
Annual Report 2019

Councillor Michael Beston - Shanklin Central Ward

2018/2019 has seen me engaged on two outside projects. My work with Island Line and South Western Railway (SWR) continues. I'm fully supportive of SWR's efforts to modernise the route through the Priced Option process. Regular meetings with stake holders have been on-going and I continue to give my full support in driving this much needed investment forward.

The second project is my involvement with the Southern Water Enhancement Programme for Shanklin. The 750,000 litre storm water storage facility has now been created under Arthurs Hill. This will improve resilience and capacity of the sewerage network at times of heavy rain water storms. It will also reduce the risk of untreated water releases into the sea of between 30-40% and protect homes from flood risk.

I continue to work closely with residents on local issues in and around Shanklin; this includes working with John's Club Shanklin to permit an overnight parking concession for their Mini-Bus at Shanklin Station. Identifying potential road and pedestrian safety issues, working closely with Island Roads, local Environmental Officer, Shanklin Green Towns Group and others.

I serve on the Licensing and planning committees and chair the committee for Policy Scrutiny for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration; I have supported major tourism and regeneration projects amongst other numerous applications throughout the year. I will continue to represent local residents on local planning applications.

The majority of my working time is spent in my home town of Shanklin. On occasions when I'm required to leave the Island, I remain fully contactable by email or mobile phone to enable a timely response to any enquiry.

I'm proud to represent Shanklin at Isle of Wight Council and will continue to give my best in the year ahead - I thank the residents for their support.
Cllr Michael Beston May 2019.

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