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**Your local on-line newsletter from
Stubbington & Hill Head Liberal Democrats**

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Garden waste bins - at a price

Fareham Council plans to charge for collecting garden waste - but it's because of Hampshire County Council dumping costs on to the Borough.

From April this year, Fareham Council will no longer get back the costs for material recycling. This will cost Fareham an estimated £400,000 a year.

From February 2022, households wanting garden waste collected will pay £50 a year for a 140-litre and £60 for a 240- litre wheeled bin.

That's on top of a purchase price of £32 for a 140-litre and £34 for 240-litre wheeled bin, with a half-price offer if you buy in year 1 of the scheme. Fareham says it will work with Hampshire County Council to further promote home composting of garden and food waste, e.g the discounted composting bins offered by Hampshire County Council.



Spruce-up for local beauty spot

This unsightly and hazardous grass verge between Lychgate Green and Titchfield Road will be made safe after a resident contacted the Focus team.

Stumps and mud were left behind and a disused culvert exposed after felling of self-seeding sycamores which were undermining a garden wall.

Jim Forrest contacted council officers, and they've agreed to re-seed the verge, plant a more attractive tree at a safer distance from the wall, and put a proper cover over the old culvert. Jim says: "This is one of the most attractive corners of Stubbington, fronting historic St Edmunds Church, and I'm delighted Council staff are helping residents' efforts to conserve it."



Meet the Lib Dem Focus Team



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Newgate Lane inquiry

A public inquiry on plans to build 190 homes in the Strategic Gap at Newgate Lane opened on Tuesday, February 8.

Clr Jim Forrest has asked to speak on residents' behalf.

Persimmon's Plans for 206 homes at Oakcroft Lane will be considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on February 17.

Cheap, green power ... from Stubbington

The huge IFA2 interconnector at Solent Airport is now in its operational phase. That means it can transfer low carbon electricity between the UK and France at its maximum capacity of 1000-megawatts.



National Grid say this is enough energy to power one million British homes. That's 1.2% of Britain's electricity needs. And they estimate it could enable a 2% reduction to wholesale electricity prices in Britain.

Left: National Grid and their partners gave councillors and residents regular site visits and briefings.

Right: The transformers were brought to the Lee slipway by barge

Councillor Jim Forrest says: "This is a huge contribution to the fight to beat the Climate Emergency. And National Grid and their partners have worked really hard with local councillors and residents' groups to minimise disruption during construction and testing."

> More on Climate Emergency at farehamlibdems.org.uk

Day on the beach? That'll be £6 please

Fareham Council has now given details of charges at seaside car parks from this summer.

Price is £1 per hour between 10am and , to a maximum of £6 - a hefty sum to enjoy a sunny day with the kids.

There will be season tickets for regular visitors, as Lib Dems urged, - but it's not clear what will happen if holders of an £80 season ticket turn up to find the car park already full.



Why not use the sun to fund parking?
Watch our video on Facebook
[@Libdems4Crofton](https://www.facebook.com/Libdems4Crofton)

Action file: Sorting out hazards on our streets

We've asked Hampshire Highways to investigate the siting of these switch boxes at the corner of The Croft. While one is sensibly placed on the verge, the other is a seemingly unnecessary obstruction.



David Hamilton has reported this broken street nameplate at The Grove.

Was it a false economy for the Council to switch from sturdy metal signs to flimsy plastic?



Opinion: The crime of closing a library

While Stubbington's library was spared in recent County Council cuts, Lee-on-the-Solent and Elson lost theirs. But residents there are working to save their libraries within a Community Hub, and deserve our support.

See the full article by Bob Seymour on our main website, crofton.focusteam.org.uk



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