

Councillor Gary Taylor – Ryde South Ward

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I continue to work with Ryde residents on a number of issues, including anti-social behaviour, which has been identified as a continued concern by the Local Police Action Group. It is pleasing to report that Isle of Wight Community services have placed a CCTV camera in Cross Street, funded by the County Council and other agencies. This is a good example of partnership working and I hope the camera will prove a deterrent for the mindless few who spoil the peace of the majority. I have also been helping residents with issues of fly-tipping and rubbish accumulation in Sandcroft Avenue and other parts of the ward, and would ask any resident who needs help with this or any other issue to get in touch by using the contact details on this website. There have been a small number of queries about the new refuse collection arrangements with regard to access to the pavement for those residents with disabilities which I have managed to help alleviate.

Southern Housing Group has also been helping to mitigate a loss of privacy that the erection of some of their new flats at Oakvale has caused existing residents and I am grateful for their help with this. Speeding has caused concern for some residents in the ward and I am working with highways and the police to address this issue.

Recently, I became the local authority governor at the new Ryde Academy and chair the Academy's achievements and standards committee, and also chair an education committee for the Island's looked after children at County Hall. It is very rewarding to be of some help to the Island's young people, and I am looking forward to developing these roles in the coming year.

Gary Taylor  
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