

# FAREHAM COMPACT

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### C ommunication

- promoting aims and achievements

### C onsultation

- seeking views and ideas

### C ooperation

- working on issues together

### C ommitment

- delivering on our promises

### C OMPACT!

- bringing it all together



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Fareham COMPACT website

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**Fareham's  
voluntary, community  
and public sectors**

- **working** together
- being **better** together
- getting it right **together**

*"It's because we need to  
listen to each other and  
understand our different  
perspectives"*

**COMPACT**  
getting it right together

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## About the COMPACT

### What is COMPACT?

A country-wide initiative, to deliver mutual benefits from closer, more productive partnerships between community groups, charities etc and the statutory or public authorities.

### How did COMPACT come about?

Government launched a national compact in 1998 and required all public authorities to develop their own in 2004. In Fareham, the process has been very constructive. It has been developed using open meetings and working groups which enabled a Fareham COMPACT to be launched in November 2004

### How will success be judged?

Prevention of problems and measuring better understanding is always difficult to assess. Earlier consultation on important community decisions; improved understanding of - and access to funding; better application of combined experience and good practice will result in better value-for-money, better "job" satisfaction and so help grow community spirit.

### Who's paying for it?

Costs of setting up and administering the COMPACT are paid for by Fareham and Hampshire Councils. Additionally, many individuals from voluntary groups are contributing time.

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## Getting involved

### Can my group get involved?

Fareham COMPACT exists for groups that exist to provide a community benefit and that want to ensure that the contribution of their volunteers is fully appreciated by the public authorities and other groups. Your group doesn't have to be a registered charity to benefit from or to contribute to the COMPACT.

### How does my group join in the COMPACT?

Look at our web site, or call any of our contacts who can answer your questions and help you to decide about becoming a Fareham COMPACT partner.

### Can my group raise issues via the COMPACT?

If issues arise, for your group, that indicate a misunderstanding of one another's perspectives then the matter can be raised initially through the joint chairs. Additionally there is a Hampshire COMPACT challenge group and if necessary a national COMPACT Advocacy group. Less formally, members are able to ask each other about matters through the email forum on the Fareham COMPACT website.

### What groups are already involved?

On one side, all the key public authorities have signed-up at either a "Fareham" level or a "Hampshire" level. On the other side over 20 local voluntary groups have signed and received their certificate.

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## Recent success stories

### From tiny acorns mighty oak trees grow....

Two examples of where reference to the COMPACT has helped achieve a better agreement.

#### **Fareham Borough Council Community Grants Programme**

Following feedback from voluntary groups about the closing date for the community grants programme, the Executive has agreed to change the closing date to November 30th to offer more support for applicants.

#### **Community Safety Partnership**

Where the Partnership has to end funding to voluntary organisations they have agreed to work in the spirit of the COMPACT to give recipients:

- i. the maximum amount of notice
- ii. reason for the funding cessation
- iii. signpost them to other possible funding alternatives.

These are two of the early examples of steps on our continuing journey of success. If you know of any other, please let us know!