill rebate before September 2020", which is what prompted many recipients to realise the emails weren't genuine.

You can view examples of the fake emails in our social media posts on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

How you can protect yourself and others

- If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. Don't use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from their official website. Remember, your bank (or any other official source) **will never ask you to supply personal information via email**.
- If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Send us emails that feel suspicious, even if you're not certain they're a scam - we can check.
- For advice on how to stay secure online, please visit: www.cyberaware.gov.uk

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Non-dwelling burglaries across Fareham & Gosport

1 September 2022

We've had a few reports overnight across the Gosport & Fareham districts of non-dwelling burglaries involving sheds, outbuildings and garages.

Local teams will be looking into these reports.

In the meantime, we encourage people to take a look at the shed and outbuilding crime prevention page on our website here: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage/>

There are a few security tips on this page which you may find useful.

Anyone else who has been affected by this crime type or who has any information is asked to make contact with us on 101 or by using the report tool at www.hampshire.police.uk

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Notes

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- ***Feedback on this newsletter is always welcome, whether complimentary or not!***
- ***We encourage you to forward this email to anyone else on an individual basis who you think may like to read it - if they like it, they can be added to the list for future editions.***
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