

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2008/09

COUNCILLOR: Mumshad Ahmed

WARD: Broadwaters

Activities

I was elected to Wyre Forest District Council in May 2008.

I sit on the Regeneration & Enterprise Scrutiny Panel, Audit Committee and Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.

The Conservative administration support economic development very actively and it continues to play a major part in Wyre Forest district e.g. the Easter Park Development at Hoobrook, Finepoint on Stourport Road and the redevelopment of Stourport-on-Severn on the former Carpets of Worths site planning to house a large Tesco's Store.

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. Over 21,000 leaflets have been delivered in 12 months.

Working with Friends of St Georges Park I have been successful in having a BMX Track installed and completed for 13-19 year olds.

I am campaigning for the Horsefair Toilet Block to be knocked down and rebuilt.

I campaigned for Street Scene to regularly clean Coventry Street & Blackwell Street Subways.

I have worked with Friends of St Georges to Litter Pick Sion Hill Estate on a keep Britain Clean weekend.

I donated £300 of my Locally Determined Funds towards swimming classes for local people and £200 towards Friends of St Georges Park to help set the group up.

In the last 12 months I have sent over 500 personal postcards to residents and dealt with over 4,000 emails in the last year. I have also knocked on every residents door in the past 12 months and carried out a full ward survey.

Council Activities

Regeneration & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee
Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

Outside Bodies

None

Achievements During the Year

- Campaigned for CCTV Camera in the Horsefair
- Roads resurfaced in Greenhill Avenue, Turton Street, Vine Street, James Road and Highfield Road.
- Campaigned and got Queen Street play area improved.
- Campaigned and got Springfield Park refurbished.

Members' Surgeries

- Ward Surgeries held every Saturday 9.00 – 10.00 am at 51 Hurcott Road.
- Monthly distribution of Activity sheets inviting comments from Constituents.
- Ward newsletters delivered all year round to every house.
- Led campaign to oppose a fast food takeaway on Sion Hill.

Training and Development

Laptop Training	08/05/2008
Code of Conduct	08/05/2008
Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Licensing	03/06/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
Audit	13/06/2008
Housing	18/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

76%

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COUNCILLOR: John Aston

WARD: Aggborough & Spennells

Activities

I have engaged with Streetscene on a regular basis to keep most of Spennells and Aggborough clean. Streetscene have done a splendid job and I applaud their work.

I liaise with the Police regarding the numerous acts of vandalism in my Ward.

I allocated my Leadership fund this year as follows:

1. £500 to Wyre Forest Dog Rescue
2. £250 to Prostate Cancer Support
3. £250 toward the new flagpoles at Kidderminster War Memorial

I was very proud when I attended the opening of Maureen Aston Court with Councillor Fran Oborksi. Maureen, my late wife, was honoured for her hard work and dedication for the Council as an officer, District Councillor and Cabinet Member.

I have had numerous potholes on the Spennells estate filled and arranged for extra dog bins.

I have also had trees and bushes around Hersonwood Primary School cut back.

Council Activities

Regeneration & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee - Chairman
Single Site Project Board
Worcestershire Highways Partnership Forum
Governor, Heronswood Primary School

Achievements During the Year

I campaigned to have more grit bins installed in Spennells and Aggborough due to the cold spell we experienced this year.

I helped to get funding for the update and cleaning of Cobham wood.

I helped obtain funding of £8,000 for the County Council to reinstall the bridle path 537 from Spennells to Worcester Road for the access of cyclists, dog walkers and people with prams.

I campaigned to try and clear up the area by Kidderminster library. I met with the Principal of the college to come up with suggestions on how to try and reduce the anti-social behaviour in the area.

I was instrumental in getting white lines installed in Fieldfare Court as traffic calming measures.

Morillon Court was very unsightly and I arranged for the Dutch elm trees to be cut down and the area cleaned up.

Easter Park has been an ongoing problem. I have had a sign lowered so that it is no longer visible from neighbouring properties.

Members' Surgeries

I hold surgeries at my home.

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

97%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Community Housing

Meeting Commitment:

Meetings attended:

Attended training sessions and at least 6 meetings and one conference.

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

There is an allowance paid as Director on the Board.

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COUNCILLOR: Jeffrey Baker

WARD: Franche Ward

Activities

I have carried out my normal casework i.e. pot hole reports, areas that need to be cleaned up, including parks and open areas, liaising with the police on parking issues, and all the general things that come up in the Ward on a day-to-day basis.

I am a member of the Franche Tenants Association along with my fellow Conservative Councillor Mrs Anne Hingley. The Tenants Association meet on a two monthly basis where we discuss with tenants' representatives, park rangers, Police and other bodies, anything that is relevant to the Ward in general.

I also take part in a walk around the ward every so often where I note any problems i.e. vandalism, broken fences or smashed windows, etc, these things are noted and the necessary repairs carried out. These walks cover only the Council estates.

I am a member of the Franche Partners and Communities Together (PACT) committee. Councillors and police meet with local residents to try and find solutions to general problems that they have to deal with. These meetings are quite lively.

Council Activities

Community Services Committee
Licensing and Environment Committee - Chairman
Kidderminster Educational Foundation Committee
Kidderminster Town Centre Management Committee
Alcohol & Substance Misuse Review Panel - Chairman
The Carpet Museum Trust

Achievements During the Year

During the past year, I have been Chairman of the Alcohol and Substance Misuse Review Panel. This has been the most in depth and far reaching scrutiny review that I have been on since I was elected to the Council in 2004. The Committee interviewed many representatives from a wide spectrum of both alcohol and drugs organisations including the police and a representative that advised the schools regarding the drug problems. Nearly all the recommendations made by the Committee were accepted by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.

I am pleased to have had a circular wall around a large tree repaired in my ward. Many of the bricks were broken and loose and they were being used as missiles by local youths. I paid for this out of my locally determined fund and I consider this amount of £600 to be money well spent.

I have been involved in the Talking Newspapers move to its new and permanent premises in the former St Barnabas School which is in my Ward. I made a cash donation to this very worthwhile cause and attended the opening ceremony on 14th March 2009.

I have also, in partnership with Councillor Anne Hingley, organised a petition against a phone mast that was planned for our Ward.

Members' Surgeries

I have had two surgeries during the year but I have carried out a number of home visits to listen to residents' views. I find these visits are more useful than surgeries where the attendance is usually very low.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
CAIRO	01/09/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

93%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Carpet Museum Trust

Meeting Commitment:

4 meetings during the past year

Meetings attended:

Attended 2.

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Wyre Forest District Council is a trustee.

First stage 1 pass – £1.6 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund.
£75,000 had to be found by the trust for matching funding for stage 2.
The Educational Foundation Committee gave £25,000 towards this.

Details of any significant decisions made

To create the Carpet Museum, to get artefacts and carpet samples, etc, from the start of the industry to the present day and put them on display.

Details of any matters in progress

The preparation work of Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Fund is in and we should know the results in September. It is hoped that the Carpet Museum will open in the Spring of 2009.

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

I have never claimed or received any expenses on my time on this committee.

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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 continues to be significant; refuse collection/recycling now appears to have settled although the recent suggestion of possible return to weekly collections will not now proceed, residents are likely to have concerns regarding this. Planning issues become relevant when local concerns are raised about various proposals. These subject areas represent most of the matters referred to me by the public during the 2008/2009 Council year.

I continue to make every effort to be responsive and helpful at all times to the public to whom at the end of day, I am accountable as their elected member. 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 Governor at Kings Charles I School, I remain interested in the consequences of the new build programme as part of the Wyre Forest Schools Review recommendations. The future use of the now vacated Lea Street school site continues to cause anxiety for local residents given that the Sladen School site proposals seemed to have not been resolved.

I attend meetings in Greenhill as part of the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) initiative which are now fully recognised within the community as a useful resource, albeit local advertising for these events could be improved.

I attend the Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership and a number of other local groups.

Council Activities

As Chairman of Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and the Budget Review Panel, this has been the major focus of my council activities for the year. The Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee also included the allocation of all overview and scrutiny functions not within the specific remit of the Regeneration and Enterprise and Community Services Scrutiny Committee. It is important in this role to ensure smooth working relationships with fellow Council members and officers to ensure an effective performance.

No Barriers Review Panel
No Surprises 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).

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 have gained further experience following my election to Worcestershire County Council in April 2007 for the St Chads Division where I have been the Lead Scrutiny Member for Corporate Services. Improvements in street cleaning. Links through PACT meetings on law and order, continue to significantly improve. Feedback from local residents through our regular newsletter continues to focus our direction. Frustrations still focus on County related issues, although some road conditions have improved although pavements continue to be an issue.

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 and community groups at their request and spend a lot of time talking to residents during the regular distribution of our newsletters.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
LSP Learning to Deliver Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

100%

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COUNCILLOR: Arthur Buckley

WARD: Wribbenhall

Activities

I regularly inspect the ward by car and on foot observing and reporting any problems that need addressing. I have worked to try and find ways to improve the area.

I have responded to residents whenever I have been contacted by them.

I have attended Parish Council meetings at Trimpley and have also attended Bewdley Town Council as an observer.

I have also liaised with Wyre Forest Community Housing on any related issues.

Council Activities

Audit Committee
Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Licensing and Environmental Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee - Vice Chairman

Achievements During the Year

I used some of my Locally Determined Funding to pay for a bench at a view point in Trimpley and I have also been involved with the wall being repaired near Wribbenhall Church.

Members' Surgeries

I have regular surgeries at Wribbenhall Church Drop In Centre.

Training and Development

Laptop Training	08/05/2008
Code of Conduct	08/05/2008
Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Licensing	03/06/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
Audit	13/06/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
Cairo Training	09/07/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

85%

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COUNCILLOR: John Campion

WARD: Sutton Park

Activities:

As Leader of Wyre Forest District Council I have additional responsibilities to those of a Ward Councillor.

The District Council has seen an exceptionally challenging year and I am pleased to say that it has risen to every challenge presented and I believe it has come out the other side a stronger council serving the local residents of Wyre Forest.

The Administration has continued to work with all parts of the Council and the Officer core in relation to progressing the Council's priorities as well as progress towards delivering the Council's major projects. In my role as Leader, I have attempted to build a consensus for decisions as they have had to be made and I am confident that all the decisions the Council has taken through this municipal year have been balanced and benefited from the excellent scrutiny process within the Council.

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

During this municipal year we have seen the setting of one of the most difficult budgets within recent history but I believe that the Council has emerged from this process having protected its vital services and is now in a very strong position to take those massive challenges head on to continue to deliver high quality services for local residents.

