



# Suella Fernandes MP

MP for Fareham, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Portchester, Sarisbury, Titchfield, Whiteley and Warsash



## Welcome

### Community funding worth £5,000- £50,000

The People's Health Trust funds local groups and charities in order to create fairer places to grow, live and work, and are inviting applications for grants from community groups.

This funding programme may be of interest to groups and charities in Fareham. They are offering grants of between £5,000-£50,000, through an online application form.

The deadline for applications is 1pm on Friday, 6 January 2017 and you can find more information at: [www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk](http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk)



## In Parliament



### Southern Rail Strikes

Many people who live in Fareham are suffering because of the strikes by Southern Rail. The strikes are having a huge impact on people's work and home lives, with late cancellations and severe delays. As a train user I think the strikes are completely pointless- with the dispute being whether the driver or guard presses the button to close the door. No one will lose their jobs, there will be no pay cuts and there are no safety implications.

I raised the issue with the Secretary of State, Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling MP and he was clear that the RMT and ASLEF's strike action is blighting the lives of many people. I hope that talks

between the government and the unions are productive. You can read my full question and the reply at: <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-12-06b.116.8&s=speaker%3A25272#g126.4>

### Prime Minister Question on trade

I was glad to ask the Prime Minister about the potential for trade deals following Britain's exit from the EU. The Legatum Institute's Special Trade Commission has projected a 50% increase in global world product over 15 years as a result of Brexit, which will enable trade to boost jobs and growth. You can read my question in full and the Prime Minister's response at:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-11-30b.1510.9&s=speaker%3A25272#g1519.1>



### Fairer Funding for Hampshire schools

Hampshire is the third worst funded Local Authority in the country when it comes to national schools funding. Hampshire also faces additional pressures to find 9000 more secondary school places by 2025 and desperately needs to upgrade many school buildings. I am pleased that the Government has announced proposals to reform the national Funding Formula to address the historic disparities around the country and to ensure that national funding is allocated on a fairer basis. You read more at: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>



Volunteering with the Rainbow Centre

## Volunteering for the Rainbow Centre

I had a lovely morning volunteering at the Rainbow Centre charity shop on West Street. The Rainbow Centre provides valuable support for children with Cerebral Palsy and adults with stroke, MS, Parkinson's, Cerebral Palsy and Head Injury. A big thank you to the team for the amazing work they do in our community.

## Parkinson's Coffee Morning

It was really nice to pop in to the Parkinson's Association Coffee Morning and meet the many local people who benefit greatly from the support. If you would like to attend or volunteer, more information can be found at: <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/content/fareham-branch-events>

## Launching new minibuses

I was pleased to launch the new minibuses for Community Action Fareham, which will provide a vital lifeline for our elderly, disabled and isolated residents. A wonderful example of partnership support from Vector Aerospace, Hampshire County Council and national Government money.

## Warsash Sea Cadets

I am very proud of the Warsash Sea Cadets who won the Canada Trophy for the best Sea Cadet Unit in the country! It was a real honour to welcome them to Parliament and Downing Street.

## Visiting my local Postie

My visit to Royal Mail's Fareham Delivery Office at Palmerston Business Park was well worth the 7am Saturday morning start as I got to meet my Postman Jamie! Thank you to the team who do such a fantastic job throughout the year, but especially at Christmas time.

## Christmas card competition

I held my second Christmas card competition this year and want to send my thanks to the hundreds of children who entered. The standard of entries was very high, making it so hard to judge. Congratulations go to Ryan Couzens of Year 3, St Francis School for winning with his lovely snowman design. I am grateful to Fareham's own Netti for printing the cards too.

## Carols in Catisfield

I was delighted to be asked to attend the annual carol service at Catisfield Memorial Hall. It really put me in the festive spirit!

On behalf of my team and I, may we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Launching new minibuses



Warsash Sea Cadets visit Parliament



Visiting our local posties



Choosing the winning Christmas card



National Charities Day

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## What constituents say:

"Thank you for your help with a utility company, your advice was worthwhile and I got an apology from them."

"This is the second time in a year that you've helped me resolve a problem with HMRC and I am eternally grateful for your help."

## Surgeries & Events

Please call my office to find out how to arrange an appointment:

North Fareham Surgery, Friday 20th January 2017.

Whiteley Surgery, Friday 24th February 2017.

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