

Annual Report 2012

Councillor John Hobart – Carisbrooke Ward

Highways have again been a major part of my ward work this year.

We have achieved:

- Restricted access on Castle Road stopping this being used as a route for large vehicles.
- 40 mph from Forest Road to Gunville Hollow.
- Agreement to widen the pavement opposite the Co-Op in Carisbrooke High Street.

We are working on:

- Achieving a crossing patrol between Argos and the new Spar shop.
- Plans for a new pavement from Argos north to the existing footway.
- Improving safety on Clatterford Road

Due to anti-social behaviour in Carisbrooke High Street, I worked with the police to arrange temporary CCTV, also 'Beat Surgeries' enabling residents to meet our local PCs and PCSOs.

I continue to serve on the Planning Committee. I also sit on the Board of Spectrum Housing.

I share the concern expressed by a large number of Carisbrooke and Gunville residents regarding the proposed wind turbines in Great Park, Betty Haunt Lane.

With the help of the Parish Council, the fence at St Marys church now runs the full length of the wall.

I attend Carisbrooke Local Action Group, who, with the safer neighbourhoods team, take a pro-active stance on the wellbeing of the village community.

This year works were carried by Southern Water Authority and the Footprint Trust to clear the Lukely Brook this will be a regular contract.

I serve on the AONB steering committee and the local Access Forum, which helps me to keep in touch with the rural areas of this ward.

I am a member and regular attendee of the Newport Parish Council. To keep in touch I also attend meetings of Gunville Association, Carisbrooke Society and 'Nellies'.

I am, always happy to visit individuals to discuss local issues that may concern them.

John Hobart
May 2012