



PORTCHESTER

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EAST AND WEST WARDS

NEWS

County Conservatives Recommend Wasting Nearly £¼ Million

Hampshire Conservatives are proposing to spend £223,000 setting up web broadcasting of Council meetings, yet they are closing libraries, axing buses. Surely they have their priorities wrong.

A recommendation backed by Hampshire Conservatives to spend nearly £¼ million on web broadcasting County Council and Cabinet meetings has been blasted as a waste of public money by the Leader of Hampshire Liberal Democrats and is seen as a stab in the back for library and bus users facing cuts in services. We fully agree with these comments.



Citizen of the Year Awards

Fareham Borough Council have three Citizen's Awards for residents. One category is for a person over 18 years of age who helps others before themselves and never looks for praise. Another category is for a 12-18 year old who has carried out regular community or voluntary work, or provided on-going care. There is also a category for a 4-11 year old who has shown outstanding bravery, carried out regular selfless acts, adapted to a disability, or coped with personal difficulties.

You can nominate online at: www.fareham.gov.uk/citizenawards, or complete a Citizen of Honour nomination form available from the Council's reception, Libraries, Police Stations, Leisure Centre, Ferneham Hall, Cinema and various other venues and return it to the Council. The closing date for entries is 31st January 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by 31st March 2012 and presented with their award at the annual Mayor Making ceremony on 10th May 2012.

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Doorstep and Telephone Bogus Callers

Advice from our local PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers)



In the last few months some smartly dressed males have been calling on elderly residents informing them that they have won a holiday and to secure it they would be required to put a small fee up front. They are then asked for their Bank details from which numerous amounts are then taken from their accounts.

Under no circumstances give them this information – these people are con•men. Two elderly residents have recently lost hundreds of pounds, one other person lost thousands by giving their Bank details over the telephone.

If you are in any doubt do not divulge any information but ring the Trading Standards (08454•040506) or speak to your local police officers.

Manor Farm

Hampshire County Council's Manor Farm near Southampton is to be used for the filming of "War Time Farm". The programme will focus on the 2nd World War and all aspects of domestic and farming life and will be shown on BBC2 in late 2012.

Community Action Grants

Residents can make application to the Borough Council for money to be allocated for specific items or improvements to the area. This can be done at the CATs meeting or by contacting Richard Wright at Fareham Borough Council on 01329 236100.

CrimeReports

Members of the public can sign up to CrimeReports and receive crime and incident updates by email daily, weekly or monthly so as to be continually aware of what is happening in and around where they live and work.

If you are interested in this information go to www.crimereports.uk and enter your postcode. You will be able to see crime/incidents in your area on a map, plus other relevant data.

School Governors

If you are interested in becoming a School Governor please contact Roger Price.

Library Services

Hampshire's Library Service has to make savings of £450,000 in response to budget cuts in 2012/13 and beyond. The way this can be achieved is to reduce the library opening hours in a consistent way across Hampshire.



Portchester library is classified as a medium library and will be closed one day a week but will be open 35+ hours a week including Saturdays. It will not be open on Sundays and it is intended to close the library all day on Tuesdays. At present these are proposals only, but if finally agreed will take effect from 1st April 2012.

The consultation period ends on 28th December, customers can complete forms which are in the Library and return them to the staff, or can make comments via email at www.hants.gov.uk/library

Insulate Hampshire

Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council are working together in order that Fareham residents can now benefit from home insulation at a fraction of the price.

The 'Insulate Hampshire' scheme is open to all homeowners, offering loft insulation at £99 and cavity wall insulation at £75 for the first 5,000 suitable homes to sign up.

Some of these services may be free for those over 70 and those who receive qualifying benefits. Find out more, telephone for free on 0800•952•0037 or visit www.insulatehampshire.co.uk

Footpath to Wicor Recreation Ground



After considerable pressure from Roger Price, the County Council has agreed to install a footpath on the north side of Cranleigh Road leading to Wicor Recreation Ground.

