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**COUNCILLOR JOHN ASTON**

**WARD – AGGBOROUGH & SPENNELLS**

**Activities**

- Following the floods in Linnet Rise, I assisted all the residents that were flooded. To avoid future problems arranged for Highways to clear drains and sweep the roads to eliminate the build up of mud entering drains.
- Easter Park, Worcester Road, residents have complained that since the operation started it had devalued their houses, caused noise nuisance and they had experienced flying debris from the cladding off the roofs. I have negotiated with the residents and the developers to make sure the operation goes as smoothly as possible, and with all fairness progress has been made as the development is nearing completion.
- Cobham Wood – since taking this issue up at the Partnership and Communities Together (PACT) meeting several months ago with residents wanting to make the woodland more enjoyable, I have taken it on board with Councillor Clee to make this woodland reserve of young Oaks into a more attractive area. I have been looking for funding for this woodland, belonging to Community Housing, so as to make it a place of beauty and interest for the community. I have contributed half of my Community Leadership Fund to start this off, followed by a donation from Community Housing however we are still short of partners and it could take several years to accomplish a project of this magnitude.
- Drink Campaign – I have recently completed a campaign on ‘cheap booze’ highlighting the issue of cheap alcohol encouraging youngsters to drink excessively, adding to increased vandalism over the constituency of Aggborough and Spennells. Wonderful coverage has been received from the press and Government resources on the ever-growing problem.
- Successful Bus Stop Audit carried out by Councillor Clee and myself.
- The other half of my leadership fund was used having the Hoobrook War Memorial cleaned up. This was sent to Councillor Stokes, Chairman of the War Memorial Trust for the work to be carried out on my behalf.
- I have engaged with the Streetscene team on a regular basis in the Spennells and Aggborough area arranging for necessary work to be carried out to keep the area free and tidy of debris and rubbish.
- I have engaged with Severn Trent to have work carried out in Avocet Drive to alleviate the flooding problems.
- I am currently looking at helping the youth club with their finances, which I will donate some of my leadership fund and help with purchasing a cooker and any other facilities that they might need.

## **Council Activities**

Audit Committee– Chairman  
Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee  
Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Planning (Development Control) Committee  
Single Site Project Board (Kidderminster H.Q. and Depot)

## **Outside Bodies**

Heronswood School Governor

## **Achievements During the Year**

- Clearance of fly-tipping in woods at Aggborough after liaising with the Housing Association
- New road signs ordered for Chaffinch Drive and Jay Park Crescent.
- Hoo Road traffic calming – following residents' objections Highways are reconsidering the option put forward in order that a more feasible option can be found.
- Supported the multi-games area, which should be in place within the next few weeks.
- Damaged lawns due to chemical spraying have all been re-turfed.
- White lines have been incorporated in Fieldfare Court to caution traffic.
- Morrillon Court down to Captains Pool – all hedgerow maintenance completed and decayed foliage removed.
- Due to increased vandalism still negotiating with Police especially regarding arson attacks.

## **Members' Surgeries**

Held at 23 Fieldfare Court, Spennells, Kidderminster

## **Training and Development**

Chairmanship	31/05/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007
Code of Conduct	26/06/2007

## **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**95%**

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**COUNCILLOR JEFFREY BAKER**

**WARD - FRANCHE**

**Activities**

For the past 12 months I have been the Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council, representing the Council at a variety of events and functions. This appointment has been very busy, and both my Consort (my wife Rita) and myself have spent time in locations all over Worcestershire. This does mean that the time for Council Committees and the time that can be given to these activities is restricted. My main focus to my Ward has been the improvements to the road structure, the roads in Franche were badly in need of attention and upgrading and this is now being done. I have spent many hours lobbying the County Council Highways Department to carry out much needed road repairs. I am a member of the Partnership and Community Together (PACT) Committee and have attended most of the bi-monthly meetings.

I am also a member of the Franche Tenants' Association Committee along with other Councillors from Franche and representatives of Council House Tenants, the Community Support Officers (CSO's) and Rangers. We also have a monthly walk around the Ward where problems can be seen at first hand, and then be dealt with accordingly. I have focused on keeping the ward clear of litter and dog fouling. This is a very difficult job, but our Streetscene team have done a great deal to keep the ward clean and tidy. In association with my colleague Councillor Anne Hingley, I have worked hard for extra facilities in White Wickets especially for the youth of the area. Plans are in hand and a multi-use games area is due to go onto the White Wickets site, this is badly needed and will be of great value to the youngsters in the Franche area.

**Council Activities**

Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee  
Audit Committee  
Newsyre – Member of Editorial Board

**Outside Bodies**

Town Centre Development Committee

**The Carpet Museum Trust** – This organisation is trying to set up a fully operational carpet museum on the Morrisons site in Green Street, Kidderminster. Representatives of various Carpet Committees past and present attend meetings held at the Carpet Foundation Offices in New Road. The Carpet Museum Trust is trying to make up a complete history of the Carpet Industry, and artefacts and samples are being collected and logged ready for inclusion in the new carpet warehouse. The Trust has forwarded a detailed and very comprehensive lottery grant request which will be required to carry out this major project.

**Kidderminster Educational Trust** – This body is made up of Councillors one from each party and handles requests from groups who have some association with education. Schools, religious groups, community groups and sports associations have in the past made applications. Organisations can only apply for a grant after 3 years from a previous application.

**Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership** – This group consists of Mr Peter Picken as Chairman, Steve Singleton from the Council, shop and business owners and representatives of various organisations ??? the Police, Disability Wyre Forest, and Wyre Forest Councillors and County Councillors. The main success this year has been the appointment of the Town Centre Development Officer to co-ordinate and devise new business applications in an attempt to kick start the regeneration of the Kidderminster Town Centre.

### **Achievements During the Year**

Following persistent lobbying of the County Highways Department my main achievement during the past year has been enabling the resurfacing of many roads in the Franche Ward

Work on the roads started towards the end of 2007 and has carried on into 2008, much to the delight of the citizens of Franche Ward. The work is on-going and there is still much to do.

