



# Suella Fernandes MP

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



## Welcome

### Second Successful Senior Citizens Fair

It has been a very busy month in Fareham and in Parliament. I was delighted to see so many people attend my second Senior Citizens Fair at Fareham College and thrilled to have over 40 local charities and organisations take part, providing advice on opportunities and support for older people. Thank you to Fareham and Meon Rotary Club for sponsoring the event, to the Fareham Town Women's Institute for making delicious cakes and to Fareham College for hosting.



## In Parliament

### The Budget



The Chancellor of the Exchequer delivered the Autumn Budget which set out how our economy is growing, made allocation for £3bn for Brexit preparations, cut stamp duty for first time buyers, saving first time buyers an average of £2035 in Fareham and raised the National Minimum Wage, Living Wage and the Personal Allowance threshold meaning an increase in household income for those on lower wages. The Budget also make huge investment into our NHS. This was budget preparing Britain for the future.

### Net migration down by 106,000

Net migration figures were released this month which showed fall of 106,000, while showing an increase in those coming to the UK for confirmed jobs and as students, highlighting that our system is delivering for business needs in the UK. It is good to see that we are attracting people from around the world to visit, study, invest and work in the UK whilst also getting overall levels to a more sustainable level.

### Debate of Family Justice Reform

I called a debate on Family Justice Reform setting out a programme of change that needs to take place to resolve some of the problems with the system. I argued in favour of introducing a rebuttable presumption of shared parenting and more robust enforcement of child arrangement orders so that, upon a divorce, children are allowed to have a meaningful relationship with both parents, not just one. I also raised the issue of reform of our divorce laws by introducing no-fault divorce to remove the antiquated system that we currently have in place. I was pleased to receive cross-party support and that several members from all over the country spoke in favour of the changes. You can read the debate here: <https://goo.gl/12QWB6>





At Fareham College's Restaurant



Broadband Meeting in Titchfield



Portchester Remembers



Queen's British Empire Medal



Armogard



FCH Same Day Access Scheme

## Outstanding Fareham College

It is fantastic that Fareham College have been awarded, 'Outstanding' in its latest OFSTED Inspection. The college was awarded the highest possible accolades for, amongst others categories, effectiveness in leadership, quality of teaching, personal development and apprenticeships. Well done Fareham College!

## Broadband Public Meeting in Titchfield

I held an informative and useful Broadband meeting so that residents could raise their ongoing problems with broadband. Residents from Warsash, Titchfield and Whiteley directly spoke directly to Openreach and Hampshire County Council to raise their very valid concerns. I am continuing to work hard to support residents who have slow connections or poor coverage by enabling dialogue with the technicians and professionals.

## Portchester Remembers

I was honoured to attend a moving and poignant ceremony on Armistice Day, alongside Commander Shaw and the voluntary and community groups from Portchester. Thank you to the newly formed and wonderful Portchester Community Choir for a beautiful rendition of, 'Make me a Channel of your Peace.'

## Queen's British Empire Medal

Uma Fernandes was awarded a BEM for 45 years of service to the NHS and for her voluntary work abroad. She is also my wonderful mum and lives in Fareham.

## Armogard

I enjoyed visiting Fareham family business, Armogard on Fareham Industrial Park, which is an inspiring story of local enterprise flourishing in global markets. Keep up the good work Terry Mitchell and the team!

## Fareham Community Hospital

I was delighted to meet with Dr Tom Bertram and some of the team behind the Same Day Access Scheme at Fareham Community Hospital . Over 1000 people have been seen on the Scheme so far and this new collaboration is already getting very good feedback.

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## What constituents say:

"Following your interventions, I had a call from a senior level at PlusNet who have agreed to refund my direct debits for the break in service period. Thank you"

"Thank you for contacting Hampshire Highways, they are now coming to inspect the situation"

## Surgeries & Events

Please call my office to find out how to arrange an appointment to attend one of my surgeries.

### Carol Service,

Friday 8th December St Mary's Church, Warsash 6pm-7pm with mulled wine and mince pie reception afterwards.

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