During the municipal year I have been exceptionally active along with my two ward colleagues, Councillor Hart and Councillor Onslow. We have engaged with a wide number of local residents including an excellent representation at the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings throughout the year. During the year we have met regularly with local residents as well as communicating through our regular newsletter delivered to all households within the ward informing them of local issues and action that we are taking. I have made myself available to residents by advertising my home telephone number, email address and home address to ensure that residents are able to contact me on any issues that may concern them. During the year I have canvassed a large portion of my ward along with my colleagues, ensuring that we are aware of residents' views on issues and problems affecting the ward.

Council Activities

Cabinet
Appointments & Appeals Committee

Achievements During the Year

One of my main achievements this municipal year has been the setting of the Council's balanced medium term Finance Strategy in a financial context which has seen unprecedented volatility on the global financial market. We have seen the collapse of National interest rates that has put

severe budgetary pressure on the District Council. I am exceptionally glad that under the Administration's leadership we have managed to establish a sustainable and achievable medium term Finance Strategy that whilst it does see a reduction in the number of people the Council employs, it will continue to maintain vital local services to local residents. I am also exceptionally proud that we have managed to continue to provide a below inflation Council Tax increase of just 2.5% at a time when households within Wyre Forest are feeling the pinch of the very deep and dark recession that we are now entering.

During the last year the Council has adopted a new Corporate Plan which I believe sets the strategic direction for the Council for the future and ensures that all strategies and policies are co-ordinated in delivering the vital improvements that we wish to see in local services. I am very pleased that the Council took a holistic approach to the co-ordination of all members' aims and aspirations to create a Corporate Plan that all parts of the Council were able to sign up to. The important challenge for the future will be delivering those aims and aspirations and I look forward to the support of my colleagues to enable us to achieve this.

Within my Ward, my colleagues and I have been involved in a wide range of ward issues in which the vast majority we have been able to address or indeed progress. During the year we have seen the continued development of Brinton Park within the ward and the addressing of serious anti-social behaviour issues which also affect certain parts of Sutton Park.

Members' Surgeries

I, together with my ward colleagues, Councillor Hart and Councillor Onslow, have held meetings with residents as and when required to address pertinent issues.

Training and Development

LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

100%

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COUNCILLOR: Stephen Clee

WARD: Bewdley & Arley

Activities

I am 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 commencement of the construction of the new Debenhams store moving into Weavers Wharf.

Economic Development continues to play a major part in Wyre Forest District especially during the current national economic downturn. We have to remember that we have, in Kidderminster alone, over 850 businesses within the town centre, Crossley Retail Park, Mill Street and Comberton Hill areas.

Ward activity is on a daily/weekly basis with casework letters and emails resulting from regular newsletter distribution. I leaflet every door in my ward every 8 weeks keeping my residents updated on local issues. That's 4000 leaflets each time!

In the last 12 months I have sent over 1500 individual letters and over 12,000 emails.

I continue to represent the Council at Regional and Central level.

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
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
Partners and Communities Together (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

- Board Member on local radio "The Wyre"
- Founder Member of Destination Worcestershire promoting Wyre Forest and the County at National level.
- Established 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.

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

79%

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COUNCILLOR: Nathan Desmond

WARD: Oldington & Foley Park

Activities

My main focus of work in Oldington and Foley Park over the last year has been to continue to improve the quality of life for all residents.

I have focused on facilitating the improvement of road surfaces and pavements, clearing up litter hot spots and helping to tackle anti-social behaviour.

In addition, I have responded to and carried out a vast quantity of case work on many issues that have helped to aid and improve residents' quality of life.

I have engaged with the community in a number of ways. I sit on the Governing Body of Oldington and Foley Park Community Network and Birchen Coppice Primary School and I am a Board Member of the Oldington and Foley Park Pathfinder.

I was a member of the Oldington and Foley Park Road Safety Committee.

I was deputy chairman of the ward Partners and Communities Together (PACT) committee and I have attended all meetings in the last 12 months.

Council Activities

Cabinet Member for Community Services Scrutiny Committee and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee.

Appointments and Appeals Committee

Achievements During the Year

Finally, after a six year campaign, I was successful in having traffic calming measures installed in Walter Nash Road, Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster.

I have had six lighting columns installed in the school alley between Birchen Coppice Primary School and the Rifle Range for the childrens' safety.

I have also been instrumental in getting Reservoir Road, Ferguson Drive, Summer Road, Walter Nash Road and Beauchamp Avenue roads resurfaced.

I campaigned successfully to have the Meredith Green multi use games area installed after a 12 month campaign.

Members' Surgeries

I have taken the time to knock on doors across the ward to introduce myself and ascertain if local residents have any local issues or problems.

I have delivered five newsletters to the whole ward over the last year updating them of my successful activities and future intentions.

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

94%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Steering Group

Meeting Commitment:

Four meetings

Meetings attended:

10 July 2008, 9 October 2008 and 8 January 2009. I also attended the Partnership Away Day held on 18 February 2009, which was a planning event for 2009/10 community safety activities.

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

- Relocation of CCTV camera in Kidderminster which WFCSP has funded
- Hate Incident Reporting Partnership which the Hub is a reporting centre for
- Ongoing discussions regarding proposed North Worcestershire CDRP Merger
- Support from WFDC towards the delivery of LPSA 2 / LAA reward targets. Vehicles have burglary and vehicle crime posters on them.
- WFDC funded the Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership Co-ordinator as a significant contribution towards the LPSA 2 targets
- Involvement of partners in WFDC CCTV Policy
- WFCSP partners were involved in the Alcohol and Drugs Scrutiny review
- WFDC officers worked with Fire Service colleagues to develop the 'Colin - the Firestarter' website, launched in September 2008 and funded by WFCSP.
- With the support of WFDC Licensing Team, the WFCSP funded Licenced Premises Information Packs were distributed to all DPS' in the district.
- WFCSP provided a grant to the Worcestershire Family Intervention Project, which I understand Tim Rice has been involved in and Kathryn Hebbert sits on the Board.

Details of any significant decisions made

- New Chair and Vice Chair were elected as Alison Braithwaite stepped down as Chair.
- Kathryn Hebbert, Community Safety & Partnerships Officer became CDRP Tasking Chair, operational arm of WFCSP, following the resignation of Mel Bailey.
- Proposed North Worcestershire CDRP merger has been suspended but that decision was made this financial year.

Details of any matters in progress

- 31 March 2009 saw the LPSA 2 / LAA reward targets period come to an end, final result will be known May. WFCSP including officers from WFDC have worked very hard on this over the last 2 1/2 years
- Relocation of CCTV camera on New Road
- Refresh of WFCSP website
- Working with Wyre Forest Matters regarding the reward grant proposals

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

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COUNCILLOR: Helen Dyke

WARD: Aggborough & Spennells

Activities

As usual it has been another busy year in the Aggborough and Spennells Ward.

I have attended the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings which take place every 3 months. I work with residents and other panel members to find solutions and remedies for all the issues raised at the meetings. Concerns raised at these meetings include anti-social behaviour problems, litter and planning issues.

I also attend the Tenants Consultative Meetings (TCC) throughout the year.

During the year, I am invited to meet with members of the "Over 55" club which takes place in Spennells Community Centre on a regular basis. They raise issues with me about the area and general concerns and I do my best to answer and if I can't help them on the day I go back to them with the information as soon as possible. It is a very lively club and both Councillor Peter Dyke and I enjoy going there. In recognition of this we have donated a sum from our Councillors Community Grant to help enable the club to continue in this positive way.

Recently I have also attended meetings of the Kidderminster Disabled Club. I was invited to talk about my role as a Councillor and after my talk I answered questions about the District Council and how it works, its budget and any other issues that were raised.

I was also invited to meet with Spennells Brownies last year. They had carried out an Environmental Audit around the area and had divided their findings into separate reports, what was good, what was bad and what should be done about the bad things. As one of their issues was about Litter and Litter Bins I asked if a representative of Street Scene could attend one of their meetings and they agreed to do so. I think it was very important to show that we took the work of the Brownies seriously.

The Brownies were also planning long lasting environmental improvements in the area and I was able to put them in touch with Paul Allen and the Ranger Service who advised them about a site where they could plant some new trees in the Nature Reserve. I was able to help them with funding for this project from our Community Grant.

I am now working with local residents who are organising a Community Litter Pick in the ward and I am helping by organising the supply of black bags and litter pickers from Street Scene for them.

Wyre Forest Community Housing has been successful in obtaining some Lottery Funding to carry out some work in the wooded area behind the houses on Worcester Road in my ward. The company is holding a consultation session in May to which local residents, Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) Members and ward Councillors have been invited so that every one can give their views about how the money could be spent to its best advantage.

I continue to work with residents of the houses at the end of Wilden Lane who are still suffering noise problems from a local engineering firm. We have held meetings with residents who are understandably getting very frustrated about how long the whole process takes.

As Group Leader I attend regular meetings with Chief Inspector Jim Baker at Kidderminster Police Station to discuss any police issues that are raised with me by local residents.

There are still planning issues associated with the Easter Park Development and I am liaising with residents on a regular basis about their concerns.

Work continues on the refurbishment of the Scout Hut on Hoo Road and Councillor Peter Dyke and myself have allocated more funds from our Community Grant for this project.

Case Work is very important to me and I deal with a wide range of ward issues throughout the year including - road and pavement repairs, parking issues, anti-social behaviour problems, housing issues and many many more.

Working with Councillor Peter Dyke I continue to inform residents of what is happening in the area, provide information and list our contact details through monthly editions of the Liberal Democrat FOCUS.

Council Activities

Community Services Scrutiny Committee - Chairman

Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

Ethics and Standards Committee

I also served on assorted Review Panels convened throughout the year to scrutinise various important issues.

Community Housing where I am a member of Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing Board, Vice-Chair of Wyre Forest Community Housing Board and a member of the Resources Committee. I also attend training sessions organised by the company, Housing Conferences and have to go through a detailed and comprehensive appraisal process every year. Please find attached my training and attendance record with the company.

Charter Trustees of Kidderminster

Member of the Corporate Parenting Group representing Wyre Forest at County Hall, this group meets monthly.

Membership of Other Organisations

Founder Trustee of Kidderminster War Memorial Conservation Trust

Community Governor of Heronswood Primary School

Panel Member for the Youth Offending Team

Children's and Young Persons Theme Group which is a sub group of the local strategic Partnership.

Community Group Forum

Through my paid employment I am a member of the Town Centre Partnership, lead person on the Town Centre Community Safety Group and Chairperson of Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership.

Achievements During the Year

Many are included in the activities above but getting involved with, and visiting, local group and organisations has been a very enjoyable part of the year. It is important that their members feel able to ask questions about what I do as a local councillor and what role the Council plays in their areas.

