
Annual Report 2019

Councillor John Hobart - Carisbrooke Ward

In the past year I have continued my duties as Cabinet Member for Heritage and Environment, represented Carisbrooke and Gunville as ward councillor and continue to sit as part of Newport and Carisbrooke Parish Council.

I continue as a trustee of Carisbrooke Castle Museum. I am a member of the AONB Steering Committee, and a trustee of the Maritime Archaeology Trust. I represent my ward and IW Council at LAF, Newport Rivers, RFCC, SCOPAC, IFCA. I chair the newly formed Newport Harbour Committee.

I have worked successfully in my ward to achieve upgraded footpaths, safer routes to school and improved traffic flow (Cedar Hill and Castle Hill). I continue to work towards achieving safer pedestrian access around Carisbrooke (seeking a crossing at the bottom of Cedar Hill) and to seek a solution to traffic flow on Clatterford Road. I am also working towards achieving reduced speed limits around my ward and quiet lane status on the single-track rural roads in the area, particularly those linking the bridleway networks. I endeavour to respond effectively to personal approaches from the residents of my ward.

In my role as a Cabinet member I have been working towards establishing a new Island Record Office and Heritage Centre, and securing a safe future for our accredited Dinosaur Museum. I worked with my departmental officers to hold an Environmental Conference in the summer from which we have produced an Environmental Action Plan, supporting the AONB endeavours to achieve UNESCO designation as a biosphere and working with officers and Natural England to achieve our Coastal Path. I am working towards changing our verge management system on the Island to reduce cutting and encourage wildflowers and pollinating insects. I have seen great improvements to our leisure centres which has encouraged an increased membership, improving the Island's health.

John Hobart
May 2019