

Chairs Report June 2026

With preparations this month in full swing for The Southeast in Bloom competition, it has been a challenging time so far as the weather has been concerned. With either roasting hot temperatures or pouring rain, but everything seems to have come together just at the right time, with the village looking beautiful. Debbie and I showed the judge around the village yesterday morning. I would like to think he was quite impressed. I would like to take this opportunity to officially thank everybody who have worked so hard to make the village look beautiful, it has been a real team effort. Marianne for all the plants she has grown. The lengthsman and the community gardeners for all the maintenance. Warners for supplying lots of plants again this year, and of course Debbie for her herculean efforts in pulling it all together.

The CSO pipe at The Point has been keeping us occupied this month with TV appearances by our clerk and some councillors, as well as some well-

known local residents. The latest news is that Southern water has for the time being put their plans on hold for the pipe.

Mark along with other members of The County Council met with Lawrence Gosden, the Ceo of southern water at County Hall. I'm sure he will update us on that meeting in his report.

Mark and I met with senior engineers from southern water yesterday to discuss temporary storage options, before a long term solution can be found. I found it a very productive meeting, and we seem to be building a positive relationship with Southern water, which can only be a good thing

As most of you will be aware Stephen Daughtery is retiring this year, and all councillors and partners have been invited to a thanksgiving and farewell service at Holy Trinity on 26th July 10;30 with drinks and refreshments in The Cloisters afterwards. Please RSVP by 10th July if you wish to attend.

This Saturday sees the judging of Bembridge in Bloom. We have had over 30 entries this year, and thanks must go to Debbie again for all her hard work.