

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans – Newport Central Ward

Annual Report 2012

The past year has seen me make progress with my goals. I have communicated with residents more than last year and I have strengthened my links with the business community by re-establishing a business association for Newport. Local businesses are determined to work together to re-energise Newport.

Through the work of the Newport Central Local Action Group, with support of Newport Parish Council (NPC) and Clatterford Tution Centre, two art projects have been completed for the town, in Bowling Green Lane and by the Library. Young people have an amazing job working with a local artist to improve these areas known for anti social behaviour. Also there is a project to provide a youth shelter near the Library to allow young people to have somewhere they can safely congregate, as sometimes the large numbers around here can be intimidating for people.

I have regular meetings with the Newport Safer Neighbourhoods Team and our Environmental Officers which enables us to exchange information and solve local issues.

NPC agreed to fund the extra hours of CCTV coverage at the weekends following representations to me from Street Pastors and the Police.

My funding bid for Foodbank at Church on the Roundabout was successful and I am looking forward to my volunteer training for Foodbank, where people who are in need are able to get a free pack of food/essentials to help them through a bad patch.

I secured funding from NPC to get the strip of land at the entrance to Sylvan Drive cleared of the overgrowth, in to a nature friendly area. Hookes Way now have raised beds and hedges planted with edible plants such as fruits and herbs.

This year I want to get some 20mph zones in Newport, resolve parking issues for my residents and continue communicating with them regularly.

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