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### Annual Report to Newport & Carisbrooke Parish Council 2019

In my 14th year as an Isle of Wight 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 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.