

# IN TOUCH FROM NEWPORT TO COWES

## 7. Carisbrooke East

### David Whittaker



David Whittaker lives in Carisbrooke East ward with his wife Lydia. They have 3 grown-up sons and 4 grandchildren. They used to run a residential care home in Cowes for 14 years. David has been heavily involved in fundraising for the tsunami appeal with the Newport Rotary Club.

He is a member of the Newport Area Forum.

## 8. Carisbrooke West

### Stephen Gray



Stephen has lived on the Island for four years. A civil servant for almost 30 years, Stephen is now a Customer Services Specialist in Portsmouth.

Since moving to the Island he has become involved in the local community, having become a governor at St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School in Carisbrooke, and with local politics.

## 11. Cowes Castle East

### Alan Wells



Alan Wells has lived in Cowes for 27 years, having brought up a family in the town. He works and sails locally. He believes that the town needs local people to represent local views.

He is currently Mayor of Cowes, and is also involved in a number of community based organisations, giving him invaluable experience in the town.

## 12. Cowes Castle West

### John Effemey



John Effemey is married to Beth, and has three adult children and seven grandchildren, all educated on the Island. Now retired, he worked in the heavy civil engineering industry, along with motorway construction and marine and coastal construction.

He served as a Medina Borough councillor for 10 years, including a final year as Mayor, before joining the Isle of Wight Council in 1995.

He is an actively involved with the Town Regatta Committee.

## 13. Cowes Central

### Lora Peacey-Wilcox



Lora Peacey-Wilcox was born and brought up in Cowes, along with seven generations of her family. She has two children at local schools and runs her own dress hire business.

She has served on Cowes Town Council for 6 years, and for the last two as deputy mayor. In October 2004 she won the Cowes Central by-election for the Conservatives, to take a seat on the Isle of Wight Council, which she has represented since.

## 14. Cowes Medina

### George Brown



George Brown, whose working life was industrial, has served on a New Town Development Corporation and is focused on people and sustainable employment opportunities.

He lives in Cowes and believes that the voice of local residents must be strengthened on the IW Council. He is also involved in youth opportunities.

## 15. East Cowes North

### Margaret Webster



Margaret Webster is married with two daughters working in the teaching profession and has four grandchildren.

She has lived in East Cowes for most of her life. Margaret has been a town councillor for the last 7 years, including 5 years as mayor. Working in the hospitality industry, she ran a local business with her husband for 7 years and was catering manager in a local sports club for two decades.

## 16. East Cowes South

### Simon Walker



Simon Walker has lived in East Cowes for over 45 years and on the Island all his life. He has been involved in local issues for many years, including as chairman of the local RNLI branch and as a governor of East Cowes Primary School. He is an active founder of East Cowes Town Council.

Simon has a Higher National Diploma in Business and Finance from The Isle of Wight College.

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## 17. Fairlee

### Dawn Cousins



Dawn has been a Newport resident for over 30 years and is well aware of the issues affecting the area. Her career in the public and voluntary sector has provided the skills and insight needed to be an effective councillor.

Dawn is retired and intends to focus all her attention on serving the residents of Fairlee. If elected she is committed to providing an honest and accountable approach to local affairs.

## 20. Gurnard

### John Hobart



John Hobart has been a resident in Gurnard for ten years. He is married to Kate and they have two sons. John is particularly interested in environmental issues and has been acting as trustee for the Island 2000 Group for the past two years. John was a founder member of the Cowes Town Council, on which has served for many years until moving to Gurnard.

## 23. Mount Joy

### Melanie Swan



Melanie Swan moved to Newport in 1983, where her four children attended local schools.

Melanie has worked in the Civil Service and in Parliament. She has over 30 years experience of campaigning on health and education issues at local and national levels and has represented consumer groups

