

Councillor Colin Richards – Arreton and Newchurch ward

Annual report, May 2010

In June 2009 I was re-elected to the IW Council, to serve the new ward of Arreton and Newchurch. Since then i have dealt with many issues on behalf of residents, the most numerous of which are highway related. Potholes are top of the list but there have been three cases of surface water flooding reported which I hope will be resolved shortly. Recently a footpath has become unsafe but Rights Of Way hope to deal with this although it is not on the definitive map. The traffic lights at Downend seem to have improved this junction and the new pavement at Apse Heath will make it safer for pedestrians.

Regrettably the planned pavement in Forest Road Winford has been shelved as the Council could not buy the strip of land needed. Hopefully this will be looked at again next year.

I have spoken in support of residents on two occasions at development control meetings as well as advising as to whether planning permission is necessary.

Together with Ward work, I sit on two committees: Scrutiny, and Licensing and General Purposes. As well as licensing matters this committee also hears appeals against Council decisions.

As a local authority appointed governor at Newchurch primary, I am the bridge between the school and the community and involved in shaping its future.

Colin Richards
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