

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Matthew Price – Newport North Ward

I continue proudly, to represent the residents of Newport North Including Whippingham south on the IOW Council.

The ward is a very busy area to represent and I am always dealing with multiple issues. The range of enquiries I get are extremely varied and often relate to The IOW Festival, Parking, Roads, Schools and Planning.

Roads, Pavements, Footpaths and Drainage: Many of the main roads in and around Newport North have now been resurfaced and the repairs and resurfacing of the pavements continues. I have surveyed all of the roads within my ward myself and am constantly reporting and ensuring issues are resolved. Finally the much needed drainage works in Halberry Lane finally took place during this last year.

Planning: I am currently Vice-Chairman of the planning committee and continue to try and bring common sense to planning and work with colleagues to try and help encourage more appropriate development, I have been extremely vocal about the Island Plan Review and have a particular passion to see the housing target set by Government substantially reduced.

Newport Harbour: I sit on the Newport Harbour Committee and the Harbour Masterplan is to be published in the coming months.

I am on various committees and help with many local groups, I continue to serve as a Governor at Barton Primary School and have various roles and help at other local Schools.

I often meet residents at the John Cheverton Centre at the Earl Mountbatten hospice and regularly go there for coffee, please let me know if you would like to meet me.

Please feel free to get in touch regarding anything I may be able to help with.

Matthew Price
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