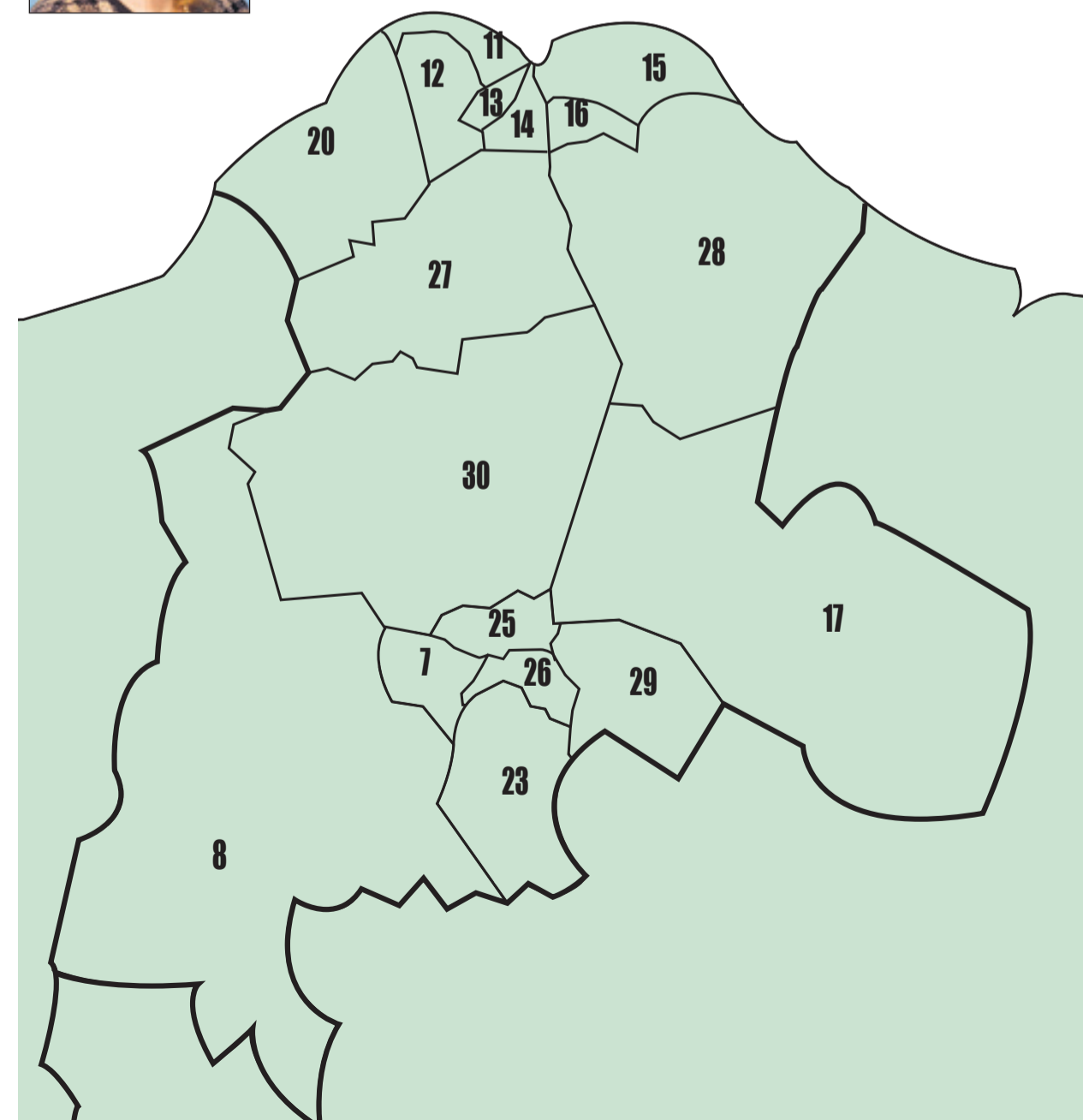
## 25. Newport North

### Julian Whittaker



Julian was elected to Newport North in a by-election victory in 2003. He has been working hard for local residents ever since.

He moved to the Island with his family in 1986, and was educated in local schools before finishing at the Isle of Wight College. He works in the local community.



## Menu without Prices

**Lib-Dems have published a tasty menu of ideas in their Island election manifesto. Only trouble - not one of them is costed. And that is as much help to voters as going to a restaurant without knowing what the price will be**

For example, they promise a tourist tax. But they'd have to spend massive sums on new red carpets before they could bring in a tourist tax. All cost to you. And when it sounded unpopular, they said it may be less than a £ per visitor. But the cost of collection will probably exceed that. And they promise a park-and-ride scheme for Newport - again uncoded. But the last highways project came in at ten times its budget. Menus without prices bring nasty surprises. The Conservative manifesto is fully costed. It can be seen on [IslandConservatives.org](http://IslandConservatives.org).

## 26. Newport South

### Mike Cunningham

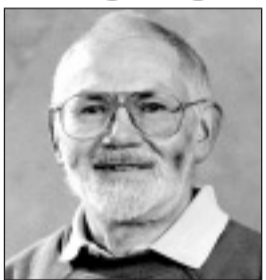


Mike Cunningham is an experienced unitary local government councillor. He has served the Island and represented Newport South residents for seven years.

His duties outside County Hall include being a founder member of the Newport Area Forum which covers basic amenities normally provided by a Town Council. Mike is also a trustee for the Riverside Centre and the Island branch of the National HomeStart Charity in Union Street, supporting young Island families.

## 28. Osborne

### Peter Nightingale



Peter Nightingale, 55 years of age, is married with two children. He is employed as a salesman in the electrical distribution industry.

He served on the IW Council from 1998 to 2001, sitting on the education, social services, planning and transport committees. He became most closely involved in transport, including as a member of the Cowes Transport Forum, combating the Council's anti-motorist policies

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## 29. Pan

### Clive Page



Clive Page is 62 years old and married.

He is semi-retired but involved with various voluntary bodies including the Hospital Radio at St Mary's and a governor at a local primary school with direct links to Downside School.

He had a long career in the transport industry.

## 30. Parkhurst

### Roger Berrisford



Roger Berrisford lives in Carisbrooke and was educated locally. He worked in design engineering following his apprenticeship with John Samuel Whites in Cowes back in the early sixties, continuing with BHC, Westland and finally GKN.

He is a governor of Kitbridge Middle School.

## Who controls the IW Council?

**At the last council election, 13 Conservatives, 4 Labour, 11 Independents, and 20 Lib-Dems were elected. You had voted out the Lib-Dems - but within days of the election most so-called 'Independent' councillors had joined up with them so that they could run the Council for last next four years.**

In other words, the election are Cllrs Rees, Fleming, Bartlett, Lawson, Miller, Hancock, Richards and Humby. All nice people. All of them kept the Lib-Dems in power for another four years. All backed

the inflation-busting council tax rises. Two - Cllrs Rees and Fleming - are on the ruling Executive and supported the '27,000 houses' proposal. Many people prefer Independent councillors in local government. We don't blame them. But to vote 'Independent' once, and then be betrayed, is a tragedy. To be conned twice smacks of carelessness. You can't trust Independent candidates in 2005.