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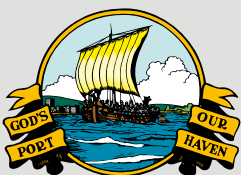
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Cover picture: A past winner in our In Bloom gardening competition from the Give Gain Grow allotment.

Judging for this year's competition has been taking place this week.



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Remembering the Falklands



Falklands veterans marched through Gosport on 29 May, after a commemoration service to mark the 40th anniversary of the conflict.

Gosport is the home of the Falklands Veterans Foundation. Derek “Smokey” Cole, its chief executive, served onboard HMS Intrepid as a POMEM(M) – Petty Officer Marine Engineer and Mechanic – during the conflict.

He said: “There were many servicemen and families living in Gosport in 1982 who became involved in the conflict

and sadly some did not return from the South Atlantic but will always be remembered.

“A massive thank you goes to the people of Gosport for their support, not just for this year’s commemoration but for what they did in 1982, playing a major role in getting the task force prepared for an epic journey of 8,000 miles.”



Photos from Leading Photographer Pepe Hegan/Royal Navy



The new station will complement the Eclipse bus service

All aboard for new bus station

A new bus station for Gosport has been given the green light – providing a massive boost to our plans for a new-look waterfront.

Hampshire County Council has given planning permission for a modern new station near the Falkland Gardens. This helps pave the way for the removal of the dated current station to make way for an attractive new waterfront area.

The new interchange will have a more efficient layout, including a modern shelter with real-time information displays and a “living” green roof.

The taxi rank and pick-up/drop-off will move to the current bus station site, fronting South Street, and short-stay parking will move to The Esplanade.

There will also be a link across the High Street between North and South Cross Street, to bring bus passengers closer to the main shopping area.

Cllr Peter Chegwyn, Leader of Gosport Borough Council, said: “This is a major milestone in our efforts to breathe new life into the town centre, modernise our public transport links and transform the gateway to Gosport.”

The new bus station has been designed to be sensitive to its setting near the gardens.

The project is being led by the county council, using £5.2m from the government’s transforming cities fund, plus up to £700,000 from Gosport Borough Council.

For more information search **Gosport interchange** at www.hants.gov.uk

Smoothing the way

We’ve won £1.35m of government money to help progress our vision of a new waterfront development.

The funding is intended to help prepare the current bus station area, including demolition work, to make it a more attractive proposition for developers.

The new harbourside area could include bars and restaurants, shops, a hotel, a gym and a visitor centre.

The money comes from the brownfield land release fund, via the One Public Estate programme.

Know your local enforcement officer

Our Streetscene enforcement officers inspect council-run facilities such as parks and issue penalties for offences such as dropping litter or dog fouling. They investigate fly tipping cases and help make sure people deal with rubbish properly.

They each cover a ward as follows: (see the map on p7)

- Peel Common, Rowner and Holbrook – Andy Taylor
- Elson and Hardway – Eric MacGurk
- Harbourside and Town – Steve White
- Bridgemaury – John Allen
- Lee East and West – Guy Roberts
- Grange, Alver Valley, Brockhurst and Privett – Gary Boud
- Forton, Leesland and Newtown – Grant Jamieson-Hesk
- Alverstoke and Anglesey – John Brennan

Getting in touch

- For neighbourhood surgeries, check at www.gosport.gov.uk/enforcement, see posters locally or follow our Gosport Borough Council - Streetscene Facebook page, @GBC_Streetscene on Twitter or @gosportstreetscene on Instagram.
- Leave a message on **08000 198598**. Out of hours, our call-handling service is able to deal with emergencies.
- Email streetscene@gosport.gov.uk



Some of our enforcement team. Left to right: Andy Taylor, Steve White, Grant Jamieson-Hesk and John Allen.

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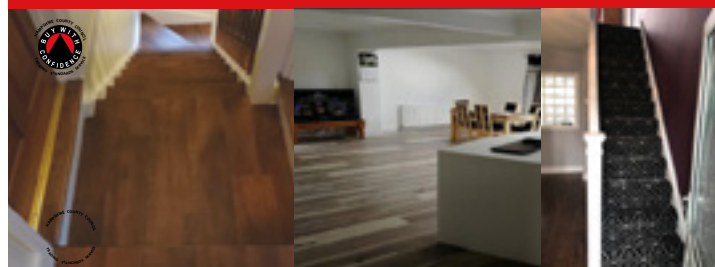
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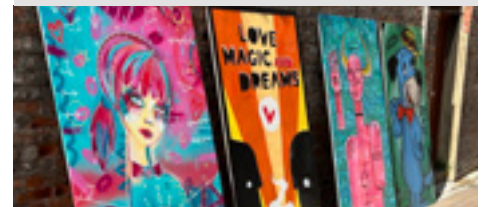
Bringing colour and fun to town

Here's an update on projects aimed at brightening up Gosport with art and events, and caring for our heritage.



