

Manifesto of Benson Hardy

I am standing as a candidate for:

- 1) Youth Council / Rural Towns, Ryde Town and Ryde Academy
- 2) Youth MP / Isle Of Wight



Introducing myself

My name is Benson Hardy. I am currently 13 years old and I attend Ryde Academy. I live in Wootton and I love the fact that it's a relatively small village.

Ryde Town is very important to me, although I don't live there. The discussions made for Ryde can also affect Wootton. My grandparents live in Chale which is a rural village. They are also the organisers of the Chale show. I spend a lot of time with my grandparents and I love the sense of community in a village of its size. Due to this I am passionate about preserving the beauty and heritage of the Isle of Wight's villages and increasing opportunities for young people.

This is why I have chosen to stand as a candidate for this category.

Since I started at Ryde Academy I have been given many opportunities and awards. I think that my best achievement is being given the High Sheriff's award. I am also proud of the time I was asked to go see Countess of Wessex at a local charity called Aspire. I want Students to receive the same standard of education too.

What is important to young people on the Island?

What are the three main things you think are important to young people in your area.

1. To make sure every child on the Isle of Wight is given the best possible education.
2. That the young people on the Isle of Wight are told about the rich heritage of the Island by preserving the villages and towns around us.
3. To feel assured that their opinions are being listened to and acted in when possible.

What would I want to achieve?

I want to make sure that my peers feel comfortable sharing their views and speaking up. This is important, vitally important in fact throughout the whole of the Island.

I want to make sure that the younger generation feel compelled to celebrate just how remarkable the Island is.

Why vote for me?

I have a passion and a want to voice the opinions of others because at the end of the day they are paramount to the development of the Island. It is extremely important to make sure that the children of the Island receive the best education possible that will support them and help them to achieve their dreams.

I am trustworthy and dedicated to my pitch and I am also great at working in a team.