

Mayors Report September 2023

August is always a very busy month. I attended numerous events for Cowes Week representing and promoting East Cowes.

Continued meetings are ongoing about our waterfront and the town centre and its relationship with the upcoming Red Funnel development, this includes the replacement public slipway if the old one is lost.

I am also in discussions with the IWC and the friends of the umbrella tree and hope that our beloved tree will soon be unfenced!

I was invited to the Indonesian and ONAM festival celebrations held in our town hall and it was lovely to see these cultural events coming to our town.

Our own town's jigsaw festival was a huge success as usual and sold out at one point, well done to all those that worked so hard to make it such a success.

The Curve was a year old in August and has really proved to be an asset to the town, we are always looking for more groups to use this amenity and make it a vibrant centre for the community to enjoy.

Our newly acquired beach hut is undergoing some maintenance to the floor but hopefully we can soon start planning some educational events from there to promote our beautiful natural esplanade, the paddling pool has been very well used this year and continues to be a great asset for our town.

The Albany green regeneration as part of the LUF should be starting very soon and will bring another community area into life, exciting discussions are ongoing for the different uses of this new area.

Maybe in the future we will have an East Cowes week an alternative "Cowes week" and on this note I would like to thank the Waverley holiday park for the wonderful fireworks this year that many people enjoyed.

Moving forward I would like to encourage everybody to attend our public budget consultation to give us your views, at the same time Red Funnel will once again be asking for our input into the new marshalling yard plans so please do come along and give us feedback.

As Autumn is now upon us we are busy making plans for the Christmas Market and the Theatre is busy rehearsing for this year's Pantomime which I can confirm living next door sounds absolutely fantastic!

Cllr Tracy Reardon