

Councillor Gary Taylor – Ryde South Ward

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I very pleased to be elected by the people of Ryde South at the by-election which took place in May of last year. Since then, I have been involved a number of 'quality of life' issues such as the effect of anti-social behaviour, environmental issues and planning and highways questions. On the latter, it was satisfying to see Park Road improved following the concerns of residents, and St John's Hill will also be prioritised this May. There have been a number of cases of fly tipping in the ward, and it has been rewarding to help those affected by this problem. Anti-social behaviour is of concern to many residents, and it is pleasing to report that Oakfield has seen a sharp reduction in the reported instances of this, following the extra patrols and careful work of the Ryde safer neighbourhoods team

Last August, I carried out a survey to see if local residents would support the closure of the new cut-through between Meaders Road and the Oakvale estate, following an increase of anti-social behaviour in the area. The result of the survey showed that there was a clear division of opinion in the community about the cut-through, so, as a result, there was no clear planning argument to close the path. However, the road's lighting has been improved, and the CCTV operated by Southern Housing has been enhanced to help act as a deterrent.

In April it was good to see Southern Vectis restore a regular service to Oakfield and it is very satisfying to see people being able to catch a bus from the High Street once again.

During the last year, I have also been appointed to the Children and Young People's scrutiny committee and the main scrutiny committee.

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