

Councillor Wayne Whittle – Ryde North East Ward

Annual Report 2012

Over the past 12 months I have supported Ryde North East residents on a wide range of local concerns.

I have worked with residents to secure a modification to the pumping station outfall pipe to stop the area surrounding Simeon Street Recreation Ground from flooding. A new outlet system has been constructed that should improve the clearance of flood water.

To improve safe travel to school, myself and residents pushed for zebra crossings to be installed at the top of Dover Street and in Westhill Road, which are now in place.

I am pleased to have played in role in supporting the transfer of the Waterside Pool, and thanks to all those involved in this project. I supported Ryde Town Council's a bid to the Economic Improvement Fund for improvements, which were agreed.

I have worked with residents on The Esplanade, the police and the licensing department to minimise the problems emanating from the Qube (The Balcony). The late-night licence was reduced by two hours and the facility is now for over 21s only. We continue to monitor it closely.

I am passionate about tourism, and am delighted to have joined the Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Advisory Board, which feeds into the new Destination Management Organisation responsible for promoting the Island.

For 18 months I have chaired the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, during which time we have "called-in" decisions and made a number of recommendations which led to policy improvements. I have now stepped down from this position.

As I have set out in a recent letter to residents, I have recently joined the Conservative Group to work as part of this main team of councillors. In doing so I am confident that I will be a more effective representative for Ryde North East and the town as a whole.

Wayne Whittle
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