

Cllr Debbie Andre Sandown North

November 2021 report

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, I met with the owner's representative, on site, at the Esplanade Hotel. He expressed his concern over the recent vandalism of the site which caused considerable damage. I was able to reassure him that our local policing team are aware of the culprits and they are being dealt with appropriately. He was keen to reassure me that the owner, who is London based, is experienced in renovating property on a large scale and is fully committed to bringing the site back to a state that will enhance not only the seafront, but the lower High Street as well. He'll be putting in an application for holiday lets and residential apartments.

I attended the service to remember those lost through Covid at Newport Minster. It was also attended by the Lord Lieutenant, Susie Sheldon and the Leader of the IOW Council, Lora Peacey Wilcox.

I met recently with Lawrence Bates, the Chief Operating Officer of the Wildheart Trust. They have some exciting projects in the pipeline which are very much in line with enhancing the wider environment around Culver Parade and Yaverland. I'm very happy to support and work with them.

There has been much concern over the storm surge releases from Southern Water into Sandown Bay. I am grateful for offers to independently monitor water quality and shall be keeping up the pressure on Southern Water.

There has been continued concern over the quality of work being carried out by MMB on behalf of Wightfibre. I have had two reports actioned and the issues resolved thanks to a Wightfibre supervisor and I will continue to monitor the ongoing work.

There continues to be littering in Sandham Gardens and some fly-tipping and I'm working with our local policing team to identify ways of reducing anti-social behaviour in our town.

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