

FAREHAM EAST e-Newsletter

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Dear Resident of Fareham East Ward,

It seems that the continuing saga of “rotating” politicians has stopped, for the moment at least !

We have the *third* Prime Minister in less than three months and, is it the *fourth* Chancellor ? It’s also the *second* time our very own MP has taken on the Home Office.

What Next ?

Once again, we have local stories for you this month, and “***Fareham Live***” is in the news again. The company which was to have operated the venue, ***BH Live***, has pulled out, citing disagreement over contract terms as the reason.

We hope you had a Happy Halloween, with all those Trick or Treaters, ghosts, ghoulies and witches and a safe Guy Fawkes celebration.



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farehamlibdems.org.uk



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

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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.

**The Fareham East
Lib-Dem Team**

David Hamilton is our other **Liberal Democrat** Councillor who was elected to the Council on 5th May 2022.



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

Peter Trott
Fareham East FOCUS Editor



Councillor Surgeries

David and Katrina hold regular Councillor Surgeries when you can come and question your Councillors.

**The next surgeries are from 10:30 to Noon on
Saturday 3rd December and 7th January
in Westbury Manor, West Street, Fareham**

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Quick Work by FBC

Katrina and **David** were alerted by a resident of Bath Lane of a dangerous slope at the Recreation Ground. An elderly gentleman was distressed as he had slipped and fallen on the steep slope which was covered with wet leaves. Nearby residents heard his moans and were able to help him.

Having reported the problem to the council's Streetscene department, we were delighted by their rapid response.

They quickly arranged the fitting of extra fencing to deter people from using this dangerous shortcut at the exit from the ground.

The modified fencing is shown in this picture.



Action on Offensive Graffiti

David Hamilton recently wrote on FACEBOOK: As a Councillor for Fareham East I am happy to raise this with Streetscene. The area has been targeted by hate speech graffiti previously so I will ask about security/catching culprits.



David and Katrina both find this sort of graffiti disgusting and offensive. We hope that any issues regarding ownership of the area can be quickly resolved and that this eyesore will be removed as soon as possible.

The land is privately owned and the Council needs the owner's permission to arrange removal of the graffiti.

Early in November, a FBC Enforcement Officer visited the site and contacted the agents dealing with the property. The site manager has been told about the complaint and has been asked for the graffiti to be removed as soon as possible.



Unfortunately, as these pictures show, graffiti was still there on **29 November !**



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Whither Now, "Fareham Live" ?

Last month we reported on the demolition of much of the old Ferneham Hall to make way for the new "Fareham Live" entertainment venue to be operated by the company BT Live.

A press release from FBC on 28 October, states: "*BH Live will no longer be the operator of Fareham Live as contract terms could not be agreed*"



The remodelling is going ahead, as the glossy magazine, ***Fareham Today*** so carefully states but now it is without a company to operate the venue when it is completed in Spring 2024 !

As **BH LIVE** will not be operating **Fareham LIVE** (coincidence?). Should the residents of Fareham now be given the opportunity to rename it once again ?

Perhaps this time might we be allowed the chance to choose the historically significant name '**Ferneham Hall**' ?



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Fareham & Gosport Voluntary Car Scheme

The Fareham & Gosport Voluntary Car Scheme is entirely run by volunteers.

The scheme enables vulnerable/elderly members of our community to get to appointments conveniently and economically when public transport options are not viable.



If you need to get to a medical appointment at hospital or any of the local health centres and you have difficulty getting there, contact the scheme by phoning **02392 231899**.

This scheme is a charity and only asks for a donation to cover costs and the fuel for volunteer drivers who will take you to your appointment and return you to your home afterwards.

To find out more, visit the [Community First Website](#)

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Action on Wallington River Fencing

For many months, the safety fencing near the 5-arch bridge in Wallington, has been 'extended' with a temporary crush style barrier. This had either collapsed into the river or, perhaps it was pushed !

