

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2008/09

COUNCILLOR M B Kelly

WARD : Habberley and BlakebrookIt is

Activities

(Set out here a brief description of your main activities this year - maximum 250 words.

What has been your main focus of work within the ward including any community activities or membership of any community bodies where not a Council appointee?)

I am the Group Leader for the Labour Group at Wyre Forest District Council.

The biggest concern of the people of Habberley and Blakebrook is the state of the roads within the ward. I have submitted repeated reports on their behalf to County regarding this.

I have been heavily involved in the planning of the new children's play area which has been provided in Truro Drive and have worked closely with the Habberley Tenants Consultative Committee and Wyre Forest community Housing. The play area is being constructed in phases. The third stage has now been completed. The work to fund and plan stage four is ongoing and good progress is being made.

I have issued 6 newsletters during the last year which gives my name and contact details. This keeps the electorate informed and helps them to contact me if they wish to.

I have dealt with many problems and complaints made to me by residents of the ward throughout the year. These vary considerably from planning and housing issues, the state of the roads, and some very complicated issues such as boundary problems and other complex issues.

Council Activities

(Identify what committees you sit on.)

Regeneration and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Treasury Management Review Panel
Ethics and Standards Committee
Council
Licensing and Environment Committee

Outside Bodies

(Provide details of those bodies to which the Council has appointed you.)

I am one of the Council's representatives on the Wyre Forest Community Housing organisation. This organisation has a whole committee structure of its own. I sit on a range of committees and play a full and active role.

I also sit as the Council's representative on:

Kidderminster and District Youth Trust
Kidderminster Education Foundation (Grants)
Habberley and Blakebrook P.A.C.T.
Habberley Tenants Consultative Committee

Achievements during the Year

(Set out here a description of your main achievements/successes this year - in your own words - maximum 250.)

Any achievements that can be credited to me are for others to judge. I firmly believe that if I can help any constituent or organisation then it is my duty to do so. I do not seek praise I just want to help and I feel that I am an effective hard working member of my community. I have helped many organisations within my community and many organisations within my community and many individuals.

Members' Surgeries

I do not hold surgeries as I find they do not work. I have tried them in the past and found I sat twiddling my thumbs as no one turned up. I find a more effective method is to actually knock on doors and to do walkabouts all over the ward at random talking and listening to people and picking up problems.

The newsletters I issue also give all residents the chance to contact me as my name address and telephone number is included on every leaflet.

Training and Development

I receive regular training from Wyre Forest particularly on licensing matters. I also receive intensive training from the Wyre Forest Community Housing

Courses attended:

Groupwise Training 29/1/07 and 20/02/07
Recruitment and Selection 01/03/07
Code of Conduct 29/05/07
Member Development Review 31/07/07

Attendance Percentage for 2007/08

Actual: overall attendance 87%