

Councillor Patrick Joyce – Brading, St Helens and Bembridge

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Over the past year along with trying to assist residents with various issues I have also been discussing positive ways forward for our Island and found that more direct thought from residents and organisations was needed. To this end a State of the Island debate was brought forward to help understand the concerns of people. From meetings and discussions within the community the Independent group of Isle of Wight councillors put forward a budget of alternative measures which included employment opportunities for the over 50's, investment into Island youth, new tourist information solutions , and much more. Unfortunately these proposals were rejected by the majority conservative group, but hopefully some of the ideas will be able to be brought into effect in due course. Last year similar proposals to develop a community bus service were adopted to good effect in parts of the Island.

Throughout my term I continue to address ward issues and concerns. My efforts over the last year have been to support the Town and Parish councils, listen to individuals concerns and get answers to all their questions.

Over the coming year I will continue to listen to and support my constituents and concentrate on next year's council elections.

Patrick Joyce
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