

Independent County Councillor Chris Welsford – Ventnor East 2012

There have been many issues to address including planning, highways, adult social care and schools but in the limited space available to me here, these are a few of them:

- Secured the funding for the Haven seaweed problem. This enabled Cheetah Marine to develop and employ the technology to remove the seaweed from the haven and hopefully we will not suffer again in the way we did last year and before.
- Supported the Wheelers Bay Dingy Park users who faced an outrageous hike in their fees securing a short stay of execution and a deferment of further fee increases.
- Ensured that road closed signs were correctly placed and worded to minimise the disruption to the town, its residents and business owners. I even removed a few that incorrectly said the town was closed!
- Helping to secure the playing field in Upper Ventnor for the Rew Valley Football Club was a particular pleasure, although it was a nail biting experience for the club. In the end we managed to ensure that this really important youth facility has a long term home.
- Working with the Town Council to support their excellent community and economic development programmes has also been a crucial part of my work and vital to the successful war on deprivation and poverty in our town.
- Created an Independent Alternative Budget that demonstrated that the cuts to our vital public services could have been less drastic.
- Speaking at Full Council, representing my residents at County Hall as an Independent Councillor and putting people before politics.

Finally I would like to thank all those people who continue to support me. It is a privilege to be your elected representative and I will continue to do my best on your behalf.

Chris Welsford
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