To be elected as Chairman of the Council was a major achievement, and I am proud to have been involved in such an eventful year. The highlight for me was being in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 for the inauguration of the new Bishop of Worcester, John Inge, this was an impressive ceremony which I was privileged to attend.

Together with my Consort Rita, I met the Duke of Gloucester at the Severn Valley Station at Bewdley and rode with him and other dignitaries along the Severn Valley Railway to Kidderminster. We were both delighted to be asked to ride on the first train on the line following the completion of the work after the disastrous floods, this too was a day to remember.

To take part in the carnivals of Bewdley, Stourport and Kidderminster was a great delight, also to be part of the switching on of the Christmas lights in all three towns was a privilege and a joy. This has been for me a memorable year which I will long remember. I have met many wonderful people and been to some memorable events, I hope I have represented the Wyre Forest as well as my distinguished past Chairman.

### **Members' Surgeries**

4 Member Surgeries have been held during the year.

### **Training and Development**

Groupwise	20/02/2007
Chairing Skills	28/03/2007
Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007
Public Speaking and Presentation Skills	04/07/2007
Personal Effectiveness	17/07/2007

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**100%**

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**COUNCILLOR GRAHAM BALLINGER**

**WARD - GREENHILL**

**Activities**

Through regular monthly newsletters (Focus) circulated all across Greenhill Ward, I keep in touch with the electorate as part of a Liberal Team of three District and two County Members. Issues which continue to affect the public in the past year are street cleanliness, (very poor state of roads/pavement surfaces in the ward); anti-social behaviour where lack of Police presence on the street is significant, refuse collection/recycling and planning matters. These subject areas represent most of the matters referred to me by the public during the 2007/2008 Council year.

I make every effort to be responsive and helpful at all times to the public who are, after all, fully responsible for electing us to Office (and keeping us there). My home telephone number and address is readily available and is regularly used by the public and increasingly contact through my email address.

As a new Governor at Kings Charles I School, I am still interested in the consequences of the Wyre Forest Schools Review. The disposal of the Lea Street school site is also causing anxiety locally.

I have attended meetings in Greenhill as part of the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) initiative which, after a slow and confusing start, are now making a significant impact on the community.

**Council Activities**

Corporate Service & Performance Scrutiny Committee (Chairman)  
Audit Committee  
Budget Review Group (Chairman)  
No Barriers Review Panel  
Newsyre Review Panel

**Outside Bodies**

District Council Leisure Board Member representing Wyre Forest District Council on the Management Board for the 3 District Leisure Centres.

Regular attendee at Greenhill Tenant Consultative Committees and occasionally at Offmore/Comberton Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) and Aggborough/Spennells Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC). I attend meeting of the Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership. (School Governor King Charles 1).

**Achievements During the Year**

I consider the on-going relationship that I have built up over many years as a District Councillor (first elected to Wyre Forest District Council in 1979), together with my experienced Ward

colleagues, have enabled our team to have yet another very successful year. I was also elected to Worcestershire County Council in April 2007 following the sad death of my colleague Mike Oborski for the St Chads Division which included much of my Greenhill District Ward. Improvements in street cleaning, more links achieved through PACT meetings on law and order are some of the significant improvements. Feedback from local residents through our response sheets has focussed our directions. Frustrations still focus on a County related issue, that is road and pavement conditions, but perhaps the extra money available from Worcestershire County Council in 2008/2009 will alleviate some of the problems.

### **Members' Surgeries**

A high percentage of elderly people in the Ward means that evening surgeries are not popular and I visit people in their homes at their request and spend much time talking to residents during the regular distribution of our newsletters.

### **Training and Development**

Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

94%



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**COUNCILLOR JOHN PAUL CAMPION**

**WARD – SUTTON PARK**

**Activities**

As the Leader of the Council's minority Administration I have extra responsibilities in addition to those of a Ward Councillor.

**Administration** – I have been proud to be the Leader of the Council during this year and as such I believe I have continued to build a consensus within the Council in terms of the major issues whilst at the same time still progressing with the Council's daily business.

As Leader I have had an interest in a wide range of issues affecting the Council and the wider district and as such I have met regularly with the Chief Executive and all members of the Corporate Management Team to discuss issues pertaining to the district. As Leader, as well as receiving regular briefings, I also hope that I have given strategic direction to the Council in relation to its activities and projects. As the Leader of a minority Administration I fully understand the need for a consensus based approach and as such, I have wherever possible, tried to co-ordinate all Members' views enabling Council to come to balanced decisions.

As part of my role I regularly attended the Council's Audit, Scrutiny and Policy Panels, and regulatory committees. I would hope that my involvement and counsel has been positive throughout the work of these important committees.

I have worked with all Members of the Council in attempting to progress some of the Council's important projects whilst at the same time continuing to streamline the Council's back office machine to achieve better value for money for the local taxpayer. We have made some progress on most of the Council's priority areas but there is always much more to do.

**Ward** – I continue to be an active Ward Councillor dealing regularly with casework and issues raised by residents on a broad range of issues from litter, parking, anti-social behaviour, potholes, street lighting, leisure facilities, Council Tax enquiries, refuse collection, to name but a few. I have worked closely with my two ward colleagues to address issues and to represent residents' views on important matters.

I have held regular ward surgeries throughout the year as well as communicating with my residents through a regular newsletter. I have made myself available to residents advertising my home telephone number and email address to allow residents to contact me on issues that concern them. I have canvassed a large portion of my ward with my colleagues seeking residents' views on issues and problems.

**Council Activities**

Cabinet – Leader: inc. Finance  
Miscellaneous Functions Committee  
Licensing & Environmental Committee

### **Outside Bodies**

Local Government Association  
Worcestershire Hub Board  
Worcestershire Assembly  
Worcestershire Partnership LSP  
Wyre Forest Matters LSP  
Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership

### **Achievements During the Year**

**Administration** – One of my main achievements this municipal year from my involvement within the Administration is the approval by the Council of a balanced medium term financial strategy. I worked with all Members of the Council to attempt to reach a consensus budget which brought growth to the district and was affordable to the taxpayer.

