



Healthy option to help keep The Rec tidy



Left: A drinking fountain and water-bottle filler recently installed in London's Borough Market (photo courtesy of MIW Water Cooler Experts).

Above: Meg Lampard collected these discarded cans and bottle in The Rec in just a few minutes.

Which of the pictures above would you prefer as the image of Stubbington Recreation Ground?

Local resident Meg Lampard is in no doubt - she regularly shows pride in Stubbington by taking home the empty cans and bottles she finds there when she visits the Rec with her children.

Meg suggests installing a combined fountain/filler to persuade more people to use refillable water bottles, or where anyone could enjoy a refreshing mouthful of water on a hot day.

Fareham Council has to pick up thousands of empty plastic bottles every year.

Millions more go into the oceans, and the degraded plastic goes into our food chain, or kills marine life.

Drinking fountains were a staple feature of parks from

Victorian times when people were less likely to exercise - are we really less health-conscious nowadays?



Jim Forrest asks: Would you like to see a fountain at the Rec - and what would be the best site?

- By the exercise machines shown here, or by the skatepark?
- On the outside wall of the Community Centre?
- Near the playground and school gate?

On the council or off, we're always here for residents

As we went to press, news came through of Chris Wood's sudden resignation as councillor for Stubbington.

We won't be drawn into speculation about the reasons. It's up to Chris and Fareham Council to comment on the

accuracy of press reports. And though we opposed his politics, it's fair to say that our area has lost a hard-working councillor, and to thank Chris Wood for all he has done for local people.

We know how much work this involves - Lib Dem councillors and

our supporters have been helping residents for almost 40 years, and we continue to do so wherever we can, all year, every year.

And we'll always do it as Liberal Democrats. Our voters know we won't desert them for personal or political advantage.

Busy time on planning front

DEVELOPERS want to build 150 homes at Old Street, overlooking the Titchfield Haven nature reserve.

The fields alongside the reserve are important feeding grounds for visiting birds.

Encouragingly, four homes at Meon View Farm, further away from the reserve, were refused because they would spoil the character of the Countryside Gap.

Bargate have not yet put in a planning application - we'll let you know when they do.

STOP PRESS: *Fareham's revised Local Plan includes provision for 3,300 more homes - including 475 at Newgate Lane South.

*New IFA2 plans on Fareham Council website show proposals to mitigate noise, radio and TV interference, site traffic etc.

We'll report more on these in the next Ad Lib.

FAREHAM Council's rejection of the plan to turn Stubbington Green Snooker Club into 10 tiny flats has been challenged.

A Government inspector will now decide on the plan. Lib Dems have pointed out that the flats would have no balcony or clothes drying area.

Residents parking would cause chaos in the short-term spaces behind the shops.

Bin storage for all 10 flats would be in a single stairwell.

Have you signed our petition yet?



THANKS to everyone in Stubbington who signed Fareham Lib Dems' petition on rat and mouse control.

We hope it will persuade the Council to scrap their £60 charge for the service, which was provided free until recently.

If you missed signing, download a copy from our website, farehamlibdems.org.uk

Election over, out comes the Tories' axe...

Tories planning an austerity budget for Hampshire have put forward horrendous potential cuts including:

- To stop funding all subsidised bus services - (which cover 13% of all Hampshire bus services)
- To stop funding all community transport e.g. dial-a-ride, call and go and community bus schemes
- To stop funding School Crossing Patrols (hoping to get schools and parish councils to pay for them)

- To close half of all the Household waste and recycling centres in Hampshire - or to charge everyone who uses them.



- To axe another £500,000 from Winter Road Maintenance, including a reduction in Priority

One salting routes

- £30million cuts in Children's Services over two years.
- A further dimming of street lights and switching off the street lights in some areas in the middle of the night, e.g. 1am to 4am.

We didn't hear about these Draconian ideas in May when the Tories were seeking your vote in Crofton. Does our recently elected Tory councillor support them?

Something to say? Call or email us...



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