Members' Surgeries

Both Councillor Peter Dyke and I have tried surgeries within the ward but find that residents prefer to contact us by phone, letter or email. We also visit residents in their own homes if they prefer and find that all these different ways of communicating work well.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
LSP ' Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

89%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: The Community Housing Group

Meeting Commitment:

See below

Meetings attended:

See below

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

- Shared Ownership Strategy/Rent to Buy Strategy
- General Housing Needs of residents in the District
- Comprehensive board member Appraisal system
- I am also the Voluntary Compact Champion for Community Housing

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

- Board Members allowance - £1,117.00
- Vice Chairman's Allowance - £1,956.00
- So as Vice- chairman of Wyre Forest Community Housing my total allowance per year is £3,073.00.

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Attendance Record for Helen Dyke
1st January - 31st December 2008

Surname	First Name	Date	Type of meeting	Member	Description	Attended
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	05/02/2008	Remuneration Committee	No		Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	26/02/2008	WFSH	Yes	Board Meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	11/03/2008	Resources Committee	Yes		No
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	18/03/2008	CHG	Yes	Parent Board meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	29/04/2008	Resources Committee	Yes	Special	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	19/05/2008	CHG	Yes	Special Meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	19/05/2008	WFSH	No	Special Meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	19/05/2008	WFSH	No	Board Meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	03/06/2008	Resources Committee	Yes		Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	11/06/2008	WFSH	Yes	Board Meeting	No
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth		Remuneration & Governance Committee	No		Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	24/06/2008	Governance Committee	No		Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	30/06/2008	CHG	Yes	Parent Board meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	21/07/2008	Audit Committee	No	Joint Audit and Resources Committee	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth		Resources Committee	Yes	Joint Audit and Resources Committee	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	29/07/2008	CHG	Yes	CHG Board	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	10/09/2008	WFSH	Yes	Board meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	16/09/2008	CHG	Yes		Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	23/09/2008	WFSH	Yes	Special Board Meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	23/09/2008	Annual General Meeting	Yes	WFSH	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	23/09/2008	WFSH	Yes	Special Board Meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	23/09/2008	Annual General Meeting	Yes	WFSH	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	23/09/2008	Annual General Meeting	Yes	TCHG	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	18/11/2008	WFSH	Yes	Board meeting	Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	25/11/2008	Resources Committee	Yes		Yes
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	02/12/2008	WFSH	Yes	Board meeting	No
Dyke	Helen Elizabeth	08/12/2008	CHG	Yes	Parent Board	Yes

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Corporate Parenting Group

Meeting Commitment:

Meetings attended:

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

- The group is responsible for all looked after children in Worcestershire and I represent Wyre Forest in the decision making process.
- All decisions are significant as they impact on looked after children across the County.

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

None

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COUNCILLOR: Howard Eeles

WARD: Habberley and Blakebrook

Activities

My activities are similar to the previous year.

I have attended regularly, in an advisory capacity, all Habberley Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) meetings which were preceded by an estate walkabout.

I have attended all Partners & Communities Together (PACT) meetings held within the Ward and had regular informal visits around the Ward to identify any potential problems.

I responded to any enquiries/complaints from constituents ranging from the state of the roads, car parking problems, housing problems and personal health problems, in my capacity as a retired health professional.

As my main focus of interest lies in health issues, I attended, as an observer, all Worcestershire Hospitals Acute Trust Board and Primary Care Trust Board meetings held throughout the county. At these meetings I raised many questions to the respective Trust Boards and highlighted, by letters to the local press, any relevant health issues concerning the Wyre Forest Area.

Council Activities

Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Achievements During the Year

I believe that all individual enquiries from Ward constituents have been satisfied by my response and I have been able to resolve most of the problems raised. I used my leadership fund money at Baxter College and have been able to provide metallic vandal proof goal posts, the previous ones having been destroyed by vandals.

With others in my political group in Health Concern, we have been instrumental in getting on the Health Trusts to improve and expand the local Health Services.

Members' Surgeries

None held

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

78%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: Jill Fairbrother-Millis

WARD: Lickhill

Activities

I have attended Committee meetings and full Council and have also worked on two scrutiny exercises.

I have dealt with many email, telephone and personal calls from constituents with queries and problems.

I am a Member of Community Action Newtown – local community action group.

I work with YOrS (Youth Outreach) Combined churches of Anglican, Methodist and Baptist initiative.

I work with Worth Crescent Residents Association.

I have been involved with a graffiti cleansing project – Stourport Bridges.

I attended Partners & Communities Together (PACT) Meetings – dealing with queries arising.

I am a Governor at Stourport High School.

I am Vice Chair of Asha, Wyre Forest.

I am also a Trustee of Worcestershire Association of Carers (covers Stourport Carers Group).

Council Activities

Planning (Development Control) Committee
Community Services Scrutiny Committee

Achievements During the Year

Supporting mothers toward achieving an upgrading to the younger children's play area in Manor Farm, Stourport.

Supporting YOrS in continuing their work with youth on the memorial park and in partnership with the Youth Service opening the Youth Centre, Windermere Way on three Friday nights out of four.

Graffiti cleansing project – Stourport Bridges.

Members' Surgeries

No regular surgeries – usually stopped in town, in shops or contacted directly by telephone, email or letter.

Training and Development

Scrutiny	21/05/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

67%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Citizens Advice Bureau

Meeting Commitment:

Four per annum plus AGM

Meetings attended:

May 2008, AGM – June 2008, Emergency meeting – July 2008, September, 2008, December 2008

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council:

Agreed to a three year service level agreement.

Details of any significant decisions made:

Because of reduction in income - agreed to use reserves to continue service.

Bewdley Service moved from Friday a.m. to Thursday a.m.

Stopped evening Solicitors and evening telephone service (but Solicitors now offering a service)

Not going to be able to extend at Kidderminster – lottery diverting money to Olympics – CAB not high priority.

Details of any matters in progress:

40% increase in employment related queries and 10% increase in debt related queries

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:

None

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COUNCILLOR: Brian Glass

WARD: Mitton

Activities

Being an active member of Partners and Communities Together (PACT) for Lickhill & Mitton. I spend quite a considerable amount of time doing activities that result from these meetings.

Council Activities

Licensing & Environmental Committee
Miscellaneous Functions Committee

Achievements During the Year

This year I have mainly solved problems in my ward, i.e. roadworks, problems in Lickhill Park drainage problems, housing problems, etc.

Members' Surgeries

My shop in High Street, Stourport acts as a surgery for people in both Lickhill and Mitton wards. I also still co-ordinate the Stourport Stop Watch in conjunction with the police to make a safer place to live and shop.

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

46%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Douglas Godwin

WARD: Rock

Activities

I have been Chairman for the Parish Council for the past year and hope to be reappointed for the coming year. This allows me to be involved in many community activities and projects and I list some of them below that I attended in my capacity as District Councillor and Parish Chairman:-

1. Remembrance Sunday church service
2. St Georges Day Service (Scouts & Guides)
3. The Rock Village show
4. The Rock Church Fate
5. The Callow Hill Horticultural Show
6. Far Forest School open day (June Show)
7. Callow Hill fireworks display
8. Far Forest dramatics pantomime show
9. The Friends of Rock Church Art Exhibition and sale
10. Attending events in Bayton and Mamble village as representative for the next door Parish of Rock
11. Bewdley (Rock) PACT meeting with the police
12. Kidderminster PACT meetings with the police

Council Activities

Local Development Framework (LDF) Review Panel
Ethics and Standard Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

I have attended all the meeting bar one and I have also substituted for another member on one Community Services Committee.

I have been unable to attend other outside bodies and meetings due to the pressure of my work and meetings starting in office hours or in London which I could not attend.

I attended one site visit of the Planning Committee on a major development in Far Forest.

Achievements during the Year

I have started a monthly newsletter in the Rock & District news (Douglas's District Diary). I have assisted parishioners on matters as diverse as immigration applications to the completion of Rural Payments Agency applications forms for Single Farm Payment entitlements, shot gun licences and applications for Tree Felling Licences. I have attended meetings on highways, road safety and drainage and at the Forestry Commission on the management of the Wyre Forest. I have had a lot of correspondence on environmental contamination in Sugars Lane and the failure of the Severn Trent plant there.

As a Member, I have answered letters and numerous e-mails on planning matters, environmental matters, drainage of roads and land, gritting and the provision of grit in the winter, damage to property and policing issues including; road safety, criminal damage and a death on the road out side the Royal Forester Public House.

I have responded to letters on developments at Clows Top and in the village of Rock and Far Forest, buses and the travel problems of the OAP's in my ward. I have also received letters on matters that are outside the control of the District Council and have passed them on to our MP or other Government agencies such as the Benefits Agency the CPS and the Child Support Agency. Housing matters and questions I pass onto our Wyre Forest Housing Association.

Members' Surgeries

None, but regular contact with the public in my ward, at weekends and other social events throughout the year.

Training and Development

Laptop Training	08/05/2008
Code of Conduct	08/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
Audit	13/06/2008
LSP ' Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

79%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Jenny Greener

WARD: Bewdley & Arley

Activities

My main activities this year have been at a local level and include issues such as play areas, flooding, maintenance of roads and footpaths, invasive lighting at a bus stop, consultation on speed management around a local school, planning issues and the general needs of the community.

I have attended meetings of the Town and Parish Councils, the Environment and Town Centre Group of the Bewdley Development Trust, Bewdley Residents Flood Committee and the Riverside Children's Centre.

I am a member of the Wyre Forest Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee and attend regularly.

District presentations I have attended include the annual Leisure Tour, Partnerships Tour and a County Conference on Climate Change.

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Worcester Acute Trust and also a presentation by the Army on recruitment and awareness.

Council Activities

I sit on the Corporate Services Committee and am Vice Chairman. This includes holding briefing meetings with Officers and a pre-meeting team brief.

I am also a member of the Regeneration and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee, Licensing and Environment Committee, Bewdley Museum Management Committee and the No Barriers Review Panel.

I also sat on the No Surprises Scrutiny Panel and am a Local Authority Governor of Bewdley Primary School and have completed my New Governor Induction Modules.

Achievements During the Year

I consider one of my main achievements this year was participation in the Budget Review Panel, being part of the process which oversaw a successful conclusion to a Financial Strategy, which will prudently serve the residents of Wyre Forest.

I have also become more involved in local activities and needs, particularly the rural areas of my ward.

Members' Surgeries

None

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Audit	13/06/2008
Housing	18/06/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

93%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body:	Bewdley Museum management Committee
Meeting Commitment:	6
Meetings attended:	4/3, 3/6, 2/9/, 16/12, (08) 24/3, (09)
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council	Lottery grant awarded, staff and exhibit management, allocation of funding, events and exhibitions, involvement of Friends of Bewdley Museum
Details of any significant decisions made	See above, allocation of Lottery funding
Details of any matters in progress	See above
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role	None.

