

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2006/07**

COUNCILLOR RACHEL AKATHIOTIS

WARD: GREENHILL

Activities

I have attended Tenant Consultative Committees and Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership Meetings and Greenhill PACT Meetings.

Along with my Liberal Colleagues I have distributed monthly Focus Newsletters in the ward and dealt with numerous pieces of individual casework.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions Committee

Licensing and Environmental Committee

Service Policy Panel.

Outside Bodies

Greenhill TCC

Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Neighbourhood Partnership

Greenhill PACT

Achievements During the Year

My main success has been the successful setting up of the Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Neighbourhood Partnership and the successful development of Greenhill PACT after a shaky start.

Members' Surgeries

We do not do surgeries as, with a somewhat disparate ward there is no central point. Instead we are available by phone or mobile at all times.

Training and Development

I have attended several sessions.

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

I have been on maternity/hospital leave since March 2007

Overall Attendance = 68%

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COUNCILLOR JOHN ASTON

WARD – AGGBOROUGH & SPENNELLS

Activities

School Governor for Spennells First School
Sit on Executive Committee for Wyre Forest Conservative Association

Council Activities

Budget – Vice Chair
Cabinet Scrutiny
Efficiency Policy Panel – Vice Chair
Prosperity Policy Panel
Planning Development Control

Outside Bodies

Achievements During the Year

Captain's Pool at Heronswood Road Junction.

Clearance of fly-tipping in woods at Aggborough after liaising with the Housing Association.

New road signs ordered for Chaffinch Drive and Jay Park Crescent.

Hoo Road traffic calming – liaised with Highways Department for work to be done before budget runs out.

Children's play area on Spennells – question raised with Highways re children crossing from the play area due to fast moving traffic on Heronswood Road.

Have supported new youth facilities on Spennells Play Areas.

Liaised with Highways re damaged lawns due to chemical spraying – mostly now rectified.

Bridle ways trimmed back adjacent to the railway lime.

Negotiated with Police through PACT meetings for better policing on Spennells due to ever increasing vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Traffic calming measures being investigated on Heronswood Road.

Through the surgeries being held we have managed to rectify a lot of domestic issues concerning disabled people and neighbour disputes.

I am also pursuing with Highways the resurfacing under viaduct in Mill Lane with a soft core surface, to cover the loose rock surface which is down at present which children are throwing at passing trains.

Football parking on Aggborough – have requested more parking signs from Police and football club.

Also having the centre carriageway opening closed between two petrol stations on Worcester Road.

Members' Surgeries

Held at 23 Fieldfare Court, Spennells, Kidderminster

Training and Development

Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
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Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

84%

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COUNCILLOR JEFFREY BAKER

WARD - FRANCHE

Activities

Ward work is somewhat repetitive, answering Members questions and making sure I am seen around the Ward on a daily basis. One of my big successes this last year has been the big improvements that have taken place in the King George V Playing field in Marlpool Lane. This place was a regular haunt of youngsters during the evenings. I had repeated calls from local residents about bad language, vandalism, and alcohol being drunk – all the usual problems that youths cause. I called open meetings between Councillors and residents, including the youths themselves which proved to be very productive. In cooperation with the Cultural, Leisure & Commercial Services Division, fences were improved, the entrance to the park was altered to stop youths sitting on the low walls surrounding the entrance. A new goal post was erected and the pitch marked out away from the road so the ball would not go onto the busy roadway. Also some screening has been put into place to protect the houses that are adjacent to the park. The police have increased patrols in the area and the position is much better all round.

After almost 12 months of negotiations and site meetings I eventually got a badly leaning alder tree cut down on Marlpool Lane, much to the relief and delight of the house holders who would be in line if the tree came down.

I am a member of the Franche Tenants Association attending meetings and periodical walks round and if any problems are found they are acted upon. Pot holes and poor road surfaces are a constant problem. I am forever ringing up the County Council for this end and just occasionally I get some success. I regularly leaflet the Ward members and keep them informed and have had some success in getting mast applications refused in our area. I am also a member of the PACT committee for Franche and regularly attend their meetings.

Council Activities

Licensing and Environment Committee (Chairman)
Efficiency Policy Panel
Prosperity Policy Panel
Kidderminster Educational Trust
Youth Provision Task & Finish Group

Outside Bodies

Carpet Museum Trust Committee
Kidderminster Town Centre Management Committee

The Carpet Museum Trust has been set up to record all the samples of machinery and carpet samples into a fully operational museum which will give local residents a flavour of what life was like and how the industry was run over past years.

The Town centre Management Committee is hoping to restore the fortunes of Kidd town centre with new shops new developments, street markets etc. and we hope to revitalise them completely.

Achievements During the Year

As Chairman of the Licensing Committee we have had a very busy year. Taxi Deregulation has been an ongoing issue but Deregulation is a fact and the Committee will monitor this on a regular basis. The Gambling Act and Smoking Act have also come before us and training has been given to all Members of the Committee on these important Acts. The Efficiency Panel meets to try and make recommendations and to make our Council more efficient, to curb any excesses in spending and over use and over ordering of materials (paper products) Efficiencies must be made on a year on year basis. Prosperity panel is set up to make like in Wyre Forest as good as we can make it; new amenities, better services and an overall improvement in their daily lives. The Kidderminster Educational Trust gives grants (mostly small ones) to local organisations who put their case to the Committee made up of Councillors of all parties. These applications must have some educational context in their claim. Quite a number of local groups and organisations have benefited from this Trust.

