



## Damaged drains delay park

**S**adly, walking or cycling through the new Daedalus Common park won't be one of the pleasures of this summer.

Major repairs to drainage are needed to avoid the land being water-logged in rainy weather, and it could be necessary to raise the level of some of the paths and replace damaged saplings.

Fareham Council needs to be sure there's no risk to children from unexpectedly deep puddles, or of attracting wading birds close to the Daedalus flight path.

Councillor Jim Forrest says: "I had a very full briefing on the work from Fareham's head of Streetscene. I'm satisfied that his grounds team are working hard with Hampshire Highways and with National Grid, who are

funding the project, to ensure that the park is completed to the standards we'd expect.

"But the scale of the work, and its dependence on weather, means it would be unwise to try to put a firm date on opening."

Jim adds: "When it opens, it will offer a terrific green space extending all the way from Stubbington to the Alver Valley and the sea."



The VJ bench will have to stay hidden for now

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# Memorial needs loving care

Stubbington War Memorial looks a bit the worse for wear just now, but it's not the result of neglect.

Local businessman Roy Parker, whose family helped build the 1922 memoria, alerted Fareham Council through Jim Forrest to some serious structural damage to the beams which support the heavy tiled roof.

The Council immediately put temporary shuttering in place to prevent further damage.



They intend to repair it properly but it will be a complex project to source timber that matches the existing beams, and to replace them without risking damage to the roof, with the names of the Fallen carved inside.

Jim Forrest says: "The Memorial has been the pride of our village for 100 years. It deserves careful, crafted restoration so that it stands for centuries more."

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## ***Booking stays, but more slots at the tip***

Hampshire County Council say the booking system at Council recycling centres will stay when Covid restrictions are eased.

While booking online could be frustrating in the early stages, it has dramatically cut queues and waiting time.

And HCC intends to allow more slots in each session.

They will re-introduce access to cyclists on a controlled basis at all HWRCs from July 2021, using the

online booking system - a policy Lib Dems pushed as a further means of reducing car journeys to the tip.

There will also be a six-month pedestrian access trial, but so far only at Hedge End, New Alresford and Waterlooville from July 2021.

Glass banks will be removed from HWRCs and charges for non-Hampshire residents will be restored.

*And there could be further cuts on the way in next year's budget.*

# £80m cuts in vital services

Hampshire County Council has announced it needs to cut its budget by a further £80m.

The Conservative-run council has unveiled what it calls "options" for finding savings, including making savage cuts to vital services.

They propose to cut community transport services by £1.5m – an incredible 71% reduction in their support for these services. Other proposed cuts include:

- ▶ Ceasing all funding (£1.1m) for Hampshire's School Crossing Patrol service.
- ▶ £600,000 (3.6%) cut to programmes for children with disabilities & their carers.
- ▶ Cuts of £8.7m to care services for young adults and £6.9m in support for the elderly.
- ▶ Slashing the budget for our Household Waste Recycling

Centres by £1.7m by cutting hours and closing sites

▶ Cutting funding for child health programmes in schools, substance misuse and sexual health services by £4.4m

The County is running a consultation called Balancing the Budget and asking residents to give their views on these and other suggestions which can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/balancing-the-budget>

**If any of the cuts will affect you directly, it's particularly important to outline how in Section 4: Impacts where it asks "what impact the County Council's options for balancing its budget could have on you".**

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## Six week diversion at Peak Lane

Urgent maintenance and upgrade works to the traffic signals at the junction of A27 The Avenue and Peak Lane/Catisfield Road are planned from 19 July to 10 September.

The traffic lights will be switched off for the duration of the scheme and there will be no temporary signals. The right turns into Peak Lane and Catisfield

Road from The Avenue will be closed, with signed diversions via Bishopsfield Road and Highlands Road.

**More importantly for Stubbington and Hill Head residents, these diversions will also apply in reverse as the exits onto The Avenue from Peak Lane and Catisfield Road will be closed.**

# Should we plant more roadside trees?

We recently carried out a survey in Burnt House Lane after a resident asked Jim Forrest if it would be possible to have a few trees planted on the verge on the eastern side.

Most households were in favour of the idea, but some raised objections that ought to be considered:

- ◇ Visibility for residents exiting their driveways, particularly at "school run" times;
- ◇ Fallen leaves in autumn causing a slip hazard;
- ◇ Bird droppings and leaves soiling parked cars;
- ◇ Roots damaging pavements, driveways, roads and drains;

◇ Difficulties in mowing.

The verges, though they are mown by Fareham staff, are the property of Hampshire Highways.

They would certainly be careful to avoid siting trees where they would affect road safety, or the fabric of surfaces or services.

We asked what sort of trees would be popular - the most popular was flowering cherry; others mentioned were rowan, wild pear, almond, plane or maple (the last two might be less likely to be approved because of leaf size).

Others specified native species, "anything small", and avoiding lime or others with a sticky residue.

Hampshire Highways have advised us of this link if you want to suggest a site for a roadside tree at a particular address - or to report a problem with an existing tree: <https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/othertree.aspx>

**If anyone does wish to make a request for roadside trees, we'd urge them to talk to their neighbours first.**

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## Sssh - IFA2 at work

National Grid report that the IFA2 Interconnector at Daedalus has completed its testing process, and meets all the planning conditions set by Fareham Council.

The station is quieter than expected - during a quiet night noise levels are around 10

decibels lower than background noise.

There are no significant emissions that would impact radio frequencies used by radio and TV receivers, mobile phones, GPS systems or aviation and maritime safety systems.

# We still do paper ...

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