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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 'Partners and Communities Together' (PACT).

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

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.

Council Activities

Audit Committee
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Licensing and Environmental Committee

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

90%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership

I have attended all four meetings of the Assembly and all four meetings of the Board.

The HBGP exists to improve the quality of life in the Broadwaters and Greenhill Wards, and its aims include supporting the Local Strategic Partnership in reducing crime and disorder throughout this area.

HBGP successes include the installation of a CCTV camera in the Horsefair, and the setting up of the Friends of St Georges Park. A second community fun day was organised in St Georges Park this year, and three Clean Up days, and the Greenhill clean up day found me picking up litter, with many other volunteers, from Anchorfields to Chester Road North, Kidderminster.

My £1,000 Community Leadership Fund was granted, in its entirety, to the Friends of St Georges Park towards their outdoor exercise equipment for adults.

Carpet Museum Trust

I have attended both meetings of the board of the Carpet Museum Trust.

The CMT exists to create a Carpet Museum in Kidderminster, and has gathered much information on the history of carpet manufacturing and with it working life in Kidderminster and the surrounding area. The project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Morrisons.

Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership

I have attended two of four meetings of the Town Centre Partnership, which is the interface between the Council and the retailers who trade there. It's in everyone's interest that the Town Centre thrives, and the Council works with the traders to promote the town.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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 delivering regular newsletters throughout the year and by attending residents meetings.

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

I sit on the Governing Body of Sutton Park Primary School and Baxter College, and also the Temporary Governing Body of the new Special School.

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 area.

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 also sit on the Partners and Communities 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, and we have done this 6 times throughout the year.

In the last year 538 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 Leisure 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.

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.

I have lobbied Worcestershire County Council for a zebra crossing to be installed at Sutton Park Community Primary School, which I have been promised will be installed this year.

I have tried to lobby the County Council to ensure that roads are re-surfaced and potholes are filled in. As a result, a significant number of roads have been resurfaced in the last 12 months.

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

We have not held any surgeries in the last 12 months as we have found going directly to see people at home and speaking with them on the telephone has been more effective.

Training and Development

LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

97%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body:

1. Bewdley Museum Management Committee
2. Wyre Forest Matters Children & Young People Sub-Group

Meeting Commitment:

1. Four per annum
2. Six per annum

Meetings attended:

1. 2nd September 2008, 16th December 2008 and 24th March 2009
2. 15th December 2008, 18th February 2009, 2nd March 2009

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

None

Details of any significant decisions made

None

Details of any matters in progress

None

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

None

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 Wyre Forest District Council, 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 Services Scrutiny Committee
Licensing and Environment Committee

Member's Surgeries

I do not have these as I have lived in the area for 72 years and been a District Councillor for 27 years, so am well known and available to all constituents at all times.

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

80%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Siriol Hayward

WARD: Offmore & Comberton

Activities

My council colleagues and I have continued to circulate regular Focus newsletters as part of our ongoing mission to inform and communicate with our electorate throughout the year.

We have continued to work alongside the Police at the local Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings where members of the community identify and prioritise local problems so that we can develop strategies to address them.

The Offmore Comberton Action Group continues its invaluable work making the area a better place to live in. The Fun Day (named the Borrington Bash) was such a success last July, that we have decided to repeat it and perhaps turn it into a regular feature.

I am a Governor of Offmore Primary and Comberton Primary schools and attend the local Tenant's Consultative Committee meetings when work commitments allow.

As a Wyre Forest District Councillor who represents a Kidderminster ward, I am a Charter Trustee of the Town of Kidderminster.

I am an active member of St. George's Church and I am a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Council Activities

Ethics and Standards Committee
Community Services Scrutiny Committee
External Funding Review Panel
Citizens Advice Bureau Review Panel
Alcohol and Substance Misuse Review Panel

Achievements During the Year

The Community Services Scrutiny Committee considered, among many other topics, a report from the County and District Scrutiny Review of the Summer Floods of 2007 which was comprehensive and fascinating as part of an ongoing process with our partners to improve our response should the floods recur.

I enjoyed taking part in the External Funding Review Panel which streamlined the documentation and the internal Council processes to encourage the volume of successful applications both direct and indirect (by assisting voluntary sector organisations in their bids). This is an important funding stream for the local community, enabling the council to provide more services than it otherwise could at no extra cost to the local community charge payers.

The review of Council funding to the Citizen's Advice Bureau was implemented because we needed to justify the significant financial support which we give that organisation in the light of many requests for funding from other local charities.

The Alcohol and Substance Misuse Review Panel completed its work during the year and submitted a report for consideration by cabinet.

Members' Surgeries

We have continued our strategy of not having 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	21/05/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

95%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership

Meeting Commitment: Approximately three per annum

Meetings attended:

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Work on the Debenham's development seems to be proceeding satisfactorily, whereas KTC3 (development of the old Magistrate's Court and Indoor Market site) has been delayed by the recession.

Problems with the siting of the street market seems to have been resolved.

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

The Kidderminster Town Centre Manager is actively pursuing the regeneration of the town centre.

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

None

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COUNCILLOR: Malcolm Hazlewood

WARD: Wolverley

Activities

I maintain my membership of the Wolverley Surgery Patients Participation Group (PPG) which acts as a link between the patients and the medical staff.

I am a panel member of the Wolverley/Cookley Partners & Communities Together (PACT) team.

I continue with my membership of the Wolverley Memorial Hall trustees.

I am coordinator for the local "Neighbourhood Watch" group.

I am an attendee and observer at the local Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) meetings.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions Committee - Chairman
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Regeneration & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Employment & Economic Prospects Review Group

Achievements During the Year

In partnership with Councillor Yarranton (district councillor) and Councillor Smith (parish councillor), we have managed to identify and achieve funding to update and improve the play area facilities for the young children of Wolverley.

Following the flooding in 2007 and 2008, I have been very much involved in assuring the residents of Wolverley that all is being done to ensure their protection for the future. (The residents have now formed a "flood action group" FLAG to monitor the situation and decide on action required.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

95%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Kinver Edge Society

Meeting Commitment: Generally once

Meetings attended: None called so far

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

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COUNCILLOR: Anne Hingley

WARD: Franche

Activities

I continue to keep in touch with the residents of Franche Ward through bi-monthly Franche Matters newsletters. My communication details are listed and there is a freepost cut off section for individual responses. The e mail facility is being used more frequently by the electorate.

Personal visits, specific letters and campaigns are undertaken to inform and represent residents' local concerns such as community safety issues, parking problems, street cleanliness, highways management and planning information.

I share group casework with my colleague Councillor Jeff Baker.

I attend ward Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, Wyre Forest Community Housing Tenants Consultative Committee Meetings and estate walkabouts.

I used my Community Grant Funding to support the following:

Children's free swims during the summer holidays at the Glades.

New studio equipment for the "Talking Newspaper", now located at St Barnabas Community Hall.

Planting of a tree in open space in Franche.

Replacement of young people's cricket equipment destroyed by fire at Kidderminster Cricket Club.

I am a Charter Trustee of Kidderminster.

Council Activities

I am a member of the following Committees:

Cabinet member for Housing, Health and Rural Affairs

Licensing and Environmental Committee

Appointments and Appeals Committee

Regional Housing Partnership

Worcestershire Partnership Environment Theme Group

North Worcestershire Care and Repair Board

Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group

Holocaust Representative for Wyre Forest District Council

Claire Withell and Blount Almshouses representative for Wyre Forest District Council

Outside Bodies

Governor of Dudley Hospitals Foundation Trust

Trustee ASHA Wyre Forest

Trustee Wyre Forest Nightstop and Mediation

Achievements during the Year

Through negotiation, successful outcomes achieved on a wide range of case work for ward residents.

Representing the Administration of Wyre Forest District Council in partnership working at Regional, County and District levels.

Multi use Games area installed on White Wickets sports area. A campaign success.

Members' Surgeries

Two held in Church Hall and Community Centre with Councillor Baker.

Training and Development

Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Licensing	03/06/2008
Housing	18/06/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

80%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Meeting Commitment: 4 per annum

Meetings attended: 20/03/08, 20/08/08, 11/12/08

Training: 16/09/08, 11/11/08

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Worcestershire PCT contract to Dudley Group of Hospitals on behalf of residents in Wyre Forest who choose to be treated there. There are 854 members of the Trust in Wyre Forest (as at 1/12/08)

Details of any significant decisions made

Gained Foundation status on 30/09/08

Governors of Foundation Trusts are there to provide a challenge to the Trust Board and give feedback and input into business plannings. They also represent their local communities.

Details of any matters in progress

Trust Bulletin issued quarterly

Governor sub-committees formed on Communications and Service Strategy.

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

No expenses claimed.

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COUNCILLOR: John Holden

WARD: Mitton

Activities

Throughout the year newsletters have been written and delivered in the ward. They have contained important information on how to apply for free fire alarms, the new police phone number and general information such as the Lights out Line. Highways are always a priority and road resurfacing in the ward has been extensive and welcomed by all the residents. All enquiries by email and by phone are dealt with in 48 hours, unless I am working away.

Working with Council officials the ward is kept free of litter by responding to constituents who let me know if they have a problem. The debris left behind on Friday nights in the Memorial Park is now dealt with by the town gardeners who have been given overtime to keep the park clear of debris over the weekends.

Council Activities

I sit on the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee chaired by Councillor Ballinger, and chair the Audit Committee. I also chair the Wyre Forest Highways Forum.

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 1st Foundation.

I chaired the Section 106 Review Panel.

Achievements During the Year

One of my achievements was having new gateways to Stourport designed with funding from three other Councillors beside myself.

Members' Surgeries

None.

Training and Development

Audit	13/06/2008
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I have attended training on Power Point presentations, and two Audit training days at Price Waterhouse Coopers offices at Castle Donnington.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

95%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: M B KELLY

WARD: Habberley and Blakebrook

Activities

The biggest concern of the people of Habberley and Blakebrook is the state of the roads within the ward. I have submitted repeated reports to the County Council.

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 Habberley Tenants Consultative Committee and Wyre Forest Community Housing. The play area is being constructed in phases. The final piece, a zip wire, is now going to planning, with the hope it will be in place by the end of the summer.

I have put out 4 newsletters during the last year all bearing my name and contact details thus keeping the electorate informed and able to make contact should they wish to

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

Council Activities

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

I am also the Leader of the Labour Group which entails other meetings as and when necessary

Achievements During the Year

Any achievements that can be accredited 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 individuals.

Members' Surgeries

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

Training and Development

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

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

78%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: Rachel Lewis

WARD: Greenhill

Activities

In order to manage a reasonable work life balance with 6 children I have reduced my meeting commitment to Council and Miscellaneous Functions.