Wallington residents, assisted by **David** and **Katrina** have harried the Environment Agency many times to have the temporary barrier replaced by a permanent one, so far without success. *"This is a safety issue"* said **David** *"which should be given suitable priority."*



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Action on Recycling

The recycling bins provided at Sainsbury's store in Broadcut, Fareham were in a disgraceful state. **Katrina** made local residents concerns known to the store manager.

These bins were emptied by a contractor employed by Sainsbury's but were frequently to be seen full to overflowing, with several shopping trolleys also full to the brim with plastic bags bursting with plastic waste and glass. Other recycling bins were also overflowing as these recent pictures show.

Katrina asked for the bins to be emptied more frequently to reduce the effect of this eyesore on the local area.



Unfortunately, it seems that to keep the site clear and tidy, the bins have been **completely removed** !

Plastic bottles can be recycled in FBC blue top bins. Sadly there is nowhere in the local area for the other types of plastic to be recycled.

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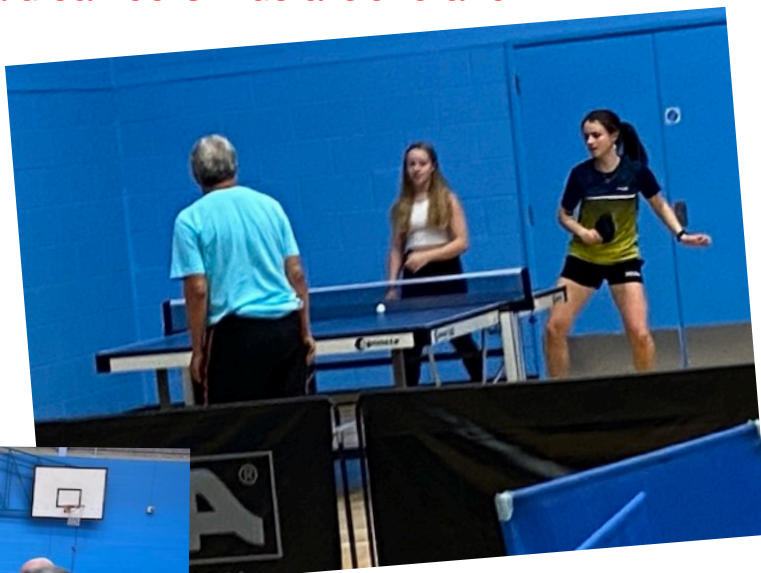
Fareham-Vannes Twinning Table Tennis

Fareham Table Tennis group, ***“Generation II”***, once again invited their counterparts from the town of **Vannes** in France to a competition in late October to early November 2022.

This has normally been an annual event held alternately in Fareham and Vannes but competitions in recent years had to be cancelled because of the Coronavirus pandemic. *“It was great to get together with our French friends once again after such a long time”* said Janice Childs a Generation II representative.

The competition took place on Sunday 31 October in the sports hall of Fareham Academy.

The two groups from Vannes and Fareham had also enjoyed other, rather less strenuous, activities during the French visit.



Presents were given and received by both teams

A visit to Vannes by the Fareham Twinning Association members is being planned for early 2023.



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Road Sweeping Concerns

A resident of Alders Road recently complained to **Katrina** about the lack of street cleaning in the area. She checked the rota with the Council's Streetscene department who gave this response:



- The Council has rotas for both mechanical sweepers and hand carts.
- Mechanical sweepers usually visit roads every 3-4 weeks.
- Hand carts visit every 6-8 weeks for most of the year.
- Areas of heavy leaf fall in the autumn are given priority meaning occasionally cleaning can stretch beyond 8 weeks.
- Alders Road is due a visit soon, so should have received the last visit about 6 weeks ago.
- Operatives using the hand cart are briefed to litterpick footpaths and remove build up of debris. They also remove dead weedgrowth from footpaths following herbicide treatment by Hampshire Highways.
- They do not sweep every inch of footpaths as this would take much longer than every 8 weeks.

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Eastern Parade Sea Wall Repairs - Continued !

Progress at last !

Work has been completed to the promised temporary repairs to the sea wall at Salterns.

Concrete blocks have been placed to protect the area until a permanent repair can be completed.



