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And now, our usual introduction :-

We are your *Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team* and campaigners in *Fareham East Ward*. To help us keep in touch more closely, we are sending you this e-newsletter, *which currently goes to over 100 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 political leanings.

Katrina's regular Ward Surgeries, are on hold during the Coronavirus crisis. They will resume once the current restrictions are no longer in force.



Pete Davison (Fareham East FOCUS Team)



Richard Hall (Fareham East FOCUS Team)



Peter Trott (Fareham East FOCUS Editor)

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



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Don't forget the Facebook page: Councillor Katrina Trott - Focus on Fareham East and Wallington

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1. GOOD NEWS, Garden Waste Collections Return

Garden Waste Collections are to be restarted from the week beginning Monday April 20th.



Here is the latest Press Release from the Council.

Garden waste collections across Fareham are set to re-start from next Monday, April 20th, but residents are being asked to recognise that the service remains under pressure.

Garden waste collections were suspended on March 18. This was because of sickness and a need to self-isolate for a number of the waste collection team. In addition, some staff were redeployed to provide essential community services to the most vulnerable people in the borough.

Refuse and recycling waste has continued to be collected in the usual way during this period. Garden waste collections were suspended because they were not essential and residents were encouraged to compost their garden waste at home instead.

From next Monday [20th April] residents can once again put their garden waste out for collection on the day that it would ordinarily have been collected.

Only one standard garden sack per house will be collected - there is no facility for taking any backlog of garden waste.

Councillor Sean Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, said: “We have been working hard to deliver all of our services, along with the many extra responsibilities we have been required to fulfil, since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.

“We suspended garden waste collections because we lost a number of operational staff to sickness and a requirement to isolate. We took the decision that, of all our collections, the garden waste collection was least essential and residents could store and compost their own garden waste.

“But I do appreciate that some people have found this difficult, so we are going to re-introduce the garden waste collections. However, if staffing levels fall again or there is a further need to redeploy staff these collections will be suspended again.

“We need the help of all residents if we are to keep this service going during this crisis - one standard sack of garden waste per house only please.

“I would encourage residents, where possible, to store and compost their own garden waste on their property, especially during this crisis. If they have a composting bin then they should use that, but a composting bin is not essential.”

- As residents are not able to collect garden waste bags from the Civic Offices, you can order replacement bags as usual and they will be **delivered free of charge** until the Civic Offices re-open to the public.
- There is no limit to the number of **disposable garden waste bags** that can be put out but only one 20Kg sack will be collected.
- Disposable garden waste bags can be purchased from FBC at £40/25 bags or £10/5 bags. These prices include **free delivery**. To order bags call the Civic Offices on 01329 236100 or by email to: customerservicecentre@fareham.gov.uk
- Information on composting can be found on the Hampshire County Council website by clicking on this link:

[**HCC Composting**](#)

2. Supporting Local Homeless People - Update

As you would expect, since the town centre lies mostly within Fareham East Ward and I am also the Fareham Liberal Democrat Housing spokesperson, I have been questioning council officers about what provision Fareham is making to minimise the risk to, and from, the “vulnerable people” we know about.

The latest information I have is that, from Monday 13th April, all but three individuals have moved into self-

contained accommodation offered by FBC. Sadly two individuals are still refusing to accept the offered accommodation and one lady appears to prefer living in her car !

The Outreach Team are continuing to try to persuade these people to be safe in their accommodation, in addition to keeping a check on accommodated residents. Local Police and 'Venture Security', who provide additional town centre support, are also "keeping an eye" on the area.

As we told you in our last e-Newsletter, unfortunately people may prefer to rely on donations from concerned passers-by. We recommend that rather than giving money to people on the streets, you can help bring about real change by donating to one of the charities who work with them, in Fareham, on a daily basis.

Visit [***twosaints.org.uk***](http://twosaints.org.uk)

If you want to help rough sleepers by donating money, sleeping bags or anything else, the best way is to donate to one of the charities working with rough sleepers on a daily basis.

We want to help vulnerable people off the streets, not help them to live on the streets.

3. Bonfire Nuisance !



Earlier this month I received an email from a Fareham East resident asking for advice and help:

“Bonfires in residential areas are anti-social at the best of times but are selfish and inconsiderate now. The one the other day was so bad that all of the neighbours had to stay indoors and subsequently some of us, who were recovering from coughs, had unpleasant reactions to the smoke that permeated our whole house.

“Is it possible that the council could ban bonfires whilst this crisis goes on ?”

I replied and also contacted Environmental Health at FBC. I was advised that FBC does not have the legal basis to ban bonfires but will respond to complaints where residents are suffering nuisance as a result of bonfire smoke.

To read the advice available on the FBC website, click this link:

[**Bonfires and Smoke**](#)

4. Veggies for NHS Workers



Well done and thank you to Wickham Road Allotmenters and other members of Fareham Allotment Association.

For the past 4 weeks they have been donating fresh vegetables for our NHS heroes. Anyone who wishes to donate, can take fruit and vegetables to Wickham Road allotments on a Sunday between 9a.m. and 12 noon.

Donations have also included not just fruit and veg, but Easter eggs, chocolate and surgical gowns !

For more information visit:

farehamallotments.org

You can hear information from **Steve Lucas**, the Wickham Road Allotments site manager on the Wallington Village Podcast Edition 3, by visiting:

[Wallington Village Podcast](#)

5. Well Done Wallington



As you will all be aware, Wallington Village is a close-knit and caring community which forms part of Fareham East Ward.

My husband Peter and I have been members of the Wallington Village Community Association (WVCA) for over 30 years and the association celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2019.

From the moment the COVID-9 problems began, and even before the general 'lockdown', a Wallington Coronavirus Village Response Team was set up by a number of concerned village residents. Within a few days, information letters were distributed throughout the village giving contact details of people who were able to provide help to vulnerable residents.

This has been followed by regular emails to a large proportion of the village and a Facebook page, keeping them up to date with the constantly changing situation.

Another initiative, generated locally, is the Wallington Village "Waves", a podcast available to anyone with an internet connection. You can connect to this Podcast, even if you don't live in Wallington, click on this link for these podcasts:

[Wallington Waves](#)

6. What are our Lib Dem MPs up to during the Parliamentary Recess?

A brief summary shows:



Daisy Cooper (our Justice Spokesperson) has been urging that the advice from the Prison Service and Public Health England is published and acted upon due to the risks from the virus and severe overcrowding in our prisons.



Whilst acknowledging that this isn't the time for political fights **Layla Moran** is determined to 'hold the government's feet to the fire' over the Brexit v. Breathing ventilator order debacle.



Ed Davy is responding to the widespread support for extension of the Brexit transition period. There is no reason for the Government to damage the economy further by sticking to its self-imposed deadlines.



Lib. Dem. Chief Whip **Alistair Carmichael** has called for setting up a Virtual Parliament so that the Government can be held to account. This health crisis must not be allowed to exacerbate Britain's democratic crisis.

Notes

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