Since returning from maternity leave I have resumed work in my Ward.

I attend PACT and TCC meetings where possible and contribute to and help to deliver our regular monthly Focus Newsletter.

Along with my colleagues, I contributed my Community Leadership Fund monies to the installation of an older peoples "Trim Trail" in St Georges' Park. This is being co-ordinated by the Friends of St Georges' Park which has been established by the Horsefair, Broadwaters, and Greenhill Partnership.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions.

Achievements During the Year

Contributing to the "Trim Trail" in St Georges' Park and taking part in the second superb Multi-Cultural Community day in St Georges' Park.

Members' Surgeries

We do not run Surgeries but attend PACT meetings and TCC meetings and respond to residents' requests to meet them within 48 hours wherever possible.

Training and Development

LSP Learning to Deliver Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

70%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Howard Martin

WARD: Broadwaters

Activities

A large amount of my ward work relates to the many issues raised by tenants of Community Housing. These relate to the quality of housing, neighbourhood disputes and issues surrounding infrastructure matters. I have attended all the ward walkabouts and as many Tenant Consultative Committee meetings as possible.

I am a founding member of Friends of St Georges Park and helped organise the recent community day. I also regularly attend meetings of Community Spirit and Friends of Broadwaters.

I am Vice Chair of the Horsefair, Broadwaters & Greenhill Assembly and a board member of the main partnership. Collectively much has been achieved through all these groups and in conjunction with one of the local County Councillors, where although we represent different parties, we work in partnership for the good of the community.

Also, I have attended all the Broadwaters Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings this year and have helped to resolve many of the issues raised by local residents. I see this as an extremely important part of my role.

Community safety and activities for the young have also played an important part in local partnership working and much is still planned for the future. Numerous other issues have also been addressed for residents where they have requested support on council and personal matters.

I am Leader of Independent Community & Health Concern, which also includes a degree of cross district activity in addition to my ward work.

I am Joint Chair of Wyre Forest Matters Forum and a Member of the main board, a Trustee of the Clare Witnall & Blount Charity and Chair of Governors at Foley Park Primary School.

Council Activities

Planning (Development Control) Committee
Appointments & Appeal Committee
Treasury Management Panel – Chairman
Employment & Economic Prospects Review Panel – Chairman
Alcohol Substance & Misuse Review Panel
“No Barriers” Review Panel – Chairman
Alcohol & Substance Misuse Review Panel

Achievements During the Year

Satisfyingly, I have been instrumental in resolving a couple of really difficult housing issues which seemed irresolvable. It is always a pleasure to sort this sort of problem out.

Completing, in partnership with others, the successful formation of the St Georges Park group.

Working closely with the police and community support officers on a host of local issues.

Addressing Anti Social Behaviour issues and dealing with drug and alcohol abuse issues, particularly at the Horsefair.

Resolving several unpopular planning matters and dealing with over 200 logged approaches from local issues.

The most pleasing achievements are not the big issues but the satisfaction I get in dealing with and resolving the everyday problems personal to specific residents.

Keeping abreast of public opinion on the many community matters which affect local residents and assuring that their views are listened to.

Members' Surgeries

Community contact is through personal, telephone and email contact one-to-one.

Training and Development

LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

89%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body:

1. Horsefair and Greenhill and Broadwaters Community Neighbour Partnership
2. Local Government Authority Urban Commission.

Meeting Commitment:

Meetings attended:

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Susan Meekings

WARD: Oldington & Foley Park

Activities

Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) Rifle Range
Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) Foley Park
Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) Birchen Coppice
Range Park Area Committee (Rifle Range and Sutton Farm)
Westside Area (Birchen Coppice and Foley Park)
Federation (all Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC's))
Partners and Communities Together (PACT)
Urban Safety Group

There are many issues which have been raised, such as 'poor road conditions/potholes/speeding', anti-social behaviour, litter, dog fouling, grass cutting etc. My main focus of work within the ward has been to deal with and action all communications received from Oldington & Foley Park residents.

I speak on a weekly basis with the Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC's) as we have a number of ongoing issues. We also have 'walkabouts' on the estates with officers and this includes the police, wardens and Community Support Officers.

Council Activities

Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Achievements During the Year

I assisted Councillor Desmond in having traffic calming measures installed in Walter Nash Road, Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster.

I also managed to have a ramp installed for a gentleman in my Ward who uses a mobility scooter. Previously he was unable to leave his property. I liaised with the British Legion and Community Housing to have the ramp installed.

Members' Surgeries

I regularly walk around the ward and meet/speak with residents and I receive regular contact from residents and therefore on a daily basis I am on the ward sorting out problems and meeting with the residents.

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) and our Urban Safety Group is a great opportunity to engage with the locals and these are every six weeks.

Outside Bodies

Oldington & Foley Park Community Network
Tree Tops Sure Start Children's Centre

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

56%.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: David Millis

WARD: Mitton

Activities

My activities have been focussed on constituents' queries, worries and concerns and where I am able to resolve, help and advise.

I am the Vice Chair of Governors at 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 and a Trustee of the Charity 'The Friends of Bishops Wood'.

The charity was set up to promote the valuable work carried out by the Bishops Wood Environmental Education for young children.

I attend the meetings of Stourport Pride and Stourport Forward.

I am a member of the following organisations:

1. Mitton/Lickhill Partners and Communities Together (PACT).
2. Stourport Town Council.
3. Trustee of the Queen Elizabeth 1 Foundation (A registered Charity No 527594).
4. Community Action Newtown (CAN).

Council Activities

Audit Committee

Regeneration and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee

Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel

Employment and Economic Prospects Review Panel

I have attended various officer organised tours and events, sites for Regeneration, Leisure and Partnerships

I have also attended meetings of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership and the Stourport on Severn Alcohol Restriction Zone Working Party

Achievements During the Year

I have participating in as many community based organisations to enable small gains to be made, such as with CAN, the local PACT

Members' Surgeries

None.

Training and Development

Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
Audit Training	13/06/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

96%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Chris Nicholls

WARD: Cookley

Activities

- Regular communications with the community via newsletter and surgeries.
- Chairman of Wolverley and Cookley Partnership and Communities Together (PACT).
- Governor at Cookley Primary School.
- 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.
- Monthly consultations with residents regarding planning applications in conjunction with other parish councillors.

Council Activities

Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Ethics & Standards Committee
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Outside Bodies

None

Achievements During the Year

- Continuing to promote the interests of our village community e.g. maintaining the Green Belt and representing residents views at relevant council and committee meetings.
- Monitoring and implementation of the recently completed of the Parish Plan.
- As Chairman of Governors for Cookley Primary School, continuing assisting in its development.
- Liaising with the police and other outside bodies via PACT meetings to resolve issues for the benefit of our community.
- Playing an active role in the life of our village.
- Another successful Christmas Party!

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 2008/09

80%

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 sponsor a Young Adviser who will work with the Offmore/Comberton Action Group (OCAG) to increase the involvement of Young People living in the area in the work of the Group. I have been involved, with OCAG in the successful introduction of enhanced Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for the Burcher Green Shopping area.

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 and am a member of the Temporary Governing Body for the new Wyre Forest Special School.

I chair the LSP Children's and Young People's Theme Group and am leading a project to "map" all youth activities in the District.

I have attended all Partners & Communities Together (PACT) meetings in the Ward and am involved with the Local Policing Team in PACT surveys and street meetings.

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

I attend Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) meetings in the Ward.

Council Activities

Chair of Regeneration and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Local Development Framework (LDF) Review Panel
Chair of Kidderminster Educational Foundation Grant Panel
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

As a Committee Chairman, I attend all Cabinet Meetings

Member of Economic Prospects Review Panel
Member of Treasury Management Review Panel
Member of the Single Site Project Board
Council Representative on PATROL (Parking and Traffic Related Orders outside London)
Council Scrutiny Champions Network Rep
Council Representative on County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (I am Vice Chair of the Committee)

I represent Worcestershire District Councils' on the Worcestershire Partnership Cultural Theme Group.

Achievements During the Year

Encouraging community participation in local events and in particular in the continued upgrading of Borrington Park. I helped through OCAG, to organise the very successful 2008 Borrington Bash local community carnival and manned a stall issuing light bulbs and water hogs. The Carnival will be repeated on 4th July 2009 and will hopefully become an Annual Event.

Helping to develop the Offmore/Comberton Partnerships & Communities Together (PACT) as an extremely successful and well regarded event which has been observed by HMIC.

Members' Surgeries

I held a drop in surgery for the local Polish Community every Sunday at the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Club, this has now relocated to St. Ambrose Parish Club, otherwise I deal with casework on a one to one basis.

Training and Development

LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

90%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: The Community Housing Group

To Sept. 2008 I was Chair of Wyre Forest Community Housing Board, having completed a 3 year term in that role I became Chair of Wyre Forest Social Housing in Sept. 2008, I serve on the Parent Board and as a Board Member of Worcestershire Telecare.

Meeting Commitment:

Called to 24 meetings plus at least one Board Residential Event, one Saturday Training Session and one Residential Conference.

Meetings attended:

CHG Board 19-05-08
WFSH Board 19-05-08
WFCH Board 19-05-08
WFSH Board 11-06-08
Remuneration and Governance Cttee 24-06-08
CHG Board 30-06-08
WFCH Board 02-09-08
WFSH Board 10-09-08
Remuneration and Governance Cttee 11-09-08
WFSH Board and AGM 23-09-08
CHG AGM 23-09-08
Worcs Telecare Board 12-11-08
Remuneration and Governance Cttee 17-11-08
WFSH Board 02-12-08
CHG Board 08-12-08
CHG Training 20-01-09
Remuneration and Governance Committee 24-02-09
WFSH Board 03-03-09
Worcs Telecare Board 09-03-09
CHG Board 31-03-09

I have missed 2 meetings in the year:

I missed a joint Boards meeting on 28-07-09 because I was on holiday in Poland,
I missed the two day National Housing and Tenants Federation Conference in Birmingham on 06/07 Feb 2009 as I was in hospital having a hip replacement.

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Delivery of Social Housing in the area. Partnership activities and Shared Services,
I performed the opening ceremony at Maureen Aston Ct.

Details of any significant decisions made

Shared Services, various new housing developments

Details of any matters in progress

Future of Weavers Cottages in Horsefair, Horsefair Redevelopment, various housing and sheltered Housing developments. Community Involvement etc

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

Total received: £6654.48 made up of Basic Allowance £1000 plus SRA Chairman's Allowance

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: Tracey Onslow

WARD: Sutton Park

Activities

I was made Cabinet Member for Operational Services in May 2008. Portfolio responsibilities include Waste, Recycling, Parks, Cemeteries, Streetscene, Parking, Grounds Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, Toilets and Markets.

