



FAREHAM ACCESS GROUP

DISABILITY DOESN'T
STOP US!

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A RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) AT LAST. DEED OF DEDICATION of land for a public footpath in the Borough of Fareham in Hampshire (Cams Hall Estate) 21.04.2006

The Steering group will
now reform again with a
meeting on 01.06.2006.

**The vision is there. Now the
challenge is to make it happen!**

This delightful path that has been
walked for over 25 years by non-
disabled people **will eventually be**
"AN EASY ACCESS PATH" which
everyone can enjoy.



**HCC Accessible Countryside in
Hampshire Booklet.** 44 accessible
sites with access details plus contact
and some websites. Available in LP,
audio tape, on disc or in Braille.

FREE from HCC Information Centre:
0800 028 0888, text phone or our
FREE textline on: 0808 100284.



NEW BUS FLEET ON COASTAL ROUTE.

18 new low-floor easy-access buses
added to Stagecoach's Coastliner
700 bus service. The 76 double
decker runs every 30 minutes from
Portsmouth via Chichester, Bognor
right on to Brighton. A new timetable
at: 0845 121 0170 or

www.stagecoachbus.com/south

Source:- F & G News 19.05.06

Fareham Borough Council refurbished reception area.

Before in 27.06.2003, NOT user
friendly for people with disabilities.



**07.04.2006 WHAT A DIFFERENCE.
THIS DOES NOT JUST HAPPEN!**



Fareham Access Group aim for an
inclusive society and works with
Fareham Borough Council and other
service providers. Linda Phear kindly
agreed to join FAG to give her views
on behalf of people with visual
impairments in Fareham Area Active
Blind (FAAB) group. Interested in
these or other access issues? You
are welcome to join us. Speak to
Lorraine: 023 9238 89049 or email:
lorraine@farehamaccess.org.uk

WEST STREET PORTCHESTER Drop kerb

are crucial
of time and



Shown in the FAG Newsletter March & April edition No.74 as a success. Not so good though if the contractor has not carried out the task to the correct procedure and dimensions. These as otherwise they are dangerous and a waste money!

Do report damaged drop kerbs, holes in pavement, etc., to Peter Barty, FBC Hampshire Highways Fareham on: 01329 824 364 peter.barty@hants.gov.uk

PUB PLAN HITS DECK

FBC planning officers refused an application from the Greene King Pub Company chain to build a new decking area at the Silver Fern pub in Warsash Road.



wrote in with her concerns problems were being

application from the Greene King Pub new decking area at the Silver Fern pub 'Fareham Access Group Team Leader as people with severe mobility excluded from the area when out with

family/friends because of the two steps. There is the Disability Discrimination Act DDA legislation in place now to prevent people with disabilities being discriminated against because of their disability; see www.drc-gb.org.uk

Source:- F & G News 29.12.05

E CUT OUT THE DISCRIMINATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**[new disability definition protects thousands from discrimination](#)**

Ctrl + click over website addresses to follow link, most work like that.

From 5th December 2005, new rights extend legal protection against disability discrimination to thousands more people. The Disability Discrimination Act DDA 2005 has amended the DDA 1995, **to place a duty on all public sector authorities to promote disability equality.** One year since new disability laws

but attitudes still need to change, Tel: DRC helpline 08457 622 633 or see:

[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2005/oct/drc7-](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2005/oct/drc7-011005.asp)

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The new duty that comes into force in December 2006 will have a significant impact on the way in which all public services are run and on improving the lives of disabled people.

Source:- DRC email bulletin Dec 05

**Meon Shore Update - Update & photos in the next edition – promise!****A guide for people with a learning disability**

In partnership with Mencap, the DRC has produced a new publication for people with a learning disability. It is called "Your Rights at Work" and is supported by Valuing People, the Down's Syndrome Association, People First and the Employer's Forum on Disability. The guide is published in plain English and Easy Read.