During the last year the Council and the administration have seen improvements made in terms of economic regeneration across the district and I believe, have continued to make progress in important regeneration projects such as KTC3, British Sugar, Stourport Basins to name but a few. The year has also seen the conception of a new Corporate plan, drawing together members views into a new Strategic Plan for the Council.

**Ward** – My ward colleagues and I have been involved in a number of ward issues where we have been able to take action on behalf of residents to resolve a problem that vexes them. One such problem related to on-street parking restrictions near residents' homes that were no longer appropriate and as such my colleagues and I have been able to liaise with the County Council to see those restrictions relaxed and allow residents to park near their homes.

Another achievement my colleagues and I have had this year relate to facilities available in Brinton Park for children and young people. My colleagues and I have been able to use our locally determined funding to provide some new goalposts within Brinton Park so that football can be played in a constructive manner and helps to keep children and young people away from mischief and upsetting residents. This type of small localised project costs very little but gives immediate benefit to the Community.

### **Members' Surgeries**

I, together with my ward colleagues, Tracey Onslow and Marcus Hart have held 2 ward surgeries in the last municipal year on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007 and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### **Training and Development**

Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
Recruitment and Selection	05/07/2007
Employer Development Reviewer	14/12/2007

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

81%

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**COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CLEE**

**WARD – BEWDLEY & ARLEY**

**Activities**

I stepped down after 6 years as Leader of the Conservative Group and Leader of the Council between 2004-07 in May 2007. I remained a Cabinet Member working with the Planning, Economic and Regeneration brief. During the year we have had a very active directorate with the highlights being the signing of Debenhams moving into Weavers Warf and Tescos opening a large store in Stourport on Severn.

Economic Development continues to play a major part in Wyre Forest District with Easter Park Development at Hoobrook, Finepoint on Stourport Road and the redevelopment of Stourport on Severn on the former Carpets of Worths site.

Ward activity is daily/weekly with letters and emails resulting from leafleting. I leaflet every door in my ward every 8 weeks keeping my residents updated on local issues.

In the last 12 months I have sent over 700 individual letters and over 10,000 emails.

I represent the Council at Regional and Central level. I sit on the National District Leaders' Sounding Board and have been able to advise senior Politicians and Civil Servants of the effect of Government Policies towards District Councils.

**Council Activities**

Council  
Cabinet Member

**Outside Bodies**

- Bewdley Museum Management Committee - Chairman
- Bewdley Development Trust - Director

Membership of Organisations

Kidderminster Educational Foundation  
Destination Worcestershire Board Member  
LGA District Leaders Sounding Board London – Director  
Wyre Forest Highways Partnership Unit  
Worcestershire Investment Monitoring Panel (Pensions)

Other Public Bodies

Worcestershire County Council  
Bewdley Town Council  
Trustee Chaddesley Corbett Education Foundation  
Member of Hereford & Worcester Combined Fire Authority  
Worcestershire Hub Project Board  
PACT for Bewdley and Spennells

Kidderminster Town Centre Management Committee

Companies, industrial and provident societies and charitable bodies

Director of Bewdley Development Trust

Director of MNA Broadcasting Ltd (Shrewsbury & Telford radio Stations) THE WYRE

Bodies whose main purpose is to influence public opinion or policy

Wyre Forest Conservative Association

Bewdley Civic Society

Member of the Conservative & Unionist Party

Member of the Conservative Councillors Association (London)

### **Achievements During the Year**

- Chairman of the Bewdley Museum and receiving £500,000 Heritage Lottery Grant
- Board Member on local radio "The Wyre"
- Founder Member of Destination Worcestershire promoting Wyre Forest and the County at National level.
- Closer working arrangements with our neighbouring councils.

### **Members' Surgeries**

- Ward Surgeries held every Saturday 9.00 – 10.00 am.
- Monthly distribution of Activity sheets inviting comments from constituents.
- Ward newsletters delivered all year round to every house.
- Led campaign to oppose a telecommunication mast in Bewdley.

### **Training and Development**

Code of Conduct	26/06/2007
IDEA Planning Leadership Academy Module	24 & 25/10/07

Recruitment & Selection Appointment of Head of Leisure Services

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**80%**

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**COUNCILLOR JILL FAIRBROTHER MILLIS**

**WARD – LICKHILL**

**Activities**

Constituency problems/queries.  
Community Action Newtown (CAN)  
Asha Wyre Forest Youth Outreach Support (YORS)

**Council Activities**

1. Planning

**Outside Bodies**

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) – brief report to follow.

**Achievements during the Year**

Work severely curtailed because of serious illness. Planned to maintain level of constituency work and limited project work.

**Training & Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Code of Conduct	26/06/2007

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**62%**

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**COUNCILLOR JENNY GREENER**

**WARD – BEWDLEY AND ARLEY**

**Activities**

Since my election in May 2007 my main focus has been getting to know the job, my ward and receiving training. I have attended several committees over the year and have become a trustee for the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

I attended a meeting in Worcester discussing the future of library and mobile library provision and have been on two tours of Wyre Forest looking at leisure facilities and regeneration proposals. I recently took part in an enjoyable evening event meeting young people in the Kidderminster district in a "Meet the Member" event.

**Council Activities**

I sit on the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, covering such topics as conservation area reviews, telecommunication mast operators, the future of the Lea Castle Centre, development of the West Midlands rail network and the Children and Young Peoples Plan, to name but a few.

The Licensing and Environmental Committee, whose remit includes licensing of Hackney Carriages and their drivers, gaming machines, and sex shops.

No Barriers Review Panel, helping to put together the first annual awards criteria, appointing the awards panel and being part of the team designing all the paperwork.

I am also a member of the Bewdley Museum Management Committee and the main achievement this year, (although I only joined after all the hard work had been done) was hearing that the Museum has been successful in their Lottery bid.

I became a Governor of Bewdley Primary school late last year.

**Achievements**

As a new Councillor I have been settling into the role, and learning a lot. My first success, was to organise a dog litterbin at the end of a local footpath. I have facilitated having hedges cut back, drains unblocked, parking issues, supporting the successful appeal against the installation of a mobile phone mast at a junction in Bewdley, visiting sites with planning queries and other local issues.

I have attended Town and Parish Council meetings as well as ceremonies and celebrations and enjoyed them all.

**Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Laptop Training	09/05/2007
Induction	10/05/2007
Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Planning	05/06/2007
Finance / Budget	05/06/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**80%**

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**Councillor P B Harrison**  
**Ward - Greenhill**

**Activities**

As a Ward councillor, my main activities have been aimed at providing a service to the residents of Greenhill Ward by keeping them informed about local issues and responding to their complaints and enquiries. Much of this work is based around the delivery of the Greenhill Ward Councillors' 'Focus' newsletter.

Ward councillors are invited by the Community Housing Group, the main social housing partner of the Council, to attend the meetings of the Tenant Consultative Committees which involve their wards, and I have attended meetings of the Greenhill Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC), and Aggborough and Spennells Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC).

West Mercia Police invite councillors to attend 'Partners and Communities Together' and I have attended meetings of the Greenhill Ward Partnership and Community Together (PACT).

- I am an LEA appointed member of, and have attended meetings of, the Offmore Primary School Governors.

**Council Activities**

Audit Committee  
Licensing and Environmental Committee  
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

**Outside Bodies**

- Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership

As a Wyre Forest District Councillor representing a Kidderminster ward, I am a member of the Charter Trustees of the Town of Kidderminster. I have attended meetings of this body, including robed public meetings in support of the Town Mayor, such as:

- Mayor Making
- Mayor's Sunday
- Remembrance Sunday
- The Mercian Regiment Freedom Parade.

Members' Surgeries

**Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Audit Training	20/06/2007



**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

95%

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**COUNCILLOR MARCUS HART**

**WARD - SUTTON PARK**

**Activities**

My main focus of work within the Sutton Park Ward during the last 12 months has been to continue to represent all of the Electors of Sutton Park.

I have carried out a considerable amount of case work on a variety of topics. I have engaged within the community by holding regular ward surgeries, which have been successful with residents raising issues from highways, litter, Council Tax and anti-social behaviour.

I have engaged in a number of community activities as I am the Assistant Group Scout Leader of 15<sup>th</sup> Kidderminster Habberley Scout Group.

I sit on the Governing Body of Sutton Park Primary School and the Governing Body of Baxter College.

I also attend the Friends of Brinton Park meetings whenever I can which is a community group set up by interested residents surrounding Brinton Park and they carry out projects within Brinton Park. This is supported by Wyre Forest District Council.

I have also attended residents' groups within the Ward, namely the Hillcrest Residents' Association and given them considerable support in local issues, in particular regarding highways and planning applications.

I have also attended the Wyre Forest Community Housing Tenants Consultative Committee Meetings within the Sutton Park and Range Park areas.

I have been active within the ward throughout the year responding to case work by way of e-mail, phone calls, letters and personal visits.

I have carried out a number of surveys consulting residents on issues within the last 12 months, in particular over whether the Park Street, Wood Street, Plimsoll Street, Peel Street, Park Lane, Castle Road, Woodfield Crescent area should have a Residents Parking Scheme.

I also sit on the Partnership and Community Together (PACT) Meeting Committee as the Ward District Council representative and have attended all of the meetings within the last 12 months.

I, together with my two ward colleagues, Councillor John Campion and Councillor Tracey Onslow have also delivered a regular newsletter to residents throughout the whole of Sutton Park, with my ward colleagues and we have done this 6 times throughout the year.

In the last year 747 letters have been written plus internal memos and emails to and from constituents have been sent.

## **Council Activities**

I am the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with the responsibility for Property and Operational Services, and as such I sit on the Cabinet Committee as the Deputy Chairman.

I also sit on the Planning Development Control Committee, Ethics and Standards Committee and Appointments and Appeals Committee.

## **Outside Bodies**

I sit on the Members Waste Forum at Worcestershire County Council and the Worcestershire Partnership Board.

## **Achievements During the Year**

It is difficult to pick one specific achievement or success throughout the last year.

I, together with my ward colleagues, have responded to a considerable number of people who have asked for assistance within the ward over a whole variety of issues.

I have assisted them in dealing with these issues, whether it be liaising with the Police, Departments within Wyre Forest District Council, Wyre Forest Community Housing, Occupational Therapist Department and Worcestershire County Council.

New goal posts being installed as part of our locally determined funding has been an achievement.

Trying to lobby the County Council to ensure that roads are re-surfaced and potholes are filled in.

Street name plates have been repaired, litter bins have been repaired or replaced, litter hot spots have been reported and cleansed accordingly. I have given assistance on planning applications and I have given advice on how the Planning Development Control process works.

## **Members' Surgeries**

I, together with my ward colleagues, Tracey Onslow and John Campion, have held 2 ward surgeries in the last municipal year on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

## **Training and Development**

Code of Conduct	29/05/07
Recruitment & Selection	05/07/07

## **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

92%

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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**COUNCILLOR Pauline Hayward**

**WARD Blakedown & Chaddesley**

**Activities**

Always being available to any constituent on matters that concern them, is my priority. Anything from wheelie-bin collection, to school places or pot-holes in the lane, the list is very variable and extensive.

I keep up to date with any planning applications and consult with officers if there is a problem.

Although community housing is no longer controlled by WFDC, I still get called upon to sort some tenant's problems.

I am a Parish Councillor at Blakedown and also on the Parish Plan sub committee. I attend Chaddesley Corbett Parish Councils monthly meeting, as an observer, and Broome Annual open meeting.

I am also a member of the Parochial Church Council.

I am Chairman of Churchill Forge Trust and help with open days to raise funds for its upkeep and preservation.

I am a member of Churchill Church Penne and Bennett Charity.

I am a member of the Blakedown and Hagley British Legion and help with their social events.

I have a good relationship with the Police and liaise with them as necessary.

**Council Activities**

Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Fixed Term Penalties for Litter Dropping Review Panel  
Licensing and Environment Committee

**Member's Surgeries**

I do not have these as I have lived in the area for 71 years and been a District Councillor for 26 years, so am well known and available to all constituents at all times.

**Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
Chairmanship	31/05/2007

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**100%**

## WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**COUNCILLOR Siri Hayward**

**WARD Offmore & Comberton**

#### **Activities**

My council colleagues and I, who are part of the local Ward Team, have continued to keep our electorate informed of local news and events by the distribution of Focus newsletters to every household throughout the year.