I am a Governor of Sutton Park Community Primary School which is currently going through an exciting time with the new School build.

I have attended the Sutton Park Ward Partners and Communities Together PACT Meetings where the main issues continue to be inconsiderate parking and speeding.

I have finally managed to attend a Friends of Brinton Park Group Meeting where an Easter Trail in the Park was organised.

I have attended the Wyre Forest Community Housing Meetings. I also attend Hillcrest Residents Meetings.

I have attended the Allotments Prize Giving Night and Stourport Sports Club Relaunch Presentation Night.

I have been involved in the issue of Free Low Energy Saving Lightbulbs and Water Saving Hogs at St Johns School.

I support and work with Nexus Housing Group on Park Street and will be supporting their upcoming Fun Day.

I spent the evening with a Local Police Tasking Team – primarily to look at anti-social behaviour

Council Activities

Cabinet
Miscellaneous Functions Committee

I attend as an Observer at any Scrutiny Meetings which contain agenda items relevant to my portfolio.

I attend the County Waste Forums.

I attended the Tailoring Equality & Diversity Strategy for Worcestershire (TEDS) Event at Worcester Rugby Club.

I attended the Local Government Association (LGA) Conference in Bournemouth.

Achievements During the Year

I was made Cabinet Member for Operational Services.

I have delivered approx 21,000 leaflets in my ward to keep residents advised of what has been happening.

With my fellow Sutton Park Councillors, canvassed Sutton Park ward to speak to residents individually.

I used funding to provide goalposts and lighting in Brinton Park.

I produced and delivered 1400 flyers for Friends of Brinton Park Group who are organising an Easter Trail in Park.

I have dealt with in excess of 70 casework issues raised by residents – concerning a variety of issues. Litter and installation of new bins is a regular issue - together with inconsiderate parking and anti-social behaviour. I have also received some more unusual ones this year such as drainage and incorrectly timed traffic lights.

With regard to Crescent Road Drainage, after much negotiation, Worcestershire County Council and Severn Trent have agreed to installed much-needed extra drainage in Crescent Road.

I attended Court to represent residents opposed to the amendment of a licence at a local pub. The amendment was not granted.

Telephone Masts –I have successfully campaigned against the installation of two telephone masts in ward.

Members' Surgeries

As I have knocked on most doors to speak to residents individually, I have not held a Ward Surgery this year. In addition, contact details for residents wishing to raise any issues were left at a property, if residents were out.

Training and Development

None.

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

81%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: County Waste Forum

Meeting Commitment: 6 per annum

Meetings attended: 22nd September 2008. 7th November 2008. 14th January 2009

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Joint Waste Management Strategy Across Hereford and Worcestershire
Waste Collection and Waste Management
Recycling – Targets and New Disposal Methods
How other District Collect – Idea Sharing
Green Waste
Reducing landfill In Light Of Increased charges

Details of any significant decisions made

Have adopted the County Joint Waste Management Strategy
Have discussed preferred options for future waste management to increase recycling and reduce landfill.

Details of any matters in progress

Implementation of County Waste Management Strategy
Use of new MURF Recycling facility so wider range of products can be recycled
Wyre Forest currently review collection methods

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

None – forms part of Cabinet function

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: Michael Partridge

WARD: Areley Kings

Activities

I have dealt with numerous issues during the last year. I have liaised with Wyre Forest Community Housing on several housing issues for residents. I have successfully had paths cleared and litter collected and sorted two roads in the Ward in conjunction with Cllr John Holden. I was involved with the playground, Wild Walshes and am a member on the local PACT committee.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions Committee - Vice Chairman
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Achievements During the Year

I have solved housing problems for local residents, had paths cleared, rubbish collected and abandoned vehicles removed. We have also dealt with planning applications for two mobile telephone masts in Pearl Lane and Dunley Road, Stourport-on-Severn.

Members' Surgeries

I do not hold formal surgeries but meet a lot of people whilst I am out and about in the Ward and a lot of issues are raised at PACT meetings.

Training and Development

Laptop Training	08/05/2008
Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Housing	18/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

100%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Julian Phillips

WARD: Bewdley & Arley

Activities

During my first year on the council I have taken any opportunity I can to learn about local government and how to be effective for the people of Bewdley & Arley.

I have been appointed to the Bewdley Partners and Community Together (PACT) panel and Bewdley Youth PACT panel. I am also a governor at Bewdley School & Sixth form.

I have addressed around 50 individual items of casework ranging from highway issues to street scene and have been involved with Community Action projects such as litter picks and 'tidy days'. I also participated in the council's review of Alcohol Restriction Zones that involved an evening observing the Local Police Tasking Team operating in and around Bewdley.

I am the Council's representative on the Wyre Forest Cycle Forum. I have also taken it upon myself to regularly attend meetings of Wyre Forest Youth Forum. This group has the task of campaigning for the three priorities in the manifesto of the Worcestershire Youth Cabinet. These are education, transport and positive image of young people in the media.

I have established a dialogue between the two groups with a view to a joint campaign to encourage young people (under 19) to take up cycling – this issue being relevant to the transport priority of the Youth Cabinet.

My flagship project has been the campaign to prevent the closure of Kidderminster Driving Test centre. In Summer 2008 I chaired a scrutiny panel that investigated the Driving Standards Agency's (DSA) reasons for the closure, the panel's conclusions subsequently set council policy against the closure. Council offered the DSA concessionary alternative accommodation in the district but it declined and the final day of driving tests at Kidderminster will be 29th May 2009.

Council Activities

Community Services Overview & Scrutiny (Vice Chairman)
Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny
Driving Standards Agency Review Panel (Chairman)
No Surprises Review Panel
Alcohol & Substance Misuse review Panel

Achievements During the Year

I am very pleased and honoured to have established a cross-party consensus with the Driving Test Centre issue. Although the Council has no direct control over the service, I feel that we have offered sufficient resistance to the closure.

As Vice Chairman of the Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Panel I feel that the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Dyke, and myself did a good job of contributing to the Council's public relations and accountability when hosting public forums regarding important issues such as flooding and Post

Office closures. With the DSA and ARZ review panels, and others that I did not sit on, we established dialogues with external public services and got a greater understanding of how they worked.

Most of my casework requests have been addressed within a few weeks of their occurrence. For example in Arley there has been an increase in provision of litterbins and signage directing visitors to the public toilets has been much improved.

Members' Surgeries

My ward colleagues and I hold a weekly surgery at 10am on Saturday mornings at Three Gables, Hop Pole Lane, Bewdley. We also distribute a newsletter to every household every two months with contact details.

I also regularly patronise the businesses in my ward where residents are welcome to talk to me informally. I feel I am very accessible to my residents.

Training and Development

Laptop Training	08/05/2008
Code of Conduct	08/05/2008
Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Licensing	03/06/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
Audit	13/06/2008
Housing	18/06/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
Cairo Training	09/07/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

96%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

<p>Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Cycle Forum</p>
<p>Meeting Commitment: 3 per annum</p> <p>Meetings attended: September 2008, January 2009, April 2009</p>
<p>Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council</p> <p>Health, Transport, Young People</p>
<p>Details of any significant decisions made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvements to and publication of the cycle routes network in the District and County.• Requests for maintenance and alterations to street and highways furniture that effect cyclists
<p>Details of any matters in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ‘Bikeability’ – encouraging Wyre Forest schools to be pro-active in encouraging their pupils to take up cycling.• Contributing to the revised cycle strategy section of the Wyre Forest District Local Development Scheme
<p>Information on any allowances received undertaking this role</p> <p>None</p>

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: Mike Price

WARD: Offmore and Comberton

Activities

I used my Community Grant Fund to help pay for the recruitment and training of two students from King Charles I High School to become young advisors attached to Offmore & Comberton Action Group (OCAG) to help promote activities for the youth of Offmore and Comberton.

I have kept in touch with my electorate via FOCUS Newsletters as well as dealing with individual and group casework.

I serve as Vice-Chair of Governors of St George's CE Primary School, and as a governor of Comberton Primary School.

Council Activities

Licensing and Environmental Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Fixed Term Penalties for Litter Dropping Review Panel
Employment and Economic Prospects Review Panel
Driving Standards Agency Review Panel

Outside Bodies

I have attended Offmore and Comberton Action Group (OCAG) and served as Vice-Chair, where I also serve on a sub group planning a second community event to take place in July 2009 on Borrington Park. I have attended Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings for Offmore and Comberton and also Tenant Consultative Committee (TCC) meetings.

Training and Development

LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

83%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Ken Prosser

WARD: Habberley & Blakebrook

Activities

During my first year as a District Councillor I have worked closely the County Councillors for St Johns and St Barnabas. Both of my County Colleagues have given me tremendous support in my first year as a District Councillor. I have worked hard to bring important improvements where possible in areas such as the Pershore Road Triangles and the seemingly never ending saga of potholes. I am very pleased that a large percentage of roads in the Ward are in much better condition thanks to the pressure placed on Highways to address local highway issues. A particular success was the resurfacing of Crestwood Avenue, which seemingly had fallen off the County's radar. Much still needs to be done and hopefully the continued pressure on the relevant Departments will bring about the changes that are needed.

I have addressed a wide range of issues raised by local residents over the last year and I have communicated regularly my activities through delivering my regular newsletters across the ward.

I look forward to the challenges the next municipal year will present.

Council Activities

Regeneration & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee - Vice-Chairman

Achievements During the Year

I have made much progress with the issues that affect the ward. A few examples of successes are firstly (and one I am particularly proud of) is getting a large hole filled in Parkland Avenue which appeared overnight and thanks to the Highways Department was repaired in 24 hours. I'm also happy to have helped a resident have a dangerous tree removed, so that she could continue gardening in safety.

Members' Surgeries

I have held meetings with residents as and when required.

Training and Development

Laptop Training	08/05/2008
Code of Conduct	08/05/2008
Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Licensing	03/06/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
Audit	13/06/2008
CAIRO	01/09/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

89%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Mike Salter

WARD: Mitton

Activities

I have given assistance to residents in my ward on various queries that have been raised, e.g. form filling, blocked drains, glass to be cleared from roads, litter picking, cleaning and repair of street signs, washing traffic bollards, anti-social behaviour, planning, road works, bus routes and timetables.

Member of Stourport Town Council
Member of Stourport Carnival Committee
Member of Wilden Village Hall

Council Activities

Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Audit Committee
Planning (Development Control) Committee – Vice Chairman

Outside Bodies

Age Concern
Stourport Forward

Achievements during the Year

I was Chairman of the External Funding Review Panel.

