

Fight for our kids goes on

A BIG reorganisation of Hampshire's children's centres, merging some and managing them in groups to make savings of £6m a year, is to go ahead despite a bid by Lib Dems to halt it.



pendently within the group management structure. Officers said they would

look at the idea, but refused to set up a pilot scheme.

Despite testimonials from centre users and managers, their bid was voted down by the Tory majority. Now Lib Dems have asked children's minister Sarah Teather to appeal against Hampshire's decision to cut the Sure Start budget by 35 per cent.

Parents at the Stubblee-Hill centre which serves our area fear a merger with Rowner which serves higher levels of deprivation and could take the lion's share of funding.

Lib Dems also suggested letting good centres run inde-

One said: 'They're not listening. I can't believe they refused a pilot when there is no proof their management structure works.'

CUTS in the County's youth service budget have caused disquiet even among Conservative supporters.



Fareham Borough Council, which has a Tory majority, has questioned Hampshire's plans to target resources to the 5% of young people considered being in greatest need. The fear is that the vast majority, who are not 'problem' youngsters, could be excluded from youth activity.

Fareham Council criticises Hampshire's reliance on the Voluntary Sector to provide and run youth clubs for the majority when it is questionable whether there is spare capacity in the voluntary sector.

And Fareham questions the wisdom of plans to transfer responsibility for awarding grants, procuring services and auditing awards to a recently set-up voluntary body.

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Victory for people power

PLANS for 35 homes for elderly people and a warden's flat at 20-26 Titchfield Road were thrown out by a government inspector.

His ruling after May's appeal hearing was worded in even stronger terms than Fareham Council's original rejection.

Lib Dem Jim Forrest and other councillors spoke against the plan at the original planning committee hearing, but the victory really belongs to the local residents who set out their case so eloquently.

Among the points the inspector made:

Traffic: Narrow footways, and the need to cross busy



Residents welcome the inspector's ruling (inset). From left: Mike Spoor, Sally Allen with Ben; Karl Allen with Holly; Becky and Rob Lewis, Councillor Jim Forrest, Nikki Plomer

roads to reach the village centre would make it an unsuitable location for older occupiers;

Surroundings: The buildings' height so close to the road would be out of keep-

ing with the mostly low-key development around it;

Environment: The loss of large planted areas would detract from the almost semi-rural character of this part of Titchfield Road.

Step forward in safety campaign

OPEN SPACE at Cuckoo Lane is to have low-level fencing to help protect children from speeding traffic, Fareham Council has confirmed.

(We apologise for suggesting earlier that this was a done deal, when it was still under consultation).

Residents are still pressing the County Council for measures to cut speed.

We hope and believe their petition to Fareham Council has highlighted to County officials the need for calming measures on streets like this which carry increasingly heavy traffic.

Here too, the credit belongs to local people willing to take action and get politicians to listen to and act on their concerns.



How will this tranquil recreation ground help prevent flooding on our roads in winter? See Digging in to beat floods on Page 2.

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See inside for more local news and latest on Daedalus >>>



Hill Head

Finding the way

One of the two street signs at the entrance to Beverley Road was destroyed in a road accident some months ago.

We've asked local residents if they would like to see a replacement, and if so whether it should indicate names of the other streets in this cul-de-sac.

Residents in Sanross Close clearly DO want an indicator sign, because someone has made their own amendment in felt-tip pen to the Elsfred Road sign, shown here. Sandra Abrams has asked Fareham Council if they'll provide a 'leading to' sign at Elsfred Road.



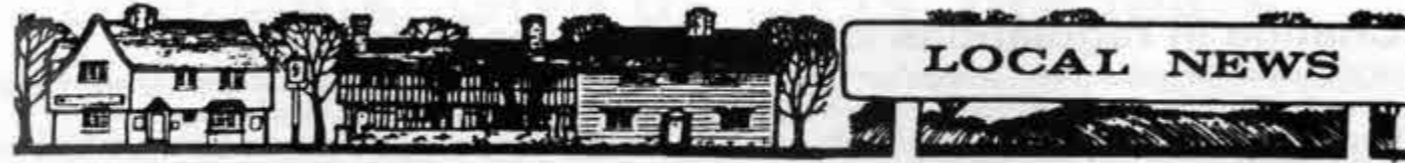
Bottle banks re-sited

BOTTLE banks from the Golden Bowler car park are being moved to the existing site at the Community Centre.