We have continued to attend the Offmore & Comberton Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings where we work alongside the Ward Police Officers, meeting members of the community who are encouraged to prioritise local problems so that we can develop strategies to address them.

I am a member of the Offmore Comberton Action Group (OCAG) which has continued to secure improvements to the garden behind St. Chad's Church and also Borrington Road Park. I have used my Community Leadership Fund money to help pay for a path which will link the car park to the play area. We continue to liaise with local young people in an attempt to develop projects to reduce anti-social behaviour and we are planning to hold a Fun Day in July.

I attend the Tenant's Consultative Committee meetings for Comberton and Offmore when work allows.

I am a Governor of Offmore Primary and Comberton Primary Schools which were formed as a result of the Wyre Forest Schools Review.

#### **Council Activities**

Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee  
Budget Review Panel.  
Ethics and Standards Committee  
Miscellaneous Functions Committee

#### **Outside Bodies**

Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership  
Tenant Consultative Committees for the Offmore and Comberton Estates.

#### **Achievements During the Year**

I took part in the Corporate Plan Review Workshop which was a fascinating and creative process which was developed further in the Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee and I recently became a member of the Budget Review Panel.

I am delighted that the Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership has recently successfully appointed a Town Centre Manager. One of her priorities will be to minimise the number of

empty units we have in the town centre and to liaise with shop managers to co-ordinate late night shopping and special events.

I am also thrilled that the regular street markets are a great success, attracting many people into the town centre and that Debenhams are coming to Weaver's Wharf and Marks & Spencers are expanding.

We have to do some unexpected things as councillors. Last year we distributed low energy light bulbs and water hogs as part of our campaign to become more eco-aware. This year, I had to audit all the bus stops in my ward.

### **Members' Surgeries**

We have discontinued our official ward surgeries as our home addresses and telephone numbers are publicised locally so the electorate have ample opportunity to contact us should the need arise.

### **Training and Development**

Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Code of Conduct	29/05/2007

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**95%**

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**COUNCILLOR MALCOLM HAZLEWOOD**

**WARD - Wolverley**

**Activities**

I am a member of the Patients Participation Group (PPG) for Wolverley surgery which has meetings bi monthly.

I attend as an observer and adviser for the tenants committee for Wolverley estate, meeting generally on a monthly basis. I still am actively involved with the "Drakelow preservation Trust".

I am a member of Wolverley Memorial Hall committee meeting on a monthly basis.

**Council Activities**

Planning Enforcement - Chairman

Audit

Communities and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Local Development Framework Review Panel

**Outside Bodies**

Kinver Edge Society

**Achievements During the Year**

With the support of the residents of the ward I represent, we managed to retrieve a situation whereby our bus service which was due to be reduced to two services a week was improved to six services a week. In conjunction with the County & Parish councillor and Wyre Forest officers, we feel we will be able to access funding for improved activity facilities for the young people of the area. (this is still ongoing).

**Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
Chairmanship	31/05/2007

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**100%**

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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**COUNCILLOR ANNE HINGLEY**

**WARD - Franche**

**Activities**

Residents of Franche Ward re-elected me in May 2007 to represent them on Wyre Forest District Council for a further term of office. I appreciate and thank them for their vote of confidence in me.

Through Partnership and Community Together (PACT) meetings worked with Community Police Officers and other Agencies on issues brought to Councillors attention at these bi-monthly meetings in Franche Community School, Chestnut Grove.

I have initiated Community Safety Meetings between Councillors and Council and Community Officers in dealing with vandalism affecting in particular White Wickets Sports Area and Youth Shelter.

Secured new fencing around The Bowling Green, and Contractors have now been appointed to put in place the Multi Use Games Area.

I have attended Tenant and Consultative meetings and walkabouts with Wyre Forest Community Housing Officers and tenants.

Following four years of communication with Worcestershire Highways regarding the condition of road surfaces in Franche, the re-surfacing of roads in Marlpool and Ferndale areas has commenced, however there is still more to do in the next financial year.

**Trustee of ASHA Wyre Forest** – a charity who gives hope in developing the skills of women who are disadvantaged socially and economically and which helps them to find confidence and ability through courses to participate fully in community life.

**Trustee of Wyre Forest Nightstop and Mediation** – established in 2004 to provide emergency accommodation for young homeless people between 16 and 25.

With my fellow councillors, I conducted a Bus Stop Audit for Worcestershire County Council in October 2007.

**Council Activities**

Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Rural Affairs  
Licensing and Environment

**Outside Bodies**

Claire Witnell and Blount Trustee's

Worcestershire Partnership Environment Theme Group



Governor of Dudley Hospitals' Foundation

**Holocaust Representative** – Attended the Memorial Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Regional Housing Partnership

### **Achievements During the Year**

Please refer to Activities which incorporate my achievements this year.

### **Members' Surgeries**

I have continued an open communication line and been available to take up any public issues that residents have alerted me to either privately, through Ward Surgeries or our Freepost Line details available in our regular "Franche Matters" newsletters.

### **Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Housing / Licensing	14/06/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007
Code of Conduct	26/06/2007
Speed Reading	09/07/2007
Learning to Deliver (at Wychavon by LGA for elected Members)	10/09/2007
Affordable Warmth Referral Training	29/01/2008

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**90%**

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**COUNCILLOR JOHN HOLDEN**

**WARD – MITTON**

**Activities**

Throughout the year newsletters have been written and delivered in the ward. Projects carried out have been Residential Parking Scheme in Vernon Rd, also at Mitton Close (on going).

Traffic Calming in Stagborough Way is being looked at with Speed Tubes being installed in the first instance. I have been able to facilitate the erection of an extra 3 lighting columns in Raven St.

Working close with Council Officials the ward is kept free of litter by responding to constituents who let me know if they have a problem, and the same applies with Anti Social Behaviour.

**Council Activities**

As a Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services I am involved with senior council officials in the day to day running of the council. This means I sit in on Scrutiny meetings and attend the Audit Committee.

