

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Michael Murwill – Brading, St Helens & Bembridge Ward

Entering my third elected year I continue to work both for my ward, and the Island as a whole.

In 2018 I progressed the 'Plastic Free Island' vision by setting up and chairing the IWC Community Plastic and Environmental Forum; a monthly meeting with the aim of bringing together like-minded Island based organisations/businesses to discuss local issues and reach our goal of being the most environmentally friendly county in the UK. Membership of the Forum continues to increase with new initiatives and collaborative working to achieve the best for the Island.

I was extremely proud that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs recognised the continued improvements to the Island's waste management and has invited the council to share best practice across the country to improve recycling rates.

In 2017 I introduced the Garden Waste Scheme, which continues to be a great success with over 6,200 households having subscribed in 2018.

I attend regular beach and street clean events and have also participated in the annual 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign across the Island. I continue to support residents and businesses within the ward and across the Island with a range of issues including waste management, highways and planning; seeking resolutions where possible for electorate to obtain an effective service from the IWC.

I remain a Trustee of the Bembridge Youth and Community Centre assisting at various fundraising events. I also continue as the Local Authority Governor at St Helens Primary School.

As well as reporting to the Parish and Town Council meetings across the ward, I also have a regular column in local magazines.

I continue to be proud to represent Brading, St Helens and Bembridge on the IWC and will continue to be a strong voice for residents in the year ahead. I thank everyone for their support.

Michael Murwill
May 2019