It is available from the DRC Helpline: 08457 622 633 or follows the link to

[download the guide from the website](#)

Source:- DRC email bulletin May 2006

The next Fareham Access Group is Wednesday 5th July 2006 at the Portchester Parish Hall at 12noon for a 12.10pm start & finishing at 1.50pm. A **FREE** light lunch and enjoy a chat with other members. Be involved with local access issues effecting people with disabilities, see below:- **FAG has planed some Outings this year** for Members, family & friends kindly run by Eileen! To book (queries/questions), contact Eileen on: 023 9221 0336 as there are 3 more trips still on offer. **PLEASE NOTE:** The FAG Office will be closed from 14th June till 5th July 2006



West Dean Gardens, after almost a year of consultation, and exchange of letters their responsibilities have been recognised and attitudes are improving!

The Rising Sun Pub, Warsash, a listed building is not exempt any more from the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). A promised survey and plans are being drawn up for an accessible toilet.



The Ferryman in Warsash near the clock tower has an accessible toilet, easy access and complies with the DDA. If you don't have a radar key, just ask at the bar. Tel: 01489 573 088. *Source:- Angie Ostler, FBC 15.06.05*

Apollo Multiplex, Fareham, no pleasure here if you are a wheelchair user

FBC Planning Applications

A new online planning service allowing residents to look at and comment on applications on its website. Visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/planning FAG does this to keep access for people with disabilities high on the list and is supported by FBC Councillors.

Office for Disability Issues

Esstablished from 1st December 2005. It will spearhead the implementation of the cross-government strategy to improve life chances of disabled people. It will help ensure that we achieve the Government's 2025 vision of sustantive equality for disabled people. The Office will be responsible for reporting annually on progress to the Prime Minister and publishing this information on the web. We look forward to working with disabled people. Visit: www.officefordisability.gov.uk and office-for-disability-issues@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Source:- Direct Newsletter, Department for Work and Pensions December 05

The Really Helpful IT Company = (TRHITC) Lorraine recommends!

IT support is available from our Fareham Commuity Action (FCA) wholly owned social enterprise – TRHITC. Discounted rates are available to community organisations - and even a little funding to cut that in half! Do please promote the use of TRHITC as profits from commercial support contracts will subsidise our community prices. Enquiries on: 023 9257 0673. To book a visit: www.trhitc.co.uk or Freephone: 0800 169 3533. *Source:- Fareham Community Action Networking Lunch 19.05.06*



Council Tax Saving = Council Tax Discounts 10.05.2006

Some details of the Council Tax Discounts, disregards and possible exemptions available to carers. We do make the information available on the reverse of the Council Tax bills we issue and in our Council Tax Guide booklet. I would recommend having a look at our website www.fareham.gov.uk where you can click on the 'A to Z' and then click C (for Council Tax). Then click the drop arrow at the top of that page, a list of services comes up so pick Council Tax. Follow the link, and then go into Council Tax Information and scroll down until you get to 'Money off your Council Tax....discounts, disregards and exemptions. For more advice ring: 01329 824 674.



Source:- Graham Woods, FBC Revenues Team Leader, Tel: 01329 824 674

HANDY PERSON SERVICE

Minor repairs at low cost & Home Security measures for people over 60 and/or people with disabilities. More info on: Portsmouth/Fareham on 023 9279 4400.

Source:- Southern Focus Trust Leaflet 2002



New! deafPLUS South = Home Benefits Service - We are able to make home visits to people living in Hampshire (Fareham). Our friendly Home Benefit Advisor/team of trained volunteers can undertake a quick welfare benefits check covering your potential entitlement

to Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit **and** other benefits available to older people and/or those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Contact us: 01252 510 051 or Fax: 01252 524 642 e: south@deafplus.org or: 67, Albert Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6SL



New Magazine from RNIB: The Royal National Institute for the Blind has launched a new magazine packed with practical information, advice and personal stories about living and learning for young people aged between 0 and 25 with sight problems. For more information visit: www.rnib.org.uk



8th, 9th & 10th June Mobility Choice Roadshow at

Kemble Airfield, Swindon from 10am daily. A chance for anyone with a mobility problem to see what is available. For more details Tel: 0870 770 3222 e: choice@gtnet.gov.uk W: <http://www.mobilityroadshow.co.uk/>

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