

Councillor Andy Sutton – Freshwater North Ward

It seem like only yesterday since writing my last report. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year I have reported back to Freshwater North Residents. This year we have seen further improvements to roads. As I write the promised resurfacing work on Hallets Shute is now underway. We have also progressed the nearly £1bn Highways PFI and are down to the final 2 providers ready to start the contract next year.

I and colleagues continue to deliver value for money having agreed another 0% council tax rise.

Last year I reported back on the fantastic community groups we have in Freshwater. This year the FYT Bus is now up and running thanks to local volunteers, well done to them. I also am honoured to be the treasurer at Freshwater Early Years Centre whose dedicated manager and superb staff were awarded an “Outstanding Ofsted” report. Well done to all of you.

Working as a local and parish councillor I was pleased to authorise over £11000 of funding locally for the parish council too. Well done to all involved in an excellent bid.

2012-13 will be busy working with partners toward a new school for All Saints pupils. At this time lots of volunteer partners are working up an idea of a hub in the village, if it happens we could have a single point for the school, early years, the sports centre and youth facilities all under one roof. If not it won't have been for the lack of trying to pull it together by all concerned.

Again hard working Council staff who provide excellent support to me and other members should not go unreported they are our finest asset.

2012-13 will again bring its challenges but working together as a community as always will make the coming year an exciting time.

Andy Sutton  
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