At least this is a move in the right direction and should help to mitigate any flooding caused by stormy weather this winter.

Coastal Partners* has secured £457,500 of funding from the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and £30,000 from Fareham Borough Council, to plan sea defences at Fareham Quay and between Alton Grove and Cadour Drive in Portchester.

At both sites, sections of the sea wall are in very poor condition and reaching the end of their life.

If nothing is done, 49 properties across both areas are *currently* at flood risk from an extreme tidal event. This risk could increase to 400 properties during future similar events according to climatecentral.org

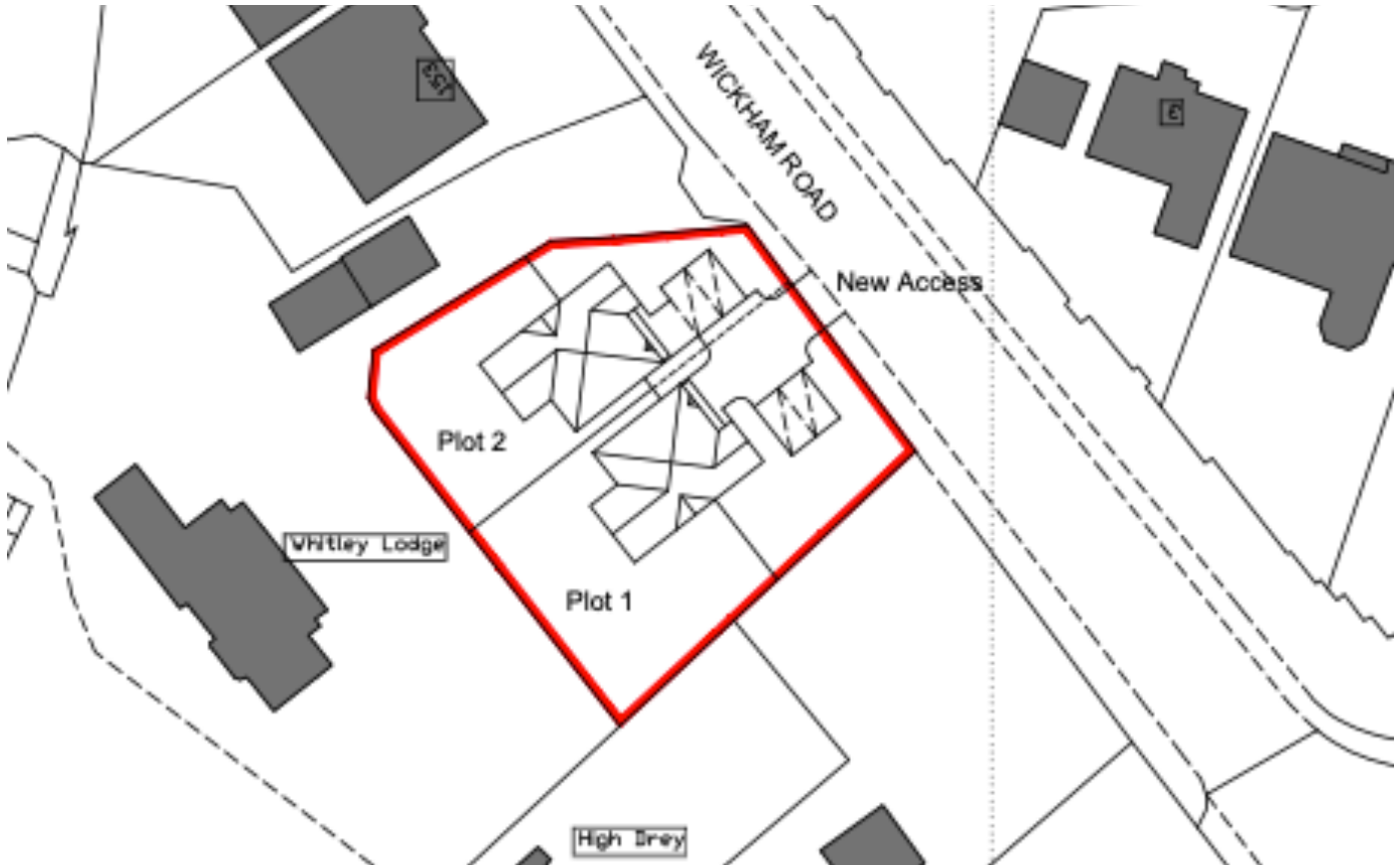
***Coastal Partners** is a partnership between Fareham, Gosport and Havant Borough Councils, Portsmouth City, and Chichester District Council. The partnership has coastal engineers from each authority working as one team to manage 246km of coastline across the Eastern Solent.

