

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Charles Chapman – Ryde South Ward

I am sorry to write that not a lot has changed since my previous report. We are still suffering from central government cuts which is causing severe problems for local people, especially in my Ward, which is amongst the most deprived on the Island.

Sovereign Housing and Island Roads have both implemented major improvements in my area, particularly Sovereign Housing, which has finished the refurbishment of the 'Arc'. Included in this project is a 'Woodland Walk' which will enhance both the quality of life of my constituents as well as providing a nature resource for local schools. I would invite both local councillors and residents to come and visit.

Island Roads have concentrated on some of our more poorly surfaced footpath and roads. This has improved both the aesthetic look of the area and are safer to use. We have replaced both the street lights in the area and vandalised street signs. I am sorry to say that as fast as the graffiti and signs are replaced they continue to be vandalised. This is a cry for greater resources and facilities needed for youth work and outreach work in my area, in Ryde. I am currently involved in progressing this.

I am Chairman of the Licensing Committee which enables me to have an input, in improving safety in our communities. Safety is of prime importance in this day and age. I work closely particularly with the police and other agencies, helping to keep our streets safe

I can only reiterate that I rely on the support of my constituents in Ryde South, who have been both my friends and colleagues for over thirty years. They have made my job as a councillor worthwhile.

Charles Chapman
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