Members' Surgeries

Members' surgeries held in various locations throughout the ward during the year.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Scrutiny	21/05/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

96%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Age Concern

Meeting Commitment: 10 per annum

Meetings attended: Attended all 10 meetings from June 2008 – March 2009.

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

N/A

Details of any significant decisions made

Working more closely with partners.

Details of any matters in progress

The group are looking at reduced grants.

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

None.

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Stourport Forward

Meeting Commitment: Monthly

Meetings attended: 12

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Working closely with Advantage West Midlands.

Details of any significant decisions made

Opening of a new café/restaurant in Stourport-on-Severn by the Tontine (previously known as The Stables).

The Stourport Forward office are moving from the Waterboard building to new offices in The Stables.

Details of any matters in progress

Will be reducing monies from grants.

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

None

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR: Dixon Sheppard

WARD: Lickhill

Activities

This is my third year as a Councillor. I have continued to deal with constituents' problems and complaints, most of these in relation to the state of our local roads and the Primary Schools situation.

My attendance at the main council meetings has again been 100%. I continue to have an excellent attendance record at both the Licensing and Environmental Committee along with the Miscellaneous Functions Committee and have continued to raise questions as appropriate. I recall that I had to miss one committee meeting suffering from a "sickness bug" and another two due to holidays. I have in turn substituted several times for colleagues on other committees.

I continue to be on the panel for the Lickhill/Mitton Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and deal with the problems raised at these meetings. I have noticed over the last year that the complaints raised appear to be fewer in number. The Youth PACT meeting held at Stourport High School recently was a great success and I hope that these meetings will continue.

I have been very active with the campaign to save the Kidderminster Driving Test Centre and have attended all the campaign meetings as well as the visit to the Driving Standards Agency in Nottingham and the recent trip to Westminster.

I have attended the Committee meetings of Stourport Town Forum and have been active in trying to bring more coach tours into the town and sorting out the parking problems for coach operators.

It was pleasing to see the large number of young people at "The Party in the Park" last August in Stourport and I have been more active with Campaign Action Newtown which encourages youth involvement with the community.

I fully supported and lobbied the County Council to save Lickhill Primary School as with increasing school numbers Stourport needed both Lickhill and Stourport Primary Schools.

As the Council's representative on the Management Committee of Stourport Social Day Centre, I have been active in restructuring the management of the centre. I have also assisted in drawing up a new constitution and bringing the insurances of the centre up to date. This has occupied a great deal of time.

I have continued my volunteer activities with the Severn Valley Railway, as a Travelling Ticket Inspector, Driving School Host and as a Visitor Assistant at the Engine House at Highley. It is very pleasing to see the buoyant passenger numbers, following the terrible storm damage in 2007.

Health matters have continued to be prominent. I have attended most Worcestershire Acute Hospital Board and some Primary Care Trust meetings and asked many questions to try to obtain the best health service possible for Wyre Forest residents. I have also been accepted as a prospective Foundation Trust Member.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions Committee
Licensing & Environmental Committee

Achievements during the year

- a) Seeing the reduction of under age drinking and resulting litter in Stourport Memorial Park.
- b) Pressure through both the District and Stourport Town Councils to resurface many of our roads.
- c) Assisted by intervention with the County Council and at a public meeting in saving Lickhill Primary School from closure.
- d) Acted to encourage Coach Parking on Stourport Riverside Car Parks for greater tourism.

Training and Development

LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

80%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2008/09

COUNCILLOR: Kenneth Stokes

WARD: Broadwaters

Activities

Housing Tenant Consultative Committee (T.C.C) 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
Chairman of St Oswald's C of E Primary School Board of Governors.
Member of Charter Trustees.

Council Activities

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

To assist Ward members with personal problems of all types.

I am a member of the following Committees:

Ethics and Standards Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee.
Kidderminster Youth Trust.
Several Scrutiny Review Panels.

Achievements during the Year

The renovation of the Hoobrook and Boer War Memorials.

The planning of the rededication service

St Oswald's Primary School passing the Ofsted inspection.

Obtaining funding for a safety fence and safety lights in Broadwaters Park.

Assisting Heritage Group Opportunities.

Helping Ward members with their personal problems

Members' Surgeries

I do not run surgeries. However, my direct contact with Ward members during my attending Tenants Consultative Committees, St Oswald's Primary, Heritage Opportunities Group, Community Spirit, and Friends of Broadwaters meetings gives me an intimate contact with people. According to the number of telephone calls I receive, most people know my phone number.

Training and Development

Scrutiny	21/05/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

78%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Kidderminster Youth Trust

Meeting Commitment: 4 to 6 per annum

Meetings attended:

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Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Details of any significant decisions made

Many grants given to organisations for young people aged between 8 years and 25 years.

Details of any matters in progress

Further grants in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

No allowances of any kind received.

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Horsefair and Greenhill, and Broadwaters Community Neighbourhood Partnership.

Meeting Commitment: First Wednesday in every month, Litter picking 3 days every 6 weeks.

Meetings attended: 10 Other 2 meetings sub by wife.
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Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council.

Details of any significant decisions made

Lights on steps. Rails around Mill Wheel.
Horsefair and Greenhill, and Broadwaters Community Neighbourhood Partnership will take part in Heritage Day.

Details of any matters in progress

Heritage Day, 12th September 2009

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

No allowances of any kind received.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2008/09

COUNCILLOR: John Thomas

WARD: Areley Kings

Activities

My main activities during the year have focused around constituents queries trying to help and advise where possible. I have visited numerous constituents to see their problems first hand and with the help of Officers tried to rectify these problems.

I have regularly attended the Areley Kings Partners and Communities Together PACT meetings and worked through problems which have arisen at these meetings with other members. I have attended local TCC meetings and consulted with tenants and officers of Wyre Forest Community Housing.

I attended the opening of the new Wild Walshes Play and Community area in Barnfield Road, which is an area for all the local families to enjoy.

I am a member of Stourport Town Council.

Council Activities

Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Alcohol & Substance Misuse Review Panel
Budget Review Panel
Section 106 Review Panel

Achievements During the Year

Working with others to improve the ward and help as many constituents as possible.

Training and Development

Scrutiny	21/05/2008
LSP 'Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

93%

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2008/09

COUNCILLOR: Stephen Williams

WARD: Blakedown & Chaddesley

Activities

Attached is a list of 133 engagements undertaken as Chairman of the Council, the majority of which I have been accompanied by my wife as Consort.

I have attended all meetings of Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council and some meetings of the other Parish Councils in my ward.

I have been able to help constituents with problems with planning, refuse collection and other matters during the last 12 months.

My telephone number is published in the local monthly Parish magazine.

Council Activities

Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

Achievements During the Year

As Chairman of the Council, I held a Charity Dinner in February 2009 which raised over £1,800 for the Prostate Cancer Support Group (Kidderminster & District).

Members' Surgeries

I have not held any surgeries as I make myself available to all parishoners and others on a regular basis during my other activities in my ward.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
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Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

81%

**Annual Report as a representative on an
Outside Organisation – 2008/09**

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Community Housing

Meeting Commitment:

Meetings attended:

Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council

Details of any significant decisions made

Details of any matters in progress

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role

£1,117.00

MAY

Friday 16 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Annual Meeting of Bewdley Town Council (St. George's Hall, Bewdley)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 17 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Monday 19 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Monday Night Group – Annual Donation Evening (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 22 nd May (9.00 – 2.00)	Launch of Equality and Diversity Being Different Together (Worcester Rugby Club)	Chairman
Thursday 22 nd May (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman
Thursday 22 nd May (7.30 p.m.)	Annual Meeting of Charter Trustees and Mayor Making (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 30 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport-on-Severn Mayor's Civic Reception (Civic Hall, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort

JUNE

Tuesday 3 rd June (10.00 a.m.)	Royal Visit – HRH The Duke of Kent (Titan Wheels, Cookley)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 7 th June (10.45 a.m.)	Bewdley Carnival (Mayor's Parlour, Load Street, Bewdley)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 7 th June (7.30 p.m.)	The Kidderminster Valentines (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 8 th June (11.00 a.m.)	Kidderminster Mayor's Sunday (St. Mary's Church, Ring Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 8 th June (3.00 p.m.)	Mayor and Mayoress of Evesham - Civic Service (Parish Church of all Saints, Evesham)	Chairman & Consort

Tuesday 10 th June (2.00 p.m.)	Royal Visit The Duke of Wales (Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 15 th June (10.30 a.m.)	Worcester Civic Service (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 15 th June (3.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Droitwich - Civic Service (St. Andrews Church, St. Andrews Street, Droitwich Spa)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 18 th June (3.45 p.m.)	Chairman Parish/Town Council Meeting (Chairman's Room, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Wed. 18 th June (7.00 p.m.)	Chairman of Worcestershire County Council – Informal Reception (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Thurs. 19 th June (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Thurs 19 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Three Arts Guild – “Bedroom Farce” (Areley Kings Village Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 21 st June (10.15 a.m.)	Kidderminster Carnival (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 22 nd June (3.00 p.m.)	Wychavon Civic Service (All Saints Church, Evesham)	Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 24 th June (6.00 p.m.)	Parish Forum Meeting (Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Friday 27 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – (Kidderminster Library)	Chairman & Consort

JULY

Wed. 2 nd July (7.30 p.m.)	Music Showcase (The Forum, Malvern Theatres)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 3 rd July (1.00 p.m.)	Under Fives Fun Day (Brinton Park, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort

Friday 11 th July (7.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Worcester – Inaugural Banquet (Guildhall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 12 th July (5.00 p.m.)	Stourport Canal Basins Re-launch (Stourport Canal Basins, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 16 th July (6.00 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber, Civic Centre)	Chairman
Thursday 17 th July (2.30 p.m.)	Official Opening of Maureen Aston Court, Broad Street, Kidderminster, Worcs	Chairman
Sunday 20 th July (3.00 p.m.)	Pershore Town Civic Service (Pershore Abbey)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 24 th July (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 27 th July (3.00 p.m.)	Malvern Hills District Council Civic Service (Great Malvern Priory, Church Street, Malvern)	Chairman & Consort
Wed 30 th July (7.30 p.m.)	Annual General Meeting of The League of Friends of the Kidderminster Hospitals (Education Centre, 3 rd Floor, Treatment Centre, Kidderminster Hospital)	Chairman & Consort

AUGUST

Sat. 2 nd August (11.30 a.m.)	Three Choirs Festival 2008 (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 8 th August (7.00 p.m.)	Bewdley Town Council - Town Quality Status Award (Guildhall, Bewdley)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 13 th August (11.00 a.m.)	Opening of Moorhall Marsh (Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 17 th Aug. (9.00 a.m.)	Madinatul Uloom Al Islamiya 8 th Annual Graduation Ceremony (Heath Lane, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 17 th Aug. (10.00 – 5.00)	Country & Western Festival (Riverside Meadows, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort

