

Councillor Andy Sutton – Freshwater North Ward

Annual Report May 2011

Its been very busy this year as I entered my 12th year working hard for Freshwater North residents. In the last year we have seen another Major Road improvement at the bottom of Hallets Shute and there will be more road improvements this year.

Work with Community Groups is ongoing. We have some fantastic volunteer groups delivering services locally. I really enjoy my work with them. The library took up a lot of time and was a key issue with many of you. I was pleased that I was able to put forward to colleagues an alternative to keep our library open. We are now working towards a local trust to manage our library with council support.

Next year I will be working toward another low council tax settlement, more road improvements, finalising the roads PFI which will bring better roads, new Island careers and apprenticeships and as always addressing your issues and problems if I can.

I along with you will also be looking at a new school for Freshwater. There has already been a lot of interest in running the school from some local groups and I hope that this year we will see a competition for this 21st Century School for 21st Century local children so they can have the very best start we as a community can give them.

Finally it's been a very challenging year financially for the council. We have lost some excellent staff who worked hard supporting me, you, and many others on the Island. I would like to say thank you to them personally and I am sure, for all of you too.

2011/12 will also bring with it further challenges and issues, I hope that working together, we will be able to make the coming year a good one.

Thank you.

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