

Councillor David Whittaker – Newport West Ward

Annual Report 2012

Plans have now been approved for the completion of the last part of Carisbrooke Grange which will link Snowberry Road and Foxes Road by Sainsbury's. This development consists of 60 units. Also there is a much needed development for assisted living accommodation on the northern side of Lukely Brook in Newport, this development has also been approved both developments are waiting for a start dates.

Assistance continues for the residents of Kestral Way, due to a very large oak tree which is subject to a Tree Preservation Order; I was hoping that this matter will be satisfactorily concluded during the course of the year but the problem continues due to boundary ownership not being identified.

Flooding has been a problem for the top end of Purdy Road over 6 years, it was established the drain lines from the school were broken. Repairs have been completed both in the school grounds and on Mountbatten Drive. Let's hope the residents will not be flooded again.

I have been in contact with the MP over the past year in relation to Cold Weather Payments for the residents of the Isle of Wight, as only part of the Island was covered for this benefit due to the location of the weather stations. Through this approach the whole Island is now covered.

New dropped kerbs have been installed in Recreation Ground Road these now give greater access to Newport for disabled residents.

The following areas of Council services have been dealt with on behalf of residents: Housing, Housing benefits. Planning issues and Highway issues raised by residents.

Funds were raised for the improvement of community area of Pritchett's Pond in Carisbrooke, work started to replant the flora and improve the banks of the pond.

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