Plans are coming together for our big Gosport **town centre carnival** on Saturday 17 September. We're working on the event with international carnival artists Shademakers, known for their dramatic "dancing sculptures" of animals. Their colourful creations and costumes will include some seen at Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London. There will also be stages for live music and other acts, and space for local art and craft makers.

Local artists set up in the **historic alleyways** off Gosport High Street and worked with residents to create vibrant pieces (below). Work from the event, run by the Sustainable Conservation Trust, will go on show later this year.



Meanwhile, the **Diving Museum** has received more than £300,000 from the Arts Council for improvements including a stairlift and new humidity and environmental controls.



Top image: Bus station mural. Bottom image: The design for the High Street mural.

Two bold **murals** inspired by Gosport's heritage are bringing new colour to the town centre. One can be seen on the waterfront side of the bus station. And as Coastline went to press, a design for the corner of the High Street and South Cross Street was being completed. The work has been supported by the government's Welcome Back Fund.

These projects come under our High Street Heritage Action Zone and Heritage Action Zone schemes. Led by Historic England, with the support of the council, these are government-funded schemes which seek to unlock the potential of heritage areas, creating economic growth and improving quality of life. See gosporthaz.org.uk

Your Gosport borough councillors



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Housing Board Chair
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John Beavis
MBE
Lee West



Kirsten Bradley
Lee East



Mervin Bradley
Forton



Graham Burgess
Lee East



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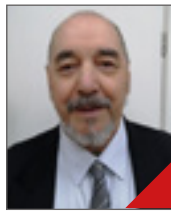
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& Organisation
Board Chair
Forton



Kirsty Cox
Hardway



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and Town



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Harbourside
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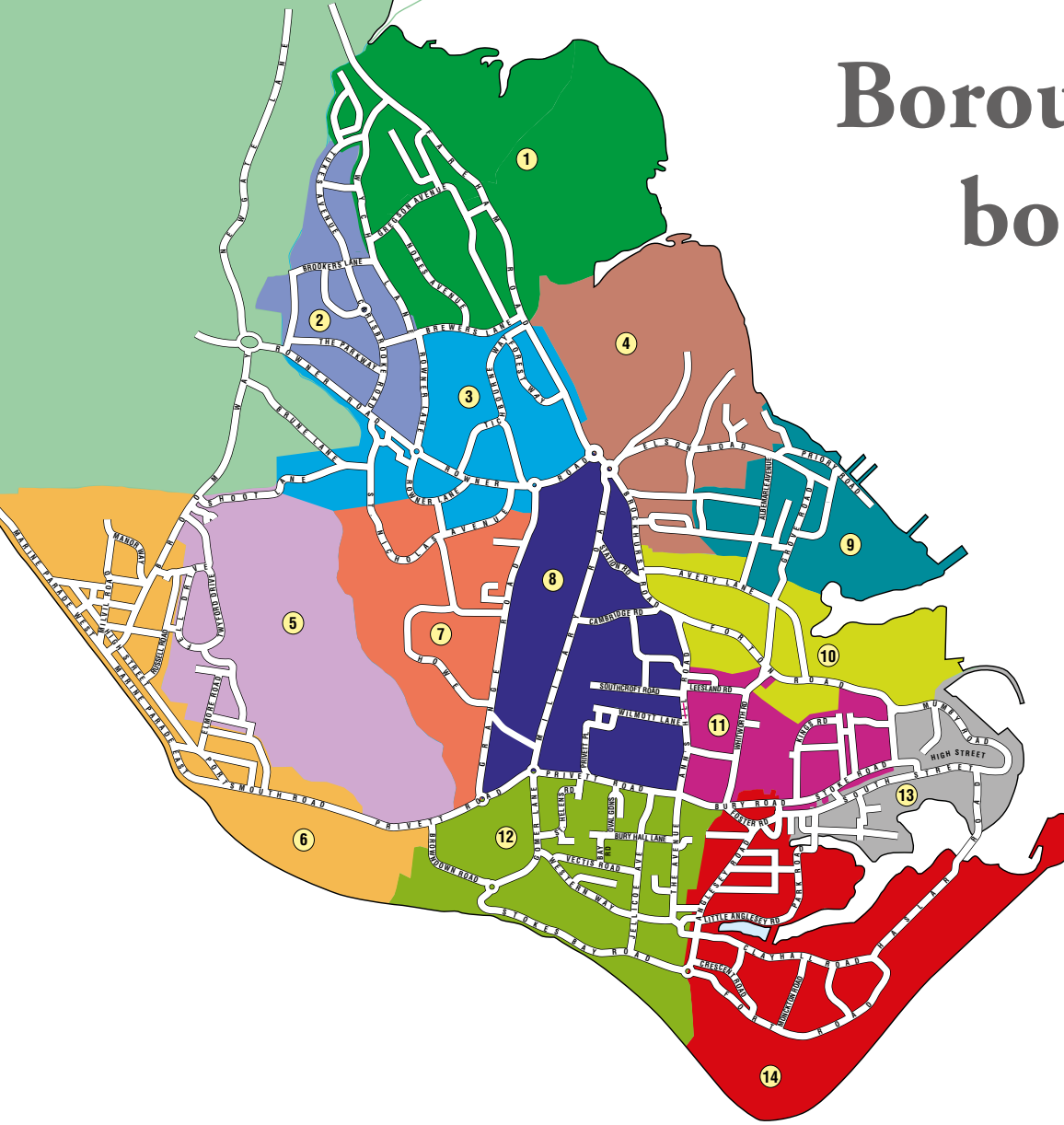


