

Councillor Edward Giles - Whippingham and Osborne Ward

Annual Report 2012

Over the past year I have had many meetings with residents concerning local issues. I am happy to meet residents at short notice to discuss concerns. I have also attended meetings with a number of local organisations

I have also served as Chairman of Whippingham Parish Council. I am particularly pleased that the Parish Council has been able to give financial support to the Community Association in its efforts to maintain the community hall.

I regularly attend meetings of East Cowes Town Council. I am a member of the Local Action Group set up by the police to consider policing priorities for the area.

I have served as a Governor of Queensgate Primary School and am pleased that they are now settled at Beatrice Avenue.

I have worked with the council, police, town council and ferry company to try and find a solution to the congestion that affects the town particularly after the music festivals. While I appreciate the use of Beatrice Avenue for marshalling is an imposition on the nearby residents it has removed the queues that previously brought gridlock to the town. We do though need to pursue a longer term solution to the problem of ferry traffic at times blocking the town centre.

I have continued working with the residents of Medina Park on resolving their planning problems. The new agreement to protect their amenity areas is still not in place but I hope will be concluded very soon. I have also been working with residents to secure agreement for funding much needed repairs to Folly Lane.

In September the money from Barratts that subsidises the 25 bus will run out. I am trying to gather support for the establishment of a community bus such as operates elsewhere in the Island.

Edward Giles  
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