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Annual Report 2019

Councillor Geoff Brodie – Newport East Ward

In my fourteenth year as your councillor I have continued to deliver to every household in Newport East my *Briefing* newsletter; three issues in the last year and 46 issues since my first election in May 2005.

These *Briefings* report on my activities on their behalf, but include securing:

- the opening of Godric Road through Pan Meadows development to St George's Way and on to Shide, despite the opposition of the developer;
- a footway along Pan Lane (temporary for now) so that pedestrians can safely access the Asda store - something that planners should have insisted on from the beginning;
- funding for a drainage scheme on Downside Rec., to be followed this year by new sports changing rooms and improvements to the children's play park;
- the abandonment of a suggestion that Ash Road residents should pay to use their back gates into Coppins Bridge car park!
- agreement that school buses will not arrive in School Lane more than 5 minutes before pick-up time.

I continue to support the *Pan Together* community group at Downside Community Centre that I established 12 years ago and I make regular visits to the *Foodbank* at the Church on the Roundabout.

The *Pan Place Project* (that seeks to address the continuing need to improve the life chances of local residents) hasn't worked as well in its first year as I had hoped, but efforts are being made to re-focus it.

I was elected as *Chair of Newport & Carisbrooke Council* for a second successive year last May, and fourth year overall since its establishment in 2008. The year has been very challenging. The most interesting part is the involvement in the *Shaping Newport* regeneration project, which will hopefully revive the County town.

Geoff Brodie  
May 2019