



Shanklin Town Council

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Town Mayor's address

*Councillor Chris Quirk
Shanklin Town Mayor*

Following the recent local Government elections and the Town Council's

ATCM, I have been elected as the Mayor of Shanklin, taking over from Cllr Steve Knight following completion of his second term as Town Mayor. Just like all other aspects of life, the work of the Town Council has been dramatically impacted by Covid-19 the last two years, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Steve Knight for the way in which he carried out the role of Mayor over that difficult period.

As well as a new Mayor, the town also has a new Deputy Mayor, and at the Shanklin Town Council ATCM Sue Godden

was elected to this role. The town also has new Councillors, Patrick Barry in Shanklin North, Wendy Hilton-How, Robin Lansdell in Shanklin Central, and Stephen Parkes and Mike Hailston in Shanklin South. This election also saw the return of former Mayor and former Isle of Wight Council Chairman David Williams representing Shanklin Central.

High on the agenda of the Town Council as we come out of Covid-19 restrictions will be:

- Public toilet provision particularly on the seafront
- Upgrading public realm in terms of decorative lights and flower planting
- Renewal of the Jubilee Clock Tower and flagpole on the Esplanade

- Bin emptying and beach cleaning
- Addressing long term issues with Big Mead Pond
- Planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- Maintaining our Gold Quality beach award status

In the longer term we need to consider developing a Town Plan, desirable in its own right to shape the future regeneration of Shanklin, but important to help maintain the character of the town in the light of changes to the planning laws covering Permitted Development.

**Best Regards Chris.
Shanklin Town Mayor (2021)**