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Action at last in Tsun Wan

Since the visit of controversial Member of Parliament, Mr Robert Parry, to Tsun Wan 10 days ago there has been a flurry of activity in the area, according to a Tsun Wan resident, Mr Bob Saunders.

Mr Saunders and his wife spent September 15 taking Mr Parry on a tour of Tsun Wan pointing out things they felt should be corrected.

Later over lunch, Mr Parry discussed with the Town Manager and District Officer, Mr J. Hayes, such matters as holes in footpaths, illegal structures, claims that hawkers were being harassed and the need for increased contact between people and the Government.

Mr Saunders said that last week men from the Public Works Department were out in force repairing holes in footpaths and some drainage systems near the Urban Services temporary market.

The Urban Services Department also began actively seeking applications for hawker licences from elderly pedlars.

Some were given spaces in the new market while others were called before a tribunal to see if they could be allocated sites.

Mr Saunders also said the District Office was taking more interest in local problems and showing a genuine interest in solving some of them.

At the meeting with Mr Parry, Mr Hayes told the MP that many of the problems stemmed from the fact that his office and staff were too busy with development work to pay as much attention as they should to the day-to-day difficulties encountered by residents.

But he told Mr Parry that with increased staff at the office these difficulties could be overcome.

He said most of the problems were dealt with on a representative basis rather than on a person-to-person basis.

The representatives were appointed to committees, Mr Hayes said.

Mr Parry said that from his observations many of the matters could be better dealt with if the office were to deal with representatives chosen by different groups in the area.



Mr Saunders



Mr Parry