Residents in Moody Road and Mulberry Avenue had sent a petition to Fareham Council com-

plaining of excessive noise.

We sympathise with the residents whose gardens were very close to the site, but we hope officers will be able to find a more neighbour-friendly site to serve Hill Head.



LOCAL NEWS

Cleaner streets - it's a matter of playing fair

MANY residents have complained to us about persistent dog fouling and litter, particularly in Seafeld Park and along the waterfront.

Both areas are well supplied with bins for litter and dog waste, so there's no excuse for this lazy and inconsiderate behaviour.

We urge all residents to dispose of waste properly, and to use the



Text The Council number - 07876 131415 - to report problems.

However, some anti-fouling notices have been posted where there are no bins near at hand Anker Lane (pictured) is one; the pathway linking Queens Crescent with Ravens Close is another. We've asked Fareham Council if bins can be placed at these sites..

Digging in to beat floods

WORKS proposed by the Environment Agency to curb flooding at the Burnt House Lane - Mays Lane junction have taken a new turn.

They plan to create a broad, shallow ditch - known as a swale - along two sides of the recreation ground. It would connect from the entrance to the Burnt House Lane culvert to an improved culvert in Stroud Green Lane.

Officers hope that this, with the improvements made recently to the Burnt House Lane culvert will give enough run-off to cope even with very heavy rainfall.

Fareham Council had already agreed to share in the cost, and the Environment Agency hopes to start this work in September.

Dry footing

THE council has promised to dress the surface on the footpath from Gosport Road to Northways after we passed on complaints from residents in Northways and West ways about the puddles that form there in wet weather, making it almost impassable for elderly residents.



Payback at playground

PLAY equipment in Stubbington Rec will be repainted very soon, after the work was delayed by last month's wet weather. The work is being done through the Community Payback team, which puts offenders to useful work.



Stubbington



KEEN Cyclist Susan Birch is pictured showing Jim Forrest the poor condition of the surface in Burnt House Lane, which is the designated cycle route through Stubbington.

Jim has asked Hampshire Highways to improve it, and suggested that while doing so they mark it out in red asphalt in the same way as Mays Lane, which would also serve as a reminder to speeding motorists.

Pavements aren't for parking

THIS driver was spotted blocking the pavement in Stubbington Green while he made a delivery to one of the shops, even though they have a service road.



We got the parking team to ask the shopkeeper to pass on the No Parking message to their suppliers. If you see selfish parking like this, tell the council straight away on 01329 236100, or text the council on 07876 131415.

See our website farehamlibdems.org.uk for more on these and other local stories

Daedalus plans begin to take shape

SEEDA's planning application for use of parts of Daedalus airfield for employment-related development has now been submitted to Fareham Council.

You can see details on the planning pages of the council's website, fareham.gov.uk (look for application P/11/0436/OA).

The plan is in line with Fareham's aim to use the brown-

field areas at our end of the site for aviation- and marine-related industries which would keep goods movements to a minimum, rather than for housing. Separate plans for the south-eastern parts will be decided by Gosport Council, and these include some housing.

It should be emphasised that these are only outline plans, and

all individual developments would be subject to detailed examination as they come forward.

And SEEDA itself will soon be replaced by a new local enterprise partnership, with its roots closer to local people.

Some residents in streets near the airfield have expressed worries about the potential height of buildings, and this should be

looked at carefully at the detailed stage.

Vehicle access to the Fareham section is likely to be in the less built-up parts of Gosport Road and Broom Way, and there are some improvements for cyclists.

But if Gosport approves a potential access off Stubbington Lane, just inside its boundary, this could pose problems.



Markets with a community flavour

Stubbington Country Market has now moved completely to the Library, instead of the church hall in Mays Lane.

It's open two Fridays per month, but from July 29 it will once more be open every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Another local enterprise to look out for is a mini-market run by Baycroft School outside the Guide hut in Park Lane, featuring imaginative recycled goods.

The pencil-cases and purses shown here are made in the Philippines from 'brick' style cardboard drinks cartons -



an item Fareham has so far been unable to include in its recycling plans because there is no reprocessing plant near at hand.