I am a Governor at St Wulstans RC Primary and also at Hartlebury C of E Primary Schools and a Trustee at the Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> Foundation

**Training and Development**

None

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**87%**

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**COUNCILLOR DAVID MILLIS**

**WARD - MITTON**

**Activities**

My main activities have been focused around constituent's queries, worries and concerns and trying to help and advise where possible.

I am a governor of two local primary schools, Stourport Primary School which is in Mitton Ward and Burlish Primary School in Lickhill Ward.

I am a Committee Member of Stourport Civic Society and the Secretary of The Friends of Bishop's Wood which is a charity which aims to promote the valuable work carried out by the Centre.

I attend meetings of Stourport Pride and Stourport Forward.

I am a Member of the Mitton/Lickhill Partnership and Communities Together (PACT).

A Member of Stourport Town Council.

**Council Activities**

Member of the following committees:

Audit Committee

Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership Review Panel

Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel

Ice Rink Review Panel

Cemetery Review Panel

Bewdley Development Trust Review Panel

Fixed Term Penalties for Litter Dropping Review Panel

I have attended various visits around Wyre Forest for members with Officers in attendance regarding sites for Regeneration, Leisure and Safety.

Attended meetings of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership and the Stourport-on-Severn Alcohol Restriction Zone Working Group.

**Achievement during the Year**

Apart from answering the many and varied queries during the year, the main achievement was assisting in setting up a Residents Association in the Mill Fields area of Stourport.

The now thriving association is called the 'Mitton Park Residents Association'.

## **Training & Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Laptop Training	09/05/2007
Induction	10/05/2007
Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Chairmanship	31/05/2007
Planning	05/06/2007
Finance/Budget	05/06/2007
Housing/Licensing	14/06/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007
Speed Reading	09/07/2007
Personal Effectiveness	17/07/2007

## **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**93%**

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**COUNCILLOR CHRIS NICHOLLS**

**WARD – COOKLEY**

**Activities**

- Regular communications with the community via newsletter and surgeries.
- Chairman of Governors at Cookley Primary School.
- Chairman of Wolverley and Cookley Partnership and Communities Together (PACT).
- Member of Cookley Surgery's Patient Participation Group.
- Organiser of Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.
- Trustee of the Sebright Educational Foundation.
- A trustee of Wolverley Charities.
- Member of Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council.
- Regular attendance at Cookley Tenants Consultative Committee.

**Council Activities**

Planning (Development Control) Committee  
Planning (Enforcement) Committee  
Audit Committee

**Outside Bodies**

Kinver Edge Committee – National Trust

**Achievements During the Year**

- Continuing to promote the interests of our village community e.g. maintaining the Green Belt.
- Monitoring and implementation of the recently completed of the Parish Plan.
- As Chairman of Governors for Cookley Primary School, continuing assisting in its development.
- Playing an active role in the life of our village.

**Members' Surgeries**

Regular surgeries at Cookley Sports and Social Club – first Saturday of the month. 12 – 1p.m.

**Training and Development**

None

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

89%

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
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**COUNCILLOR Fran Oborski**

**WARD Offmore & Comberton**

**Activities**

I have kept in touch with my electorate via FOCUS Newsletters and specific issue Street Leaflets as well as dealing with individual and Group Casework.

I used my Community Grant Fund to pay for electric roller shutter doors at the Scout hut on Byron Close which was being vandalised.

As a long standing local Councillor I attended the party to celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the Offmore Community Centre as a Centre for Adults with Learning Difficulties and unveiled a commemorative picture.

As a personal Trustee of Kidderminster and District Youth trust I have attended most Trust meetings.

I continue to serve as a Governor of King Charles 1 High School, Offmore Primary School and Comberton Primary and Stourminster Special Schools. I am Chair of Governors at Stourminster.

I have attended, with colleagues, public meetings organised by residents concerned with specific Planning issues.

As Group Leader I have attended all liaison meetings with the local Police Chief Inspector.

**Council Activities**

Chair of Community and Regeneration Committee.

Chair of LDF Review Panel,

Chair of Kidderminster Educational Foundation Grant Panel,

Member of development Control and Enforcement Committee.

As a Committee Chairman, I attend all Cabinet Meetings.

Took part in Review of LSP re Horsefair Broadwaters Greenhill.

Member of the Single Site Project Board.

**Outside Bodies**

- The Community Housing Group, serve on parent board and Boards of Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing and Wyre Forest Community Housing (which I Chair). Opened the new development on the Comberton Arms site.
- Member of Kidd Carpet Museum Trust but withdrew from meetings whilst the planning permission was being dealt with.
- Have attended all Partnership and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings in the Ward and also attend Offmore Comberton Action Group (OCAG) where I am on the sub group planning a Carnival this July (the Borrington Bash)

### **Achievements During the Year**

Encouraging community participation in local events and in particular in the continued upgrading of Borrington Park.

### **Members' Surgeries**

I hold a drop in surgery for the local Polish Community every Sunday at the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Club otherwise I deal with casework on a one to one basis.

### **Training and Development**

Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007
Member Development Reviewer	31/07/2007
Overview & Scrutiny Seminar	04/10/2007

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**97%**

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**COUNCILLOR : Tracey Onslow**

**WARD : Sutton Park**

**Activities**

Elected to Wyre Forest District Council in May 2007.  
Completed Council Training Programme.

Maintained Good Resident Contact By Delivering in Excess of 21,000 Newsletters & Canvassing

Main Case Work Issues :

Carried Out Surveys In Park St/Wood St Areas regarding Residents Parking Scheme.  
Campaigning for Improvements to Sutton Park Road / Bewdley Hill Junction.  
Campaigning for Improvements to Junction of Bewdley Hill / Sutton Road  
Carried Out Whole Ward Bus Stop Survey  
Campaigning for Road Resurfacing  
Campaigned Against School Access from Hazelwood Close  
Have Dealt With Approx 30 Smaller Case Work Issues and  
Am Currently Dealing With Approx 25 Smaller Case Work Issues

Became a Governor of Sutton Park School

Attended Governors' Meetings  
Attended PACT Meetings  
Attended Hillcrest Residents Meetings

**Council Activities**

Chairman of Miscellaneous Functions Committee  
Member of Corporate Service & Performance Scrutiny Committee  
Member of Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Chairman of Cemetery Review Panel  
Chairman of Fixed Term Penalties for Litter Dropping Review Panel

**Achievements During the Year**

Improvements Made To Bewdley Hill / Sutton Road Junction

Hazelwood School Access declined

Fixed Street Lighting in Sutton Park Road

Approval of Community Leadership Funding for Goalposts & Lighting in Brinton Park

Commencement of Road Resurfacing has been carried out in Birchfield Road and Oakfield Road.



