

Councillor Margaret Webster – East Cowes Ward

Annual Report 2012

This year has continued to be as busy as previous years. The redevelopment of East Cowes is beginning to create many changes to the Town.

On the waterfront we now have a boat building firm as well as the Boat Museum, bringing industry into the heart of our Town.

Waitrose is now well established and the two hours free parking has proved popular.

It is hoped that the New Medical Centre will be completed this summer and it is anticipated that the practise will move before September 2012.

The amalgamation of Grange Road and Whippingham Primary School has now been completed and the children are well established in their new School.

The New Floating Bridge was yet another achievement for East Cowes. Together with Cllr Giles and officers I was pleased to win support for a new floating bridge for East Cowes. We managed to persuade fellow councillors that a new Floating Bridge was not only a definite need for East Cowes residents but was beneficial for the Island as a whole; we were thrilled that they recognised that fact and supported our proposal.

Last summer the New Play Park on the Esplanade was installed in time for the summer holidays. It has proved to be very popular with the children as well as their parents and I was able to identify some further funding monies that we were able to add to the play scheme funding bid for by the Town Council.

At the beginning of this year I proposed to the Town Council that they bid for EIF funds that were available through the County Council. The monies granted have been matched funded by the Town Council to enable the toilets by the play park to be renovated and the doors brought to the front of the building.

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