Julie Westerby
Community and
Environment Board
Chair
Leesland and
Newtown



The new council elected on 5 May has 28 members, comprising 16 Liberal Democrat, 10 Conservative and two Labour councillors. For contact details search **councillors** at www.gosport.gov.uk or call 023 9258 4242.

Borough ward boundaries



- 1 Bridgemary
- 2 Peel Common
- 3 Rowner & Holbrook
- 4 Elson
- 5 Lee East
- 6 Lee West
- 7 Grange & Alver Valley
- 8 Brockhurst & Privett
- 9 Hardway
- 10 Forton
- 11 Leesland & Newtown
- 12 Alverstoke
- 13 Harbourside & Town
- 14 Anglesey

For more details of ward boundaries see www.gosport.gov.uk/findyourcouncillor

Gosport has a new Mayor

The new Mayor of Gosport is Cllr Jamie Hutchison, who has represented Hardway since being elected to the council in 2018.

A Falklands veteran, he served in the Royal Navy for 33 years. He then spent 13 years with homelessness charities, working with young people.

Cllr Hutchison volunteers with Elson Community Library and Hub and with Friends of Hardway, and is a governor of St John's C of E Primary School. He is married to Karen, a retired retail manager, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren.

His adopted good causes include Teentalk, Andy's Man Club and Sophie's Legacy.

He says: "I love community work and getting things done. I want to raise awareness of community groups and what they do, and the needs of young people and families."

The Deputy Mayor is Cllr Martin Pepper.



Glass recycling – keep it up!

Last year Gosport residents recycled 1,464 tonnes of glass. Thanks very much!



Please keep using your local bottle banks. There are more than 20, and you can find your nearest one at www.gosport.gov.uk/recyclingbanks

The banks take glass bottles and jars – please give these a quick rinse first. Please don't include other types of glass, such as drinking glasses or Pyrex. Lids should go in your rubbish bin.

We don't have a household collection for glass at the moment but hope to introduce one as part of the national waste strategy being developed by the government.

The recycling process in Hampshire means that glass at the moment has to be delivered to the recycling plant separately. If we collected it in the vehicles we use now, there would be a problem with glass breaking and contaminating other materials, such as paper and cardboard.

At present, we don't have the budget to set up a separate glass collection with a new vehicle and separate containers for every household. But it's a priority for us to increase the amount of waste recycled, including glass. See p11.

Summer Passport is back



Young people can look forward to brilliant free Summer Passport activities over the holidays.

The fun sessions, for secondary-age children (11–17), take place across the borough in July and August. First Bus will once again be supplying free travel passes if needed.

Activities will include sailing, fishing, inflatables, sports, arts and crafts, and food tasting. The programme is put together by the Motiv8 youth charity and Gosport Community Safety Partnership, which includes the council.

For updates go to www.safergosport.co.uk, or follow @[gosportsummerpassport](#) on Instagram or Gosport Passport Scheme on Facebook.



