

Bembridge Parish Council Chairs Report January 2026.

The year has, I think, got off to a quiet and peaceful start in Bembridge. We do of course have the inconvenience of the closure of The Embankment Road, due to essential works by Southern water. However, we hope this will cure the flooding at Solent landing. The condition of the roads in Bembridge due to pot holes is always a concern, so can I urge all councillors to report pot holes to Island Roads through Fix My Street. A recent report managed to get seven potholes filled in Forelands Field Road with in ten days. (It was just unfortunate the hole we reported which was the biggest was ignored).

The Lengthsmen have had a busy couple of weeks. They have been reducing the height of the hedge around the cemetery, so that it is easier to maintain in the future. The response has been mainly positive especially after the reason for lowering it has been explained. Hopefully we will enter the cemetery into its own category in The South East in Bloom awards this year.

I would like to thank everybody who was involved in providing Christmas lunch at The Village Hall. It was a fantastic effort by many volunteers giving both their time and food for the lunch. Something that the village should be very proud of.

The annual report is now complete and is due for delivery at the end of the month, and I would like to thank Mark for all his efforts to get it ready and published.