

Labour News

One bus pass but no buses!

Tory cuts fail passengers

The last Labour government brought in a good quality bus pass for older people. But now Hampshire County Council has taken many buses away!

Tory Hampshire is due to take over running the passes on 1st April. And what are they doing? They're cutting bus subsidies! Already this year we've seen buses removed from Portchester. An example is the removal of buses from the precinct through the north of Portchester to Fareham during the daytime.



These cuts affect all those using bus services. We should be encouraging public transport not making it harder to get about.

£ Too far, too fast

The Tory led government is hitting people across the country through their reckless cuts, which are too far and too fast.

Did you realise that **hidden away in the budget was a reduction in the winter fuel allowance for older people?** Also: VAT rises will cost families with children £450 this year, Tax Credits and Child Benefit will be frozen this April, VAT on petrol means a 3p per litre increase, economic growth has stalled and unemployment is at a 17 year high.

We need housing

Many in Fareham are against the planned housing development north of the M27. But what does it mean for us in Portchester? There is a real shortage of housing in our area which means higher prices and people having to move away to find a home. If these houses are not built then more pressure will be on the last green areas here in Portchester.



New community centre by 2012

At last a new centre

Our new £2m community centre should be up and running by September 2012.

The new centre was made possible by Hampshire County Council giving an interest free loan to Fareham Borough Council for its construction. Part of the deal is to ensure the centre will include a children's day centre. The outline plan shows a building of 900m sq.



Worn out centre to go by September 2012

The county council will oversee the design and tendering process but the borough council will approve all decisions.

Pressure from residents and organisations, including the Labour Party, has resulted in the centre being built at the existing site and not on the precinct car park which many feared. We're very pleased to see a new centre being built but we must keep our eye on the precinct car park. We fear pressure will still be on the car park for future development, so we must stay vigilant.

Three ways to get in touch

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What would you like to see done to make Portchester better? Complete and send back

- repair road & path potholes
- action on vandalism
- better street cleaning
- weekly rubbish collection

If there were an election tomorrow who would you vote for?

- Labour Tory Lib Dem Other

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