Get together and go green

The Greening Campaign, which helps neighbours work together to become more sustainable, continues to make good progress.

Greening Leesland and Greening Alverstoke have now completed phase 1 of their campaigns, with nearly 300 households committing to actions that will save more than 140 tonnes of CO₂ per year in total. And Greening Lee-on-the-Solent plan to launch next month – look out for details from Lee Residents Association and Lee Hub.

Contact climatechange@gosport.gov.uk for information about how you can take part.

Saving on energy bills

The recent sharp rise in energy prices is worrying many people. But there's help available.

We're running free advice and home improvement schemes to help you save energy and money.

If you own or privately rent a home with poor energy efficiency, and your household income is £30,000 or less, you could be eligible for improvements such as insulation, storage heaters, air source heat pumps or solar panels. Homeowners can get the measures for free, while landlords need to contribute.

And if you meet any of a broad range of income, health or vulnerability criteria, you could get a free visit from an expert who can help you cut your bills and find funding for energy-saving improvements.

Demand for these schemes is very high, so it's best to apply now. Go to switchedongosport.co.uk



Watch out for scams

We've had reports of calls from scammers claiming to represent Warmer Homes, one of our schemes. We never make cold calls. Call **0800 038 5737** if you're concerned about a possible scam like this.

Struggling to pay council tax?

If you're having trouble paying your bill, see if our local council tax support scheme can help you.

It could pay up to 70% of your bill if you're of working age, on a low income and have savings of less than £10,000.

Or it could pay up to 100% if you're of pension age, on a low income and have savings of less than £16,000.

You may also be able to get a special hardship payment to help for a short period.

Find out more at www.gosport.gov.uk/lcts or call us on **023 9254 5325**.



Council tax rebate

Two thirds of Gosport council tax payers have now had their £150 energy rebate. If you haven't had yours yet, thanks for your patience - we're working hard on it. If you haven't had a letter from us yet, look out for one soon.

Coastwatch team enjoy improvements to station



Watch keepers Pete (left) and Malcolm (right) in the refurbished building

Volunteers at the National Coastwatch Institution station at Lee-on-the-Solent are now working in a fully refurbished building, with better views across the Solent and the beach.

The re-equipped station also has better radios, improved facilities for the team and a training room.

Trained volunteer watch keepers staff the station, which operates with other maritime safety organisations as part of the search-and-rescue response in the area. The NCI watch reports incidents to HM Coastguard.

The refurbishment of the station, which is a council building, was made possible with a grant from NCI nationally, boosted by donations from local businesses and Lee Residents Association.

Station manager Ron Hamilton said: “The improvements at the station will enable us to provide an enhanced service to our maritime safety partners and to all users of the Solent both on the water and on shore.”

To donate £5 to the service, text **EYES** to **70450**.

Free help when looking for work

If you're looking to begin a career or get back into work, Rowner Community Trust can help.

They offer support to people all over the borough, including careers advice and information about work opportunities. They can also help with online interviews, applications, interview training and CV writing.

If you're 18 to 24, there are drop-in sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm at their Youth Employment Skills Hub. As well as employment help, it offers wellbeing support.

Adults of all ages can use the trust's Employment Access Centre. Its drop-in sessions are on Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm.

The trust is based at Nimrod Community Centre, Falcon Meadows Way. Find out more at www.rownercommunitytrust.org or call **023 9250 3433**. The YES Hub is funded by the government's Department for Work and Pensions and by the council.

There are other services to help you get work and even be your own boss.

- Citizen Advice's Pathways Project is at citizensadvicegosport.org.uk/Pathways.html
- The National Careers Service gives advice online and in-person locally. See nationalcareers.service.gov.uk



