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Church Litten Children Shelters Newport Central

After 6 years of preparation, fundraising and consultation the shelters in Church Litten are almost complete. The anti-social behaviour experienced around the bus station is ever a problem, so this project aims to give some of the young people who congregate around the library a safer space to meet up. The addition of some outdoor exercise equipment including one that produces power we hope will be well received by all users of the park.

Cllr Julie Jones-Evans

Dates to Remember

Our Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6.45pm. The scheduled meetings for the next three months are:

- **November 14th at Gunville Methodist Church**
- **December 12th at The Riverside Centre**
- **January 9th at The Riverside Centre**

The Planning and Licensing Committee meet every fortnight at the Riverside Centre starting at 6.30pm. The meetings in November will be on 3rd and 17th, December will be on 1st and 15th and January will be on 5th and 19th.

Christmas Lights Switch On

- 3rd December 2016

Bloomin' Green 2016

We held our annual Bloomin' Green competition in August 2016 and it has been another hugely successful year! The judges looked at some beautiful gardens and the standard was so high that it was a very difficult year to judge. The winners of this years Bloomin' Green 2016 were awarded their prizes and certificates just before the Newport Parish Council Full Council meeting on Monday, 12th September 2016. Chairman Lois Prior presented the winners with their awards from the various different categories.



WINNER

Mr and Mrs Cox – *Best use of Recycled Materials*

Mr and Mrs Colling – *Best for Butterflies and Bees*

Alvington Road Allotments – *Most Productive*

St Georges School – *Best for Wildlife*

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Mr and Mrs Corbett – *Best for Butterflies and Bees*

Mrs Moth – *Most Productive*

Mrs Moth – *Best for Wildlife*

COMMENDED

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We would also like to say a big thank you to Cllr Terry Martin for taking these beautiful photos.

Report from Newport West

We are making good progress with Victoria Recreation Ground & Clubhouse and as I expect you have noticed, we have installed CCTV, signage and also thanks to Cllr Roger Dixey, we have 2 new picnic tables within the play area. We plan to move the play equipment from the top of the field to the play area as we feel it will be more beneficial to residents. On a more serious note we believe some people may be dealing drugs, if you see this please report to the police on 101 immediately. - **Cllr Peter J Whiteman**



Great War Remembered

Newport Parish Council has unveiled a small stone memorial on Simeon Green to commemorate all those who served and gave their lives during the Great War. The project was developed by Cllrs Whiteman, Martin and Hobart following the successful dedication of the silhouettes on the Medina Riverbank. The short ceremony was well attended and included a blessing by the Vicar of Carisbrooke Marcus Bagg, with flowers laid by the Vice Chairman of the IW Council, Lora Peacey-Wilcox and the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Jane Perry. A bugler from Medina Marching Band sounded the last post with two standard bearers from the Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion in attendance. Cllr Ian Ward as County President of the British Legion gave the exhortation.



Guests included Deputy Lord Lieutenant John Matthews and David Langford, representatives from the main contractor Emerald Construction, as well as members of the Parish Council. A number of personal reflections from relatives of those who served in the Great War were shared and Cllr Peter Whiteman gave a background to the project.

Thank you to Cllr Terry Martin for his photography on the day. More photos and videos can be seen by visiting www.newportwight.org.uk and clicking 'Projects'

Chairmans Report

Like many Town and Parish Councils across the island, Newport has taken over many public services from the Council, but this has not been without its teething problems. Although we haven't yet taken on the lease for the toilets in our area, we have taken on the cost of running and maintaining them to ensure that they remain open. Since taking them on, there have been problems with blocked sewers in the Post Office Lane and South Street toilets. Southern Water seemed reluctant to take responsibility for these issues so after arranging for our own CCTV investigation of Post Office Lane and presenting our findings, and with a lot of work from Cllr Julie Jones-Evans, and Cllr Peter Whiteman, Southern Water finally agreed to undertake the works, which have now been completed. They have also agreed to undertake investigations of the South Street drains. I could go on to talk about all of the other services Newport Parish Council provides, such as park maintenance, allotment management, Christmas and firework events, public buildings maintenance, planning and licensing consultation, dog bins, improvements to public areas, flowers, competitions, Christmas lights and many more. I am sure if I asked our Clerk she would reel off another long list of services that we provide for our local community. We have elections coming up next year, so if you feel that being a Parish Councillor is something that you would consider, why not get in touch with the Parish Office to find out more.

Don't forget the fireworks Spooks and Sparks event on 5th November at Victoria Recreation Ground and the Christmas lights switch on in St James Square on 3rd December 2016 (all subject to suitable weather). - **Cllr Lois Prior**

News from Newport East

The former Downside Middle School site is being put to full use again with Barton Primary School re-located there from September, the local Children's Centre moving up there soon, and a refurbished Downside Community Centre (with Isobel Cafe) replacing the redundant Isobel Centre portakabin from mid/late October. All funded by a mixture of IW Council and Barratts funding. All a real asset to the Newport East community. - **Cllr Geoff Lumley**

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