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Planning Application - A32 Wickham Road

A planning application [P/22/1555/FP] has been raised for the erection of 2 New detached dwellings with car parking along with a new access onto Wickham Road at Whitley Lodge.

To find out more about this planning application visit: [FBC's Planning Portal](#)



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Message from Donna Jones - Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight



1 November 2022

I've launched a survey to gather your views on whether I should increase the level of council tax which you pay in support of policing, to ensure continued investment in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.

I know this is a very difficult time financially for the country, and potentially for you as an individual, and I am conscious that any rise in your council tax to support policing will come at the same time as other costs are also increasing.

The survey proposes a range of options [based on council tax bands] up to **the £10 maximum per year** which is **83p per month**. If you are not sure which council tax band your property is in, you can check at www.gov.uk/council-tax-bands

By completing this survey, you will really help us set the budget and the council tax precepts for policing for the next financial year. I want to hear your feedback so I can represent your views on where you want your money to go.

The survey will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 4 December 2022.

Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback.

[Click this link to take the survey.](#)

Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones

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Appeal for information following series of burglaries in Fareham and Locks Heath

9 November 2022



We're investigating burglaries which have occurred in the Fareham and Locks Heath areas this month.

Items of jewellery have been reported stolen, and the houses that were targeted were unoccupied on each occasion. There is a gallery of images and a list of items confirmed to be stolen on our website article here:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/news/hampshire/news/appeals/2022/november/appeal-for-information-following-series-of-burglaries-in-fareham-and-locks-heath/>

The images are automatically enlarged on our website which affects the resolution, but we have included descriptions underneath each picture.

The incidents occurred in:

- Home Rule, Locks Heath, some time between 4 November and 7 November
- Admirals Road, Locks Heath, suspected to have occurred between 6 November and 7 November, but could have been earlier
- Oak Road, Fareham, suspected to have occurred overnight on 6 November into 7 November.

Please take the time to read our full appeal on the website link above, look at the images and the list of stolen items.

If you can assist us in anyway, please get in touch.

Message Sent By

Jack Backwell

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

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Man charged with theft and violence offences in Fareham

28 November 2022

A man has been charged with offences following incidents in Fareham.



It's alleged that on Saturday 26 November, a man in Tesco on Quay Street assaulted a member of Tesco staff and security staff. Police were told that the victims had tried to stop the man from leaving the store with some food and drink that had allegedly not been paid for.

Officers attended and arrested 28-year-old Matthew York, who was subsequently charged with the following:

- 2 counts of assault by beating
- Theft from a shop
- Using threatening or abusive words or behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.

York, of Gosport Road in Fareham, was bailed with conditions to appear at Portsmouth Magistrates' Court on 12 December.

Message Sent By

Jack Backwell

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

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Man convicted of assaulting paramedics whilst armed with a meat cleaver

24 November 2022



A man has been convicted of attacking paramedics whilst armed with a meat cleaver in Fareham.

At around 3am on 11 February 2021, an ambulance was dispatched to an address in Glenesha Gardens where 59-year-old Paul Searle was alleged to be suffering breathing problems.

Despite the efforts of attending paramedics to help Searle, he became aggressive and verbally abusive to the point that the emergency workers left the address and returned to their vehicle.