## **Members' Surgeries**

3 Ward Surgeries Held To Date – September, November & February

## **Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Laptop Training	09/05/2007
Induction	10/05/2007
Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Chairmanship	31/05/2007
Planning	05/06/2007
Finance / Budget	14/06/2007
Public Speaking & Presentation Skills	04/07/2007

## **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**97%**

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**COUNCILLOR MIKE PRICE**

**WARD – OFFMORE & COMBERTON**

**Activities**

I used my Community Grant Fund to help pay for a new path way on the Borrington Park. I have kept in touch with my electorate via FOCUS Newsletters as well as dealing with individual and Group Casework.

I have attended public meetings organised by residents concerned with specific Planning Issues. I serve as a Governor on St Georges Primary School (vice-chair) also on Comberton Primary School.

**Council Activities**

Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.  
Planning (Development Control) Committee  
Licensing and Environmental Committee  
Fixed Term Penalties for Litter Dropping Review Panel.

**Outside Bodies**

I have attended Offmore Comberton Action Group (OCAG) where I am also on a sub group planning an event to take place in July this year on Borrington Park. I have attended all Partnership and Communities Together (PACT) meetings for Offmore & Comberton, also Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) Meetings.

**Training & Development**

Laptop Training	09/05/2007
Induction	10/05/2007
Planning	05/06/2007
Finance / Budget	05/06/2007

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**91%**

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**COUNCILLOR DIXON SHEPPARD**

**WARD – LICKHILL**

**Activities**

During my second year as a Wyre Forest District Councillor, I have continued to deal with a number of queries, complaints and problems, ranging from over-grown trees, missing re-cycling bins, flooding of roads and problems with the establishment of a golf course at Burlish Top.

My attendance at the main council meetings has been 100%, and have asked numerous questions. I have also an excellent attendance record at both the Licensing and Environmental Committee (including Taxi Trade Liaison sub-committee), along with the Miscellaneous Functions Committee. I have tried to offer constructive comment as appropriate. I have continued to deputise for colleagues on other committees.

I was appointed to the Mitton/Lickhill Partnership and Communities Together (PACT) Committee and have assisted particularly the problems relating to Stourport Memorial Park, with under-age drinking and litter.

I also attended the meeting at Duke House when young people had the opportunity of meeting the Councillors and listening to the young people's views. As the Council's representative on the Stourport Social Day Centre Management Committee, I have been able to assist them with a number of problems, some of them council related.

I was present on two Council "tours" one dealing with Planning and the other with Environmental issues.

My voluntary role with the Severn Valley Railway has continued as a uniformed Travelling Ticket Inspector, and was quick off the mark to help in obtaining Wyre Forest District Council assistance for the devastating floods which hit the railway on 19<sup>th</sup> June. I have of late also been assisting them at the newly opened Engine House.

Along with my wife, Janice, I was delighted to have the opportunity of attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in July.

Health issues continue to be important to me. I have attended the Worcestershire Acute Hospital Board meetings, asking numerous questions mainly relating to Kidderminster Hospital, and keeping up the pressure for additional emergency services to be provided at Kidderminster. I also attended a County Health Scrutiny Committee as an observer, when local issues were being discussed.

**Achievements during the year**

Drawing attention to the empty shop and business premises in Stourport Town Centre, and obtaining action in getting many re-occupied and trading in the near future.

The state of the roads in Stourport has continued to deteriorate and at least there is now, following my intervention and action through Stourport Town Council, a firm commitment by the County Council to re-surface a large number of the worst roads in February/March 2009.

**Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Code of Conduct	29/05/2007

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**94%**

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
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**COUNCILLOR K J STOKES**

**WARD – BROADWATERS**

**Activities**

Housing T.C.C. (Tenant Consulting Committees), Lakes, Horsefair, Broadwaters.  
Chairman of Heritage Group HOG.  
Chairman of Kidderminster War Memorial Conservation Trust.  
Member of Community Spirit.  
Member of Friends of Broadwaters (on litter picking rota).  
Greenhill, Horsefair and Broadwaters Partnership on clean and safe action group (occasional Chairman).  
Chairman of St. Oswald's 1<sup>st</sup> School and also, after reorganisation, chairman of the board of St. Oswald's Primary School.  
Governor of Sion Hill Secondary School, until reorganisation.  
Member of Chartered Trustees.

**Main Activities**

To assist, motivate, liaison with council officers, obtain grants and in the case of Chairman, lead and professionally guide the committees.

**Council Activities**

Planning.  
Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee.  
Kidderminster Youth Trust.  
Kidderminster Educational Trust.  
Wyre Forest Newspaper (The Wyre).

**Outside Bodies**

**Kidderminster Youth Trust**

Scrutinising the allocation of Grants. Also inspecting the income of the Trust.

**Kidderminster Education Trust**

Scrutinising the allocation of Grants.

It was a pleasure to allocate a grant to the New Carpet Museum.

**Achievement during the Year**

Having cost £100,000, completing the renovation of the main Kidderminster War Memorial. Seeing the re-dedication of the Memorial by the Bishop of Dudley.  
Carrying through the clean transfer of the re-organised St. Oswald's 1<sup>st</sup> School to St Oswald's Primary School.  
Assisting in organising the visit of the Duke of Gloucester to Broadwaters Park.

Helping the Community Spirit with their project.  
To re-organise the land called Zig Zag.  
Helping the newly formed Youth Club's visit to Maidenhead.

### **Members' Surgeries**

I do not run surgeries. However, my direct contact with Ward members during my attending TCC's, Community Spirit, Friends of Broadwaters (who have 40 members attending their monthly meeting), gives me an intimate contact. According to the number of telephone calls I receive, most people know my telephone number.

