

Councillor Susan Scoccia – Ventnor West Ward

Annual Report May 2012

This year I had the honour of being elected Vice Chairman of Isle of Wight Council, and I have enjoyed attending many civic duties, supporting the Chairman and learning about the role in preparation for this coming year, which looks like it will be very busy with the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen, the Olympic Torch and the Royal Visit.

I therefore stood down from both the Audit and Ethical Standards Committees, but I have continued chairing the Licensing and General Purposes Committee and as a member of Planning, as well as being the Local Authority representative on the Island's Fostering Panel, on the Board of Governors for St. Francis Primary School and chairing the Management Committee of Ventnor Youth Centre.

I worked with a fellow County Councillors and others to bring forward the No. 6 Community Transport Scheme which has brought a through bus service along Undercliff Drive for the first time for 10 years and a regular bus service 6 days a week for St. Lawrence. This has been greatly appreciated by both residents and visitors alike.

I have also continued to take up residents concerns on various subjects, from the bandstand lead theft (which has now been completely refurbished to a very high standard), the new waste collection and the future of Ventnor Botanic Gardens. With the building of our new school on the old Middle school site well on schedule to be ready for January 2013, I am trying to ensure that we look at all our IW Council buildings and property in Ventnor to make sure that we use them efficiently for residents, which will be my aim for the coming year.

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