

Cllr Peter Armstrong- Report covering August /September

Brand New Forest

It was my joy to help the District promoting the Brand New Forest Scheme at the New Forest Show and have a number of conversations with people on the Waterside and elsewhere. Sold a few Brand New Forest cards too! I am continuing to promote the scheme to local businesses.



Waste Recycling

A number of weeks ago I had the opportunity along with other District Councillors to go to the three premises in Hampshire which ; -

1. Turn our black bag Waste into electricity
2. Paper ,cardboard, tins/cans/plastic bottles all recycled
3. Garden /Green waste into Compost

“Hampshire diverts more waste from landfill than any other in the UK”!

Further information (including photos put to music) about the above can be found on my Cllr facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CllrPeterArmstrong/>

Planning

The August planning meeting at District was a particularly long one with 320 pages to read and 8 pages of updates + emails and letters! This month's it was a mere 130 pages.

Of interest was that Outline permission was given for a crematorium in the New Forest over in New Milton. One has also been agreed just west of Romsey nr Ower by Test Valley Borough Council. This will give a choice and longer service times than the current Southampton Council facility and should cut down waiting times especially in the winter period. It was pleasing to know the New Milton facility would adopt the Charter for the Bereaved which is a top industry standard and will ensure high standards not only with the facilities but professional etiquette for the deceased and bereaved.

The Govt. changes allowing developers to now build up to 10 houses without paying the 106 levy to help with affordable homes in the area it is now more likely small developers will be looking for any available spaces to build.

The proposed District plan has had a number of consultation meetings across the District with varying feedback. Hythe and Dibden area is not an area where large housebuilding schemes have been proposed.

Solent Credit Union

They have now opened a drop –in in Totton where they are working with Local Churches.

Local Businesses

The District Council are doing a Roadshow in three venues entitled “Improving the Vibrancy of our Towns and Villages”. One is on Thursday 13th October 6pm at St Andrews, Dibden Purlieu. Please encourage local businesses up and down the Waterside to attend.