
Annual Report 2019

Councillor Michael Lilley – Ryde East Ward

This has been a busy year. My priority has been to make sure the voices of Ryde East residents are heard and that the issues that affect local lives are championed so residents' health and well-being is improved. I have a quarterly newsletter which goes to 1900 households. Three have been distributed since May 2018. I have held 11 monthly meetings with over 400 residents being involved. This year I was appointed as Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee. I have been active in a number of Call-Ins including Ryde Harbour. I have also been a committee member regularly on Adult Social Care and Health, Regeneration, Planning and Joint Consultative Management Committees. I have led two Task and Finish Groups and written two reports for Scrutiny on Commercialisation and Suicide Prevention. I have put forward 4 motions to Full Council particularly around child poverty. I successfully persuaded the IW Council to reconsider targets on child poverty and supporting initiatives to ensure discreet access to sanitary products.

Main Achievements in 2018-19

- 72 specific resident cases with 89% resolution. 15 on-going community issues including campaigning on road improvement, cleaner streets and dog fouling reduction, preserving green spaces in ward, and supporting residents' objections to large developments in ward without proper infrastructure.
- Gaining funding to develop a sustainable plan for Appley Tower.
- Working with residents and developers in regard to former Victoria Crescent Depot site to find a long-term use which all stakeholders agree on
- Building a working relationship with IW Council officers and residents in relation to Nicolson Road development.
- Raising funds and supporting the work of Ryde Food Bank.
- Gaining funding for a Ryde Community Development post.
- Persuading the Local Authorities Boundary Commission to preserve the identity of Appley and Elmfield communities within a new Ward of Ryde North East from 2021.

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