

Cllr Claire Critchison

2023 Annual councillor summary

Parish Council

I have attended almost all Parish Council meetings and liaised with the Parish Council on issues involving the IW Council e.g., Chale Green, Sway, Wightfibre, Island Roads, Rights of Way.

Resident engagement

Monthly councillor updates on facebook and in the Connections newsletter each month to keep residents informed of latest council news and what I have been involved with locally.

Regular visits to the WI coffee mornings at the Village Hall – this had been a useful way to meet with residents and get to know the community.

I have followed up resident enquiries with planning issues, road safety, vehicle access, police enquiries, rights of way and environmental health. Given advice and passed on information to residents.

My facebook page is updated with road closures and I post relevant information on local facebook groups to keep residents informed.

Road safety meeting

Cllr Nick Stuart and I arranged a joint road safety meeting on Wednesday 22nd March in Brighstone.

The meeting discussed traffic management, quiet roads, road safety and community speed watch in the South/West Wight. Residents attended and gave feedback about a range of issues.

There was a presentation from the West Wight community speedwatch team and advice about to set up one in our area.

It was a very informative meeting, and we will be arranging more in other villages throughout the year.

Winter pressures

I have shared cost of living information, details of warm spaces, helped with access to services and signposted residents to Citizens Advice for assistance.

Events

I have attended Chale village events including Jubilee celebrations, remembrance service, WI Coffee mornings, Chale Show and community mornings at Chale Green.