

Isle of Wight Youth Council 2012/14

West Wight



Robert Selby

If elected, I will aim to:

- Improve the service of Southern Vectis and extend the half-fare to 21.
- Create and promote more arts and sports programmes for young people.
- Create an Island Student Union for more co-operation between Island Schools and Sixth Form colleges.
- Relax the drinking age.
- Lower the voting age to 16.

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Atalanta Hersey

My name is Atalanta. I'm currently in Year 12 at Brockenhurst College, just over the water, where I'm studying for my A Levels. I live in a tiny village called Locks Green, near Porchfield which is in between Shalfleet and Cowes, but is classed as being in the West Wight voting area. Oh, and most people call me Attie.

I love playing music and have been a member of the Saturday morning Music Centre for nearly ten years now. I'm working towards my Grade 8 oboe at the moment, and also play the saxophone and viola.

Studying Biology and Chemistry at Brockenhurst I'm passionate about giving Island students the best opportunity to learn about the Sciences and a chance to really enjoy it at the same time, so I'd like to see more links established between our schools and universities in the south to help meet those goals.

Living in such a remote part of the Island as Porchfield I know only too well how much young people rely on the bus service to get around so I'm really keen to do everything I can to improve the service which Southern Vectis currently provides.

I believe that the Island students need every chance to compete with the rest of the country when it comes to applying for further education. It would be great if more careers fairs could be organised to assist young people with their choices. Also, the services for young people are under a great deal of threat, from youth clubs to careers advice. I will strongly defend the services that matter to us all.

The Island may be small but, despite what others may say, you really can't walk everywhere. As most of us can't yet drive, and fewer still will be able to afford to, the young people on the Isle of Wight really do depend on the bus service to live our lives, whether that be getting to school on a weekday or seeing our friends at the weekends. I for one know how isolating it is to live in a rural area without regular transport links. I would campaign for the improvement of bus services across the Island. Also, I would like to develop relationships with ferry companies, to see if other discounted promotions for young people could be possible.

One of my main concerns, is the future of music services on the Island. I have already spoken in full council in defence of music tuition and the Isle of Wight Music Centre. I will fiercely continue to protect the music service for the current and future generations to come.

I've dedicated my time and energy to young people across the West Wight for the past three years because I strongly believe that young people should have a say in the matters that affect them and I will continue to make time to listen to any one of you who has something to say.

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Chris Case

I have lived in the west wight my whole life, I attended Brighstone Primary School until 2007, when I joined Christ the King College and have attended there since. I received my scouts gold award last year and am currently working on my Duke of Edinburgh award. I have represented my form class at school as part of the school council for two years now, and I have also been part of a business course for the charity 'Faith and Football', in which I was committed and we successfully made a product and sold it. I have also travelled to Malawi to help our charity called Malawi dream.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Youth gatherings such as Scouts, Guides and youth groups
2. Access to good facilities of all age groups
3. Access to footpaths and cycle ways

What would I want to achieve:

I want to achieve communication between the youth and the council, I want to work on behalf of the youth to support the community

Why vote for me:

I am a good listener and I believe that I can get the voice of the youth island to?