

Councillor John Howe – Totland Ward

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I remain a member of the Ethical Standards Committee, Full Council, Young People's Scrutiny Panel and the Employment Committee, but remain very mindful that my responsibilities lie with the residents of Totland.

There were changes to waste collections and a lot of vulnerable residents found it impossible to transport their refuse to the requested site. I was able to negotiate the original pick-up stay in place for these residents.

Although the IOWC are making many cut backs I am pleased that Westminster House will now remain on its present site in Newport. Also it is encouraging that the West Wight Library will be kept open, even if it is for reduced periods.

During last year we have had two or three heavy rain falls in Totland. Due to this flooding I am endeavouring to oppose any planning of new buildings which may increase pressure on the local infrastructure.

During 2010 a prospective purchaser for Totland Pier applied for planning permission to renovate the pier. The public were invited to view the plans and everybody seemed happy with the proposals. However, the application is still ongoing with the Planning Office and we hope this will be resolved shortly.

Totland roads are suffering, along with the rest of the Island, from potholes and road markings and we hope to work with the Officers to improve this situation.

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