

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Karl Love – East Cowes Ward

2018/19 has seen many physical changes to the infrastructure of East Cowes. Our town is changing fast and after many years of promised regeneration we are finally seeing many changes occurring. Change does not always come with ease or acceptance. There are many more changes to come and whilst we can now see our open water frontage, it will change again during the coming years. Our community must remain vigilant in its determination to express its views on these matters.

I receive a very large mail bag and I do try to respond in a timely way. I also try to support other nearby Island Wards, especially Whippingham.

Our community has engaged and is making its voice heard. Local issues such as the Floating Bridge, Umbrella tree, Red Funnel Terminal, Esplanade, Norris Castle and Wight Fibre have eaten up lots of my time but together we have made a difference to the outcomes.

2018 saw the Romanov Monument placed in our town and I'm pleased to see so many people enjoying the history of our town. Planning for the 2019 Bicentennial events has also kept me and many others constantly busy and I hope you will all enjoy the events of May 2019.

Our town history is also our future and we must endeavour to capture all that's good from our past and bring this into our future. We need to create our own sustainability and community destiny. We need the security of employment for our young people while we provide much needed services to ensure we all age and live well. Local government finances and resources have been stretched to the limits so please support our most vulnerable community members.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you.

Karl Love
May 2019