Thursday 21 st Aug. (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 24 th Aug. (2.30 p.m.)	Flag Raising Ceremony to coincide with the closing Ceremony in Beijing (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 4 th Sept. (6.00 p.m.)	Kidderminster Art Society Annual Exhibition of Paintings And Drawings (Countryside Nurseries, Worcester Road, Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6 th Sept. (12.15 p.m.)	Stourport-on-Severn Carnival (Stourport Carnival)	Chairman & Consort
Monday 8 th Sept. (6.00 p.m)	Extraordinary Council Meeting John Simmonds – Honorary Alderman (Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 12 th Sept. 6.30 p.m.	Wychavon District Council Annual Charity Dinner Dance (Salford Hall Hotel, Abbots Salford, Evesham)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 13 th Sept. (12 noon)	Polish Consulate - Ceremony (Polish Ex-Servicemen's Club, St. George's Terrace, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort

Sunday 14 th Sept. (10.30 a.m.)	Redditch Borough Council Civic Service (St. Stephen's Church, Redditch)	Chairman & Consort
Monday 15 th Sept. (7.30 p.m.)	Service of Licensing (St. George's Church Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 21 st Sept. (3.00 p.m.)	Bromsgrove District Council Civic Service (All Saints Church, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 24 th Sept. (2.30 p.m.)	Flag Raising Ceremony re closing ceremony in Beijing (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 26 th Sept. (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – Concert (Kidderminster Library)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 27 th Sept. (2.30 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Talking Newspaper Annual General Meeting (Baxter College, Habberley Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 28 th Sept. (11.00 a.m.)	Tenbury Town Council Annual Civic Service (St. Mary's Church, Tenbury Wells)	Chairman & Consort

OCTOBER

Friday 3 rd October (7.15 p.m.)	Allotments – Presentation Annual Prize Giving (Glades Studio, Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 4 th Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	Music for You (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 5 th Oct. (6.30 p.m.)	The County Harvest Service (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman & Consort
Monday 13 th Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	Carpet Trades Operatic Society - South Pacific (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort

Wed. 15 th Oct. (1.00 p.m.)	Community Fair (Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Thursday 16 th Oct. (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 21 st Oct. (6.00 p.m.)	Parish Forum Meeting (Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 23 rd Oct. (10.30 a.m.)	Worcestershire Federation of Wl's – Autumn Council Meeting (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort

NOVEMBER

Sat. 1 st Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport Choral & Operatic Society (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 5 th Nov. (7.00 p.m.)	Royal Air Force Civic Reception (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 7 th Nov. (2.00 p.m.)	University of Worcester Awards Ceremonies 2008	Chairman & Consort (Worcester Cathedral)
Saturday 8 th Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	West Mercia Constabulary Gala Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 9 th Nov. (10.15 a.m.)	Remembrance Sunday (St. Mary & All Saints Church Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Monday 10 th Nov. (10.45 a.m.)	Address pupils on life at the school 50 years ago (Chaddesley Corbett Primary School, Nr. Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sat. 15 th Nov. (6.00 p.m.)	Gourmets in Good Company (St. Peters Baptist Church, Eden Close, St. Peter's, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 16 th Nov. (6.30 p.m.)	RoadPeace Service (St. Ambrose Church, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 19 th Nov. (3.45 p.m.)	Parish Chairman Meeting (Chairman's Room, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman

Friday 21 st Nov. (5.00 p.m.)	Switching on of Stourport Lights (Mayor's Parlour, Stourport)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 21 st Nov. (7.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Young Voices Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 22 nd Nov. (3.15 p.m.)	Kidderminster Christmas Lights "Switch On" (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 22 nd Nov. (7.00 p.m.)	The Old Carolians Association Annual Dinner (Oldfield Hall, King Charles I High School, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 27 th Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Droitwich Charity Thanksgiving Dinner (St. Andrews Town Hall, Worcester Road, Droitwich)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 29 th Nov. (4.00 p.m.)	Bewdley Town Council Christmas Lights Festivities & "switch on" (Guildhall, Bewdley)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 29 th Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
Friday 5 th Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes - Carol Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 6 th Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	The Kidderminster Valentines (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 7 th Dec. (3.00 p.m.)	Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council – Advent Carol Service (St. Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett, Nr. Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 11 th Dec. (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 12 th Dec. (7.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Kidderminster – Christmas Service (St John's Church, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort

Saturday 13 th Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Male Choir Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 14 th Dec. (3.00 p.m.)	Bridgnorth District Council Civic Carol Service (St. John The Evangelist Church, Northgate, Bridgnorth)	Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 16 th Dec. (12 noon)	Christmas Carol Service (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 16 th Dec. (7.00 p.m.)	Worcester News Carol Service (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 17 th Dec. (6.30 p.m.)	Bromsgrove District Council Carol Concert (Spadesbourne Suite, Council House, Bromsgrove)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 19 th Dec. (7.00 p.m.)	Mencap Carol Concert (Wyre Forest Visitor Centre, Callow Hill, Bewdley)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 20 th Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport Choral & Operatic Society (Stourport Civic Hall)	Chairman & Consort

JANUARY

Thursday 1 st Jan. (7.00 p.m.)	New Years Day Viennese Concert (Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 15 th Jan. (12.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Worcester – Open House (Mayor's Parlour, Guildhall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 15 th Jan. (2.00 p.m.)	Worcestershire County Council Citizenship Ceremony	Chairman & Consort
Friday 16 th Jan. (6.30 p.m.)	Wychavon District Council New Year Reception (Civic Centre, Pershore)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 23 rd Jan. (7.00 p.m.)	Bromsgrove District Council "Burns Night" (Spadesbourne Suite, Council House, Bromsgrove)	Chairman & Consort
Thursday 29 th Jan. (7.00 p.m.)	Sports Awards (King Charles Room, Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort

Saturday 31 st Jan. (7.30 p.m.)	Monday Night Group - "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" (Stourport Civic Hall)	Chairman & Consort
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FEBRUARY

Friday 6 th February (12.00 midday)	Opening of The Robertson Centre (Kidderminster Hospital)	Chairman
Friday 6 th Feb. (7.30 p.m.)	Chairman of Wyre Forest District Charity Dinner Stone Manor Hotel, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 20 th Feb. (6.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Dance Festival 2009 Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 25 th Feb (6.00 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber, Civic Centre Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Saturday 28 th Feb. (7.30 p.m.)	Proms Concert for Leukaemia Care (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort

MARCH

Saturday 7 th March (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society Annual Dinner (La Brasserie, Mill Street, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 11 th March (7.30 p.m.)	Worcestershire Young Musicians (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman & Consort
Sat. 14 th March (2.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Talking Newspaper Official Opening of New Studio (St. Barnabas Community Hall, Wolverley Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Thurs 19 th March (10.30 a.m. & 2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman
Friday 20 th March (7.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Young Voices Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 27 th March (2.00pm)	King Charles I School Speech Day (King Charles School, Hillgrove House, Comberton Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman

Friday 27 th March (7.45 p.m.)	Bromsgrove District Council Arrow Valley Brass Band "Last Night of the Proms" (Spadesbourne Suite, Council House, Bromsgrove)	Chairman & Consort
Sat. 28 th March (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 29 th March (3.00 p.m.)	Bridgnorth District Council - Commemorative Service (St. Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth)	Chairman & Consort

APRIL

Saturday 4 th April (6.45 p.m.)	Mayor of Stourport-on-Severn Charity Banquet & Ball) (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 8 th April 4.30pm – 6.30pm	Opening of Wild Walshes Natural Play Area (Barnfield Road, Walshes Estate, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman & Consort
Friday 17 th April (7.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Kidderminster's Charity Ball (The Gainsborough House Hotel, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 18 th April (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport Choral & Operatic Society Spring Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort

Sunday 19 th April (12.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Carnival Committee Princess Competition (Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Monday 20 th April	Prostate Cancer Support Group Meeting – Presentation of cheque (Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 21 st April (6.00 p.m.)	Parish Forum Meeting (Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House Kidderminster)	Chairman
Saturday 25 th April (3.00 p.m.)	End of Year Tea Party & Tour of Mayor's Parlour (Mayor's Parlour, Guildhall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Saturday 25 th April (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Male Choir Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 26 th April (10.50 a.m.)	St. George's Day Parade (St. George's Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 26 th April (4.00 p.m.)	Worcestershire County Council Chairman's Civic Service (Church of St. Philip & St. James, Hallow)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 29 th April (7.00 p.m.)	Youth Makes Music (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman & Consort

MAY

Friday 1 st May 12.00 noon	Pre-view and Press Day - Opening of Bewdley Museum	Chairman & Consort
Friday 1 st May (6.45 p.m.)	Bromsgrove District Council Civic Charity Dinner (Grafton Manor, Grafton Lane, Bromsgrove, Worcs)	Chairman & Consort
Sunday 3 rd May (10.45 a.m.)	Opening Ceremony - Bewdley Museum	Chairman & Consort
Friday 8 th May (7.00 p.m.)	Worcestershire County Council End of Year Reception (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman & Consort
Wed. 20 th May (6.00 p.m.)	Annual Council (Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stourport)	Chairman

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2008/09

COUNCILLOR: Gordon Yarranton

WARD: Wribbenhall

Activities

I have helped with regular litter picking in the area, and also increased the number of bins available.

I deliver regular leaflets on a quarterly basis throughout my ward. These have a tear off slip for residents to use to report any problems they may have.

I have been involved in obtaining a letter box in Severn Bank Park through the Royal Mail.

I have also assisted in having two bus stops installed in Severn Bank Park.

I have managed to have the Community Housing Group re-lay slabs on the pathway in All Saints.

I have also had the vegetation cleaned up on Queensway.

Council Activities

Alcohol & Substance Misuse Panel
Planning (Development Control) Committee - Chairman
Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Citizens Advice Bureau Review Panel

Achievements During the Year

I used £2,000 of my locally determined funding for the Memorial Hall in Wolverley. Substantial improvements have now been made here which included outside funding in the region of £100,000.

I raised £3,000 for the Wolverley Pyramid show which was held at the Glades Leisure Centre which was all sold out.

I also donated some of my locally determined funding for Trimley Viewpoint for hard standing and bollards to stop vehicles.

I donated £1,000 to the All Saints Drop In Centre for administration to enable people to come in and discuss a variety of issues such as debt, County or District matters. This is a voluntary organisation that a number of agencies are involved in.

Members' Surgeries

I have held various surgeries on a regular basis at All Saints Church and also go and talk to residents personally regarding any problems they may be experiencing.

Training and Development

Chairmanship	20/05/2008
Planning	04/06/2008
LSP ' Learning to Deliver' Workshop	30/06/2008

Attendance Percentage for 2008/09

95%