

Councillor Geoff Lumley – Newport East Ward

Annual Report 2012

I continue to represent the residents of **Newport East** to the best of my ability and to the high standards I have always set myself. I am always available to residents and I respond to all queries and concerns promptly, securing many positive outcomes. I continue to deliver a quarterly newsletter to every household, with 10 issued this term.

At County Hall I have continued to be an assiduous opposition councillor and for the 7th year running proposed a budget that attracted the support of many councillors. As ever it lost to the majority group proposals. I continue to scrutinise this Council in my own way and I believe that my efforts are respected by many on the Island.

As promised last July I delivered on my commitment to secure the former Downside Middle School as a community centre, with a view to seeing a new school and community centre on the site at some point in the next decade. To that end I continue to support our local community group *Pan Together*. I have also secured new allotments off Pan Lane and helped establish a town and hospital bus service through Pan.

The main challenges facing me in the year to come are: to continue to ensure that the Pan Meadows development matches community aspirations and I am delighted at the promised delivery of affordable housing opportunities for local people; to seek the best planning approval possible for local residents from the proposed new Asda supermarket; and to seek to protect and advocate for residents who may suffer as a result of the savage cuts to public services being implemented locally as a result of national government policy.

I continue to feel immensely privileged to represent the ward that still has the most interesting things happening of all wards.

Geoff Lumley
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