

Annual Report 2016

Councillor John Howe – Totland Ward

During the past year, in addition to my duties as Totland's County Councillor, I have also served on Council committees for Planning, Children and Young People and Scrutiny and I am a member of Totland Parish Council.

In my ward I have worked with Council Officers and service providers to address issues that individual local residents have brought to my attention, as well as wider issues relevant to our local community. During the year I was pleased to be able to work with local residents to achieve the re-establishment of the sea wall footpath between Totland and Colwell. I have also worked closely with the Parish Council to ensure the continued provision of public toilets at our main beaches, a necessity for our local tourist industry and the transfer of control for some open spaces, such as Colwell Common, to the Parish Council. We all know that the state of our roads is a continuing problem, but I have maintained close contact with Island Roads to make sure our ward is not neglected and that there is the correct prioritisation of work. The Needles Pleasure Park is an important local tourist attraction, but has caused serious traffic problems at times, and I have been liaising with the owners, Island Roads and the National Trust to improve the traffic flow to and from the Park.

In the coming year, finance will be a major problem for the Council and I would encourage everyone to support the Fight for the Wight campaign. I will be working hard to try to mitigate the effect this will have on my local constituents, as well as the Island as a whole, and would encourage all residents to support local initiatives that are helping maintain the provision of local services for us all.

John Howe
May 2016