

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Vanessa Churchman – Havenstreet, Ashey & Haylands Ward

Another busy year with so much still to do and so much done.

As a Governor of Haylands Primary School I am pleased to see our new Head Teacher in place and look forward to fresh ideas on teaching, not the least being the drive to improve the writing of the students.

With the co-operation of local residents and the Council, Rosemary Lane now has a new surface so that everybody can access the footpath, including my partially sighted residents, allowing everybody to cross the railway line to Oakfield – including all those children who walk to school.

The proud residents of Havenstreet have won a Calor Gas award for the best kept village, and the Parish Council are hard at work with more ideas to improve life for those in their area.

As Chair of the Council's Children Services Scrutiny Committee I am so proud of our officers who have been rated 'Good' by OFSTED, which puts us in the top 20% of councils in the country.

I continue to sit on the Planning Committee and endeavour to put forward the views of my residents on planning applications, I do not have the power to always alter applications, but I do my best to influence the outcomes to maintain our beautiful Island.

I am Vice Chair of the Local Government Pension Scheme and there are big changes afoot in the way the Council invest their pension funds to ensure that our employees' pensions are properly invested and protected.

I will continue to look after my residents' interests and represent their views to the Council.

Vanessa Churchman  
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