Youth worker Amy Swales helps a client at the YES Hub

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL - A to Z of services

Abandoned cars	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Health & Safety		
Access for the Disabled	Building Control	01329 824 823	- At work	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Air Pollution	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Health Education/Promotion	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Alcohol Licensing	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Infectious Diseases	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Allotments	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Jobs (council only)	HR Services	023 9254 5650
Asbestos Advice	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Land Bookings	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425
Beach Barbecues (booking)	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5425	Land Searches	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5221
Beach Huts	Housing Services	023 9254 5564	Listed Buildings	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
Beach/Prom (Management)	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Litter & Street cleaning	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Bulky Item Collection	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Lotteries (Registration)	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Building Regulations	Building Control	01329 824823	Noise Nuisance	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Business enquiries	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723	Parks & open spaces		
Car Parks	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- maintenance	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Cemetery - Anns Hill	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- policy and strategy	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Charity Street collections	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Payments	Customer Services	24 hour hotline 0800 0213 995
Citizen of the Year Award	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340	Pest control	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Civic Events	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5202	Planning		
Coastal flooding	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	- applications enquiries	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483
Coastline Magazine	Press & PR	023 9284 1395	- appeals, inquiries	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
Community Safety	Community Safety	023 9254 5241	- Local Plan	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461
Concessionary Travel	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1376	Playgrounds	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Conservation/listed building	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5483	Pollution	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Council Housing			Recycling	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Community Alarms	Housing Services	023 9252 9308	Refuse Centre (Grange Road)	General enquiries	0300 555 1389
- Housing Options	Housing Services	023 9254 5476	Reprographics and Printing	Financial Services	023 9254 5270
- Housing Repairs	Kier	Freephone 0800 028 0835	Road Signs	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- Neighbourhood Involvement	Housing Services	Freephone 0800 328 6958	Road Gritting	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- Right to Buy	Housing Services	023 9254 5403	Roads & pavements	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
- Sheltered Accommodation	Housing Services	023 9254 5453	Rubbish collection	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Neighbourhood Management (including rental income)	Housing Services	023 9254 5665	Rubbish - Fly Tipping	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Council Tax			Sale of land & property	Housing Services	023 9254 5564
- Benefits	Financial Services	023 9254 5325	Slipways	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Business Rates	Financial Services	023 9254 5470	Sport - pitches	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Enquiries	Financial Services	023 9254 5470	- Pools : Splash Park	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Council Meetings	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5340	- Pools : Gosport Leisure Park	Places for People	023 9253 4950
Countryside Section	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Street lights	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
Crime Prevention	Non-Emergency / Emergency	101 / 999	Street Name Plates	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Dangerous Structures	Building Control	01329 824823	Taxi Licensing	Environmental Health	01329 824399
Dog Fouling	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Toilets	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Dog Warden (lost & found)	Environmental Health	01329 824399	Tourist Information Centre	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9252 2944
Dropped kerb (requests)	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388	Traffic lights	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
Dustbins (emptying)	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Traffic Regulation Orders	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
Energy efficiency at home	Energy Services Team	023 9284 1947	Trees		
Flooding (roads)	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388	- alongside roads	Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1388
Food hygiene & safety	Environmental Health	01329 824399	- other trees	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
Gosport Market	Environmental Health	07983 994071	- preservation orders	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5414
Gosport Local Plan	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5461	Voluntary Sector		
Grants			- Conservation Groups	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598
- Disabled Facilities	Hampshire Social Services	0300 555 1386	- Recreation Groups	Economic Prosperity, Tourism & Culture	023 9254 5723
Grass Cutting	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598	Voting	Legal, Democratic and Planning Services	023 9254 5227/5218
			Wildgrounds	Streetscene	Freephone 08000 198 598

RECYCLE FOR GOSPORT

What goes in your green bin



**mixed paper
& card**



**food tins &
drink cans**



plastic bottles



aerosols

Dates for your diary

GAFIRS Open Day

Sunday 17 July

Stokes Bay lifeboat house, 11am–4pm.
Admission free.

Gosportarians Summer Festival

Saturday 23 July

Walpole Park, 10am–4pm. Music, car
show, dog show, stalls. Entry 50p to £1.

Gosport Waterfront Festival

Friday 29 July – Sunday 31 July

Walpole Park.

www.gosportwaterfrontfestival.com

Provincial Society Bus Rally

Sunday 7 August

Stokes Bay Green, 10am–4.30pm.
Admission free.

Forton Fest

Saturday 13 August

Forton Park, 11am–10pm. Music, games
and stalls. See **Fortonfest** on Facebook.



Dog show: see 23 July

MHA Communities Summer Fete

Saturday 20 August

Bridgemaury Methodist Church, Prideaux-
Brune Avenue, 11am–3pm. Stalls,
refreshments, tombola, entertainment
Free entry.

Rotary Club Vehicle Rally

Monday 29 August

Stokes Bay Field, 10am–4pm. Adult
admission £2, kids free.

John Searle's Fun Fair

Wednesday 31 August –
Sunday 18 September

Walpole Park. See **John Searle funfairs
Ltd** on Facebook.

Heritage Open Days

Friday 9 – Sunday 18 September

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Carnival, Gosport Town Centre

Saturday 17 September. See p5.

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