

## Annual Report 2012

Councillor Vanessa Churchman – Havenstreet, Ashey and Haylands Ward

As part of the organising committee for the Island Games I worked extremely hard to ensure that the Games were a success. Certainly we had excellent weather and the visiting Islands really enjoyed their stay. I was responsible for accommodating athletes and officials, nearly 4,000 visitors all told and I am pleased to report that the Games were successful financially. The Opening Ceremony, attended by Lord Coe, was truly inspirational and the thousands of people who lined the streets of Ryde enjoyed an amazing spectacle. The Duke of Kent visited the Isle of Wight Seam Railway to view the new carriage shed.

Swanmore Middle School, of which I was a Governor, closed in July and work commenced on the new Haylands Primary School site in Bettsworth Road, in the meantime the younger children transferred to the site in Pell Lane and the older children moved to the various Secondary schools: I joined the Board of Governors for Haylands Primary School.

I joined the Planning Committee and was re-elected as Chair of Overview & Scrutiny. Plans are in progress to organise events in the Ward to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The new waste collection arrangements came into operation and our recycling figures have shown a tremendous improvement. Havenstreet & Ashey PC successfully bid for money from the Council to improve the play area on the recreation ground and to have new 'Ashey' signs erected on the roadside.

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