At present you need to walk in the road or on the grassed muddy area and the intention is to remove the grassed area replacing it with a bound gravel surface making a rural footpath. Wooden dragons teeth will be installed between the footpath and the roadway which will provide a protected

pathway and stop vehicles driving or parking on it.

Drainage will be installed at the same time. This will deal with the flooding problem and therefore by using the bound gravel this will enable any surface water to soak away.

This work will be completed in the early part of next year.

Winter Salt Bins

We have requested a number of salt bins to be located in the area. These have now been installed as part of over 2,000 bins provided by Hampshire County Council across the County each bin having a capacity of 750kg.

Hampshire has increased its salt stock level by 4,000 tonnes and now has enough for more than 15 days continuous round the clock salting of the main road network.

If you know of any other locations where a salt bin should be provided, please let one of us know so that we can try to arrange for one to be installed for this coming winter. Each salt bin has a unique reference number to be used when reporting an empty or damaged bin by calling 0845 603 5633.



Portchester Community Centre

We wish to assure residents that the current Community Centre will not be demolished until the new Centre is open.

The current situation regarding the rebuilding of Portchester Community Centre is that tender specifications for the building have been agreed. A list of Contractors has been agreed and we are now awaiting the tender costs to be received and to agree the Contractor to carry out the works. It is anticipated that work will start in February 2012 with completion in September 2012.

Boundary Commission

The Boundary Commission for England has advertised its proposals for the new Constituency Boundaries. Portchester East will go into Portsmouth West, and Portchester West into Fareham and Horndean.

We strongly believe that the two Portchester Wards should be kept together due to their community ties and have therefore written to the Boundary Commission. If you wish to make comments to the Boundary Commission you need to write to them at 35•Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.

Southern Water

From 1st October Southern Water Services took over the responsibility for private and shared sewers and they became part of the public sewer network. Since the change householders are only responsible for the section of pipe that serves their property alone and lies within their boundary. There are however some exceptions - further details can be found at www.southernwater.co.uk/privatesewers If you have any problems with your shared sewer you should contact Southern Water Services on 0845 270 0360.

Items for your Information

- **Council Advice Surgery** - Please remember that as from 1st January 2012 our Council Surgery will be held on the **first Saturday** of the month between 10.30•AM and 12•noon in the foyer of the Portchester Health Centre/Library. The dates are 7th January, 4th February, and 3rd March.
- **Wicor Community Club** - A new gardening club is being held at Wicor Primary School and caters for retired residents of Portchester. It is a great way to enjoy their grounds, keep active and pass on skills. For further information telephone 01329 237412 between 9.00 AM and 3.00•PM.
- **Fareham Community Action Meetings** - The next meeting of the Portchester CATs will be held at the Portchester Parish Hall on **Tuesday, 28th February** at 7.00 PM.
- **Police Surgeries** - Our local Police hold a regular surgery at Portchester Community Centre on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.00 PM. If you have any issues please make sure you attend and raise them with the Police.
- **Portchester Carol Service** - This year the Carol Service will be held in Portchester Precinct on Friday, 16th December at 6.00 PM. Please come along and support this community activity.
- **Grants available** - The County Council has allotted money to each County Councillor to provide grants to organisations within their area. If your organisation is seeking financial support, please contact Roger Price for further information as soon as possible in order that any grant applications can be submitted to the County by the end of February 2012.
- **Parking Tickets** - So far 358 parking tickets have been issued in Portchester this year, 57 of which were issued in White Hart Lane and Wicor Mill Lane and 170 tickets were issued for parking in the coach bays at Portchester Castle Car Park. Be careful where you park!

Let us know what YOU think

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Local Liberal Democrat Team are always interested in any ideas to improve our area. If you have any suggestions or even a problem we might be able to help with, please use the space below to let us know.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Please provide your Telephone Number

Can you help the local Portchester News team?

- I will help deliver Portchester News in my area/street
- I want to join the Liberal Democrats
- I wish to give a donation to local funds
- I will display a poster at election time

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