

## **CLLR ANDREW GARRATT**

### **ANNUAL REPORT TO NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE 2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 8 APRIL 2019**

Last year I reported on work to ensure residents' views were taken into account on the plans to re-model St Mary's roundabout and associated junctions. A significantly different scheme has been approved. I'm told that work will take about a year, starting sometime around September 2019. I am pressing the council for proper ongoing engagement with residents to help them prepare for the work and minimise what will be immense disruption.

I continue meeting with the Ministry of Justice, highlighting repairs and maintenance needed in the unadopted roads for which they remain responsible. In late 2018, I walked Camp Hill estate – which is nearly all Ministry of Justice (MoJ) roads – with local residents and submitted a long report to the MoJ. I aim to do something similar for other MoJ roads this year. Although there have been some small improvements, it's still too little and too slow. An example is Hewitt Crescent's streetlights. Although replaced months ago, at the time of writing they are still not connected to the electricity supply. I am also keeping briefed on the Council's negotiations on taking ownership of MoJ land for regeneration.

For other local, adopted roads, I have raised concerns about the quality of some of Island Roads' resurfacing work. For example, the unsatisfactory Hunnyhill surface is showing signs of 'tearing', and deep cracks appeared in Noke Common Road last summer just months after resurfacing.

There is, of course, much formal council work. In particular, as I was elected chair of Isle of Wight Council's Scrutiny Committee last May, I have worked with committee members and others to develop its role of constructively holding the Cabinet to account on the decisions it takes.

Finally, I have taken up many other issues (often of a personal nature) raised with me by email, phone and even Twitter. I promise to keep doing my best to help.

**Councillor Andrew Garratt – Parkhurst Ward**