



Outgoing RA Chairman Statement – 21st August 2026

Dear Residents,

As my term as Chairman comes to an end, I want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you for your support, cooperation, and community spirit over the past years. Serving Sandy Bay residents has been an immense privilege, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together to keep our community safe, beautiful, and welcoming.

During my time in office, our focus has always been on maintaining the high standards of our park while fostering a friendly, supportive environment for all residents. Together, we have successfully navigated improvements, enhanced our communal spaces, and addressed the day-to-day matters that keep our park running smoothly. These achievements were only possible because of your active participation, your helpful feedback, and the dedication of our committee members who volunteered their time.

Year one of Committee membership

- We organised a weekly 'Meet the Chairman' surgery in the bar so that any member could come to raise issues or concerns. This has been consistent to date, and when a meeting has not taken place members are advised to send in emails with their concerns.
- We worked with management in ensuring that that years pitch fee increase was not implemented.
- We worked with all members and management in ensuring that Park Homes were stopped in their attempt to implement the large bins at the end of each road which would have meant all residents taking their rubbish to the bins.
- We requested and chased management who then agreed to install pergolas, and additional planting around the park.
- At a time when there was very little entertainment in the bar, we assisted the, then bar manager in organising and arranging Bingo, and additional entertainment.
- We requested, and were successful, in the Park Manager providing sandwiches, nibbles etc for the 2022 World Cup, which went on to being provided for other sporting events, St Georges Day, with entertainment, and also Memorial day.



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- We have worked with management to ensure that the new seating, outside was provided, as well as sunbeds, cushions and brollys.
 - We have year on year arranged and organised the Remembrance Sunday event, including the priest, piper and Flag holder.
 - We have organised and continue to organise the Bingo twice a week for all residence, Linda Shillabeer will continue to do this.
 - We have been very successful year on year with the charity fund raising. The new Committee have stated that they do not wish to be involved in this and so, Tracey Wakeling and Tracey Harris will take this over so that the Charities will not lose out.
 - We have worked with Management to ensure that we can use the green areas for sports and had monies from management to pay for sports equipment, thus ensuring that the QRA Subs are still in place.
 - We have worked with management and had their agreement that the large unsightly mound at the sea wall has been removed and maintained.
 - We have arranged each year for a local junior school choir to come each year to sing for the residents, this has always been a fantastic day.
 - We have arranged for Adult Health to be involved with the residents that need it, and to attend the Park at least once a month to meet residents, also Adult Health to run Men only health issue classes, which have been very popular and helpful.
 - We have arranged for Outside bodies eg: Fire Protection, First aid training, Police officers regarding Scams etc, First Responders, Will writers, Dementia advice and more, all of which have been very well received.

Year 2/3

- We have worked with management to ensure that there are now more CCTV cameras up and running.
- We have worked with Management to ensure that the park has additional gates to give better access/egress for residents to the sea wall and wooden park.



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- We put forward the idea and followed up regularly to management to have a pedestrian gate installed at Thorney Bay road end. This is now in place.
 - We have assisted management in creating two WhatsApp groups, one for the bar and one for general information and emergencies. These were a QRA initiative which Management then agreed to.
 - We worked tirelessly with management and the residents concerned to have additional lighting installed in to Mermaid Way, Pearl and Island Drive. This has now been completed.
 - We have assisted members on their own individual problems and issues, pushing and working with management to get these resolved. We have not always been successful, but have on many occasions.
 - We have been instrumental and successful in ensuring that the planning application for the new facilities have at last been submitted and passed. We can only hope that the new committee continue in taking this forward.
 - We have been successful in ensuring that not only management but CPC paint their fences and structures with anti climb paint around the park.
 - We were successful in getting management to agree to continue the fence along Bay Side and beyond. However due to monies being diverted to the Tribunal this is now deferred to Autumn and beyond.
 - We have been instrumental in getting management to provide wrist bands for residents and guests, this has assisted in issues being limited in the pool area.
 - We are Meeting with Management and Anglian Water regarding the Sewage works and the issues it has caused..... Update to follow.

While I am stepping down from the Chairman role, I am not going anywhere. I look forward to remaining an active member of this community and supporting the incoming committee as they take on the leadership of our residents' association. I have every confidence that the new leadership will continue to advocate for your best interests and guide our park with care and dedication.

Thank you once again for the trust you placed in me and not forgetting my Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, who have worked tirelessly over the last few years, as have all my committee members



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Thank you for making our tenure so rewarding. I wish all of you good health, happiness, and continued pride in our wonderful park home community.

Warmest regards,

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