### **Training & Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Code of Conduct	26/06/2007
Speed Reading	09/07/2007

### **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**88%**

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**COUNCILLOR -JOHN THOMAS**

**WARD - ARELEY KINGS**

**Activities**

During my first year as a Wyre Forest District Councillor I have dealt with several queries and problems from ward constituents. I have attended both the Audit and Planning (Enforcement) Committees as well as deputising for colleagues on other committees. Being a Stourport Town Councillor I have attended meeting and functions in that role as well.

**Council Activities**

Audit Committee  
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

**Outside Bodies**

Trustee Areley Kings Village Hall (Stourport Town Council)  
Trustee Church House Areley Kings (Stourport Town Council)

**Achievements During the Year**

My main achievement during the year has been getting to grips with how the Council operates and the function and personnel within.

After running my own business for 20 years working within the public sector has different demands and expectations. I have tried to put into practise what I learnt during those years.

**Members' Surgeries**

Working closely with my fellow Councillor Nigel Thomas in Areley Kings, local constituents have easy access to both of us and we help each other where necessary.

**Training and Development**

<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Course Date</b>
Laptop Training	09/05/2007
Induction	10/05/2007
Scrutiny	21/05/2007
Chairmanship	31/05/2007
Planning	05/06/2007
Housing/Licensing	14/06/2007
Audit Training	20/06/2007
Public Speaking & Presentation Skills	04/07/2007
Speed Reading	09/07/2007

I have also attended 4 workshops run by the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils (CLAC) for Town and Parish Councillors.

**Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**100%**



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**COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WILLIAMS**

**WARD – BLAKEDOWN AND CHADDESLEY**

**Activities**

- Member of the Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council - attended 12 occasions.
- Attended Blakedown Parish Council and Stone Parish Council meetings.
- Chairman of the Margaret Delabere Alms House Charity.
- Member of the Chaddesley Corbett Education Trustees.
- Member of the Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing Board and have attended their meetings along with their Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended a weekend training course for Community Housing
- Attended the Housing Conference at Harrogate.

I feel that I have spent my Community Fund allocation wisely in that I have funded the Housing Needs Survey postage and envelopes for Chaddesley Corbett and I have helped with the Village Hall replacement turret.

**Council Activities**

Planning (Development Control) – Chairman

Planning Enforcement – Vice-Chairman

Corporate Service and Performance

Represent Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council at Parish Forum meetings

Task and Finish Group looking into the under use of IT equipment by Members – Chairman

**Outside Bodies**

Wyre Forest Community Housing

Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing

Audit Committee

**Achievements During the Year**

I have concentrated on my duties as Chairmen of the Planning Committee and as a Member of the Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing Board.

I have continued to serve my constituents and others throughout the year.

**Members' Surgeries**

I prefer to meet members of the public whilst out and about in the village. My telephone number is readily available on the Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council website and in the Chaddesley Corbett Parish magazine.

## **Training and Development**

Appraisals & Board Development	18/05/2007 CHG
Compliance Statement	19/05/2007 CHG
Chairing Skills	29/05/2007 CHG
CIOH Conference	18 – 21/06/2007
Presentation on the latest Telecare Equipment	10/09/2007 CHG
Tour of Development Sites	30/10/2007 CHG
Review Housing and Support for Older People in Worcestershire	27/11/2007 CHG
Equality and Diversity Update	1/12/2007 CHG

## **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**97%**

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**COUNCILLOR G YARRANTON**  
**WARD ...Wribbenhall**

**Activities**

- Have now opened a drop-in centre at All Saints' Church working alongside Peter Williams. We have worked together to enable people to come in and discuss a variety of issues such as debt, County and District matters; a number of agencies are involved in order to assist residents in the area with their local concerns. This scheme has been supported by the District Council by using the Locally Determined Funding to assist with the administration. The majority of work is carried out by volunteers who are required to liaise with various outside bodies eg. Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Support Officers and the local Beat Officers and also supported by the District Cabinet Member for Property and Operational Services, Councillor Marcus Hart.
- I have been actively involved in dealing with the problem of fly tipping in Wribbenhall and Trimpley.
- I have liaised with the Tree Officer to facilitate the removal of dangerous trees in Station Road and Acacia Avenue.
- I have arranged for the hedgerow between Grey Green Lane and Shaw Hedge Road to be cut back as it was affecting the safe route to school for children attending Bewdley High School.
- As District Councillor I have supported the Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council and obtained a grant of £500 from National Power to clean the village pool and encourage wildlife and open up the wildlife corridor.

**Council Activities**

Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Planning (Development Control) Committee – Vice Chairman  
Corporate Services and Performance Scrutiny Committee  
Audit Committee  
Fixed Term Penalties for Litter Dropping  
Newsyre Review Panel  
Budget Review Panel

**Outside Bodies**

Sebright Foundation Trust  
Hugh Michelle Fund  
Old Bewdley Grammar School  
Wribbenhall First School – LEA Governor

## **Achievements During the Year**

Instrumental in achieving the following issues:

- Successfully negotiated two bus stops at Severn Bank Park
- Currently negotiating with the Royal Mail to supply and install a letter box on the same site.
- Have had additional bollards installed at Catchems End Fish Bar to encourage people to use the car park at the rear of the premises to prevent parking on the main road.
- Set up drop-in centre at All Saints' Church, Wribbenhall.
- Facilitated the removal of dangerous trees in Wribbenhall.
- Arranged for the vegetation in Grey Green Lane and Shaw Hedge Road to be cut back.
- Addressed flood issues in Wribbenhall and Trimpley by way of donating Locally Determined Funding to the Lengthsman Scheme.
- Facilitated the cleaning up of Wribbenhall by having extra litterbins installed and regular litter picks.

## **Members' Surgeries**

Attend drop-in centre which holds surgeries on a regular basis.

On a quarterly basis deliver leaflets including a pre-paid reply slip so that residents can inform me of their issues and concerns.

## **Training and Development**

Code of Conduct	29/05/2007
IT	Ongoing

## **Attendance Percentage for 2007/08**

**100%**