

Councillor David Pugh – Shanklin South Ward

Annual Report 2012

It has been a privilege to continue representing local residents over the past 12 months. Much of this I have done in partnership with Cllr David Williams and my fellow members of Shanklin Town Council.

My other IW Council duties, including as Leader, are reported elsewhere, so the rest of this summary concentrates on Shanklin issues.

Along with many residents, I have been an active opponent of WOW Fest – the festival planned to take place locally this summer (2012). I am not against festivals per se, but this event is in the wrong place at the wrong time (the height of the summer season) and will have an adverse impact on local tourism.

Despite our best efforts, the Premises Licence was granted, but we continue in our efforts to minimise the event's adverse impact – or ideally ensure it does not take place. We are against any restrictions / closures on roads and footpaths, and have secured a commitment that any decisions on these will be made by a Cabinet Member. We have also requested that the organisers should, under the Isle of Wight Act, pay the full costs required for the provision of emergency services two months before the event. I will continue to keep residents updated on any developments.

I have been actively involved in the transfer of Shanklin Library to community management. The new arrangements are working well, and I enjoy the semi-regular shifts I do in the library myself. I would like to thank all my fellow volunteers for the efforts they put in to help secure the library's future.

There are many other local issues that I continue to be involved with. Any residents reading this report are welcome to contact me, and I would be pleased to assist them with any matters of local concern.

David Pugh
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