Shortly after, Searle approached the ambulance armed with a meat cleaver and pulled the driver out of the vehicle whilst threatening to cut his ear off. The ambulance was reversing at this time and ended up colliding with a parked car. The second paramedic, who had been in the passenger seat, then radioed for assistance and got out of the ambulance to find her colleague grappling on the pavement with Searle, before she assisted in restraining him.

As a result of this incident, the ambulance driver suffered a cut to his hand from the meat cleaver which required stitches, while his colleague sustained a lump to her head.

Searle, of St David's Road in Southsea, was subsequently arrested and charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent and assault on an emergency worker.

Following a three day trial at Portsmouth Crown Court, Searle was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent on Wednesday 23 November. He had previously pleaded guilty to assaulting an emergency worker at an earlier hearing.

Searle was remanded in custody to appear at the same court for sentencing on 16 December.

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Man jailed for series of robberies in Fareham

24 November 2022



A man has been jailed following an investigation into a series of robberies in Fareham.

Ben Sharpe, aged 22, of no fixed abode, carried out the offences on the evening of 15 September this year.

Shortly after 7pm, Sharpe entered the Spar store on Arundel Drive and tried to snatch the till, pushing a member of staff in the process. He then made off with a bottle of Jack Daniels whisky and some pink gin.

At around 8pm, Sharpe entered the Esso petrol station on Gosport Road and threatened a member of staff whilst holding the whisky bottle. During this, he demanded that the member of staff open the till before grabbing the staff member and trying to open the till himself.

He left the petrol station having stolen nothing.

Around 15 minutes later, Sharpe entered the One Stop store on Gosport Road, again threatening a staff member with the whisky bottle whilst demanding money and cigarettes. He then stole some Kopparberg cider.

Officers arrested Sharpe less than 10 minutes later, and he was subsequently charged with attempted robbery, two counts of robbery and possession of cannabis.

Following his arrest, Sharpe was also recalled to prison to serve the remainder of 5 year sentence, which was handed to him on 1 April 2020 for a shop robbery in Romsey.

Appearing at Winchester Crown Court on Friday 18 November, he was jailed for 32 months for these recent Fareham offences, which he had pleaded guilty to at an earlier hearing on 17 October.

DC Ellie Light said: "This is a positive result following an investigation into multiple robberies in local shops.

"During this, members of the public were threatened and physically assaulted. These victims were targeted whilst at work and going about their day to day lives.

"We commend these victims for coming forward and assisting the police in this investigation."

Message Sent By

Jack Backwell

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

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Online Festive Season Shopping Scams

New figures revealed victims of online shopping scams lost on average £1,000 per person during last year's festive shopping season.



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The figures, which come from reports made to Action Fraud and analysed by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), showed that shoppers across England, Wales and Northern Ireland were scammed out of **£15.3m between November 2021 and January 2022, and that the age group most likely to fall victim was 19 to 25-year-olds.**

Scams ranged from one shopper losing more than £150 trying to purchase a mobile phone on social media to another being duped out of more than £7,000 during an attempted online campervan purchase. Meanwhile, another victim lost almost £500 when trying to buy shoes on a social media platform, and a fourth lost £145 trying to make a similar purchase.

Top tips to shop online securely this festive season:

Action Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) are urging online shoppers to protect their accounts, check before they buy, and use secure payment methods in order to stay ahead of the threat from criminals this shopping season:

Protect your accounts: set up 2-step verification and use [three random words](#) passwords to prevent cyber criminals from gaining access to your shopping, bank or email accounts.

Choose carefully where you shop: Research online retailers, particularly if you haven't bought from them before, to check they're legitimate. Read feedback from people or organisations that you trust, such as consumer websites.

Pay securely: Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases and are obliged to refund you in certain circumstances. Using a credit card (rather than a debit card) also means that if your payment details are stolen, your main bank account won't be directly affected. Also consider using a payment platform, such as PayPal, Google or Apple Pay. And whenever you pay, look for the closed padlock in the web address bar – it means your connection is secure.

For more advice on how to shop online securely this festive season, visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/shopping-online-securely>

(If you found this information useful, please forward it to friends, family members and colleagues)

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