The Youth Task & Finish Group is a Sub-Committee set up to see what facilities are needed by young people in the area for their use and enjoyment, especially in the evenings. To see if any youth clubs are near where they live, if there are any buses in the area that they can use at night so that young people can get out and home at night after visiting others towns and areas. The group has not yet completed its work. We have also engaged the schools in this enterprise and replies are awaited. Hopefully this group can finish its work in the not too distant future.

Members' Surgeries

I and my fellow Ward Councillor hold four Ward surgeries a year in various locations on the Ward.

Attendances vary enormously.

Training and Development

Code of Conduct	29/06/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	06/07/2004
Planning	14/09/2004
Planning	04/10/2004
Seminar - Freedom of Info Act Awareness	09/12/2004
Groupwise	26/01/2005
Groupwise	03/03/2005
Media Skills	03/03/2005
Basic Laptop Training	17/10/2005
Getting the Message Across Effectively	16/05/2006
Overview & Scrutiny	30/06/2006
Groupwise	20/02/2007
Charing Skills Licensing Financial	28/03/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 100%

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COUNCILLOR GRAHAM BALLINGER

WARD - GREENHILL

Activities

Through regular monthly newsletters (Focus) circulated all across Greenhill Ward I keep in touch with the electorate as part of a Liberal Team, including two District and two County Members. Issues which have affected the public in the past year are street cleanliness (where there has been some improvement); anti-social behaviour (where lack of Police presence on the street is significant); refuse collection/recycling (where there remains some issues to be resolved) and planning matters ('not in my back yard'). These subject areas are probably the bulk of matters referred to me by the public this past year.

I have tried to be responsive and helpful at all times to the public who are, after all, fully responsible for electing us to Office (and keeping us there!). My home telephone number and address is readily available and is regularly used by the public.

The Wyre Forest Schools Review has dominated my duties as a Governor of Lea Street First School and Comberton Middle Schools respectively.

I have regularly attended meetings in 1) Greenhill, 2) Town Centre and 3) the special group for people with Disabilities, organised as part of the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) initiative which, after a slow and confusing start, is now beginning to make a significant impact on the community.

Council Activities

Efficiency Policy Panel (Chairman)
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee
Licensing & Environmental Committee
Prosperity Policy Panel (from March 2007)
Budget Review Group

Outside Bodies

DC Leisure Board Member representing Wyre Forest District Council on the Managing Board for the District Leisure Centres (3)

Greenhill and Aggborough/Spennells Tenant Consultative Committees and now Offmore/Comberton TCC (from April 2007)

Achievements During the Year

I consider the on-going relationship that I have built up after almost 20 years as a District Councillor (first elected to Wyre Forest District Council in 1979), together with my experienced Ward colleagues, has enabled me to conclude that it has been yet another very successful year! Improvements in street cleaning, more links achieved through PACT meetings on law and order are some of the significant improvements.

Frustrations still focus on a County related issue, that is road and pavement conditions, but perhaps I may have greater influence in the coming year!

The support that I have given to the two schools in my Ward affected by the Wyre Forest Schools Review has, I hope, been of some benefit to the staff and pupils of those schools. This involvement has dominated so much of the past year in terms of meetings with parents, staff, officers and young people!

A small item, but one that I hope will ultimately be of some benefit to the Town Centre, has been my involvement as a member of the Blackwell Street Revival Group hoping to regenerate that older part of the town.

Members' Surgeries

A high percentage of elderly folk in the Ward means that evening surgeries are not popular – I visit people in their homes at their request. (Under review.)

Training and Development

1. Some basic computer laptop training
2. Initial introduction training in respect of my membership of the new Stourport Civic Hall/Properties Disposal Group.
3. A number of Licensing Centre training update sessions.

Planning	04/06/2003
Finance / Budget	07/01/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	06/07/2004
Groupwise	03/03/2005
Seminar - Effective Overview & Scrutiny	15/04/2005
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
Seminar - Efficiency & Transformation	19/09/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 96%

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COUNCILLOR JOHN PAUL CAMPION

WARD – SUTTON PARK

Activities

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

Administration – As my responsibility is primarily focused on finance my Cabinet activities have centred around money matters, which has led to my involvement in most areas of the Council's activity.

I am responsible for the Administration's Finance Strategy (please see below in achievements).

I meet regularly with the Chief Executive and members of CMT to discuss issues pertaining to the areas of my responsibility. I regularly receive briefings and give strategic direction to the Council's activities and projects.

I have regularly attended the Council's Audit, Scrutiny and Policy Panels. I would hope that I have engaged in scrutiny in a positive and constructive fashion.

Ward – My main focus this year as a ward councillor has been the "bread and butter" issues which affect the daily lives of the residents of Sutton Park. I have been working with my ward colleagues to address issues such as litter, dog mess and anti social behaviour.

My ward colleagues and I have worked closely with the new PACT initiative run by West Mercia Constabulary, solving issues in a partnership style, in which the District Council often plays a large role.

During the year my ward colleagues and I have attempted to progress the issue of anti social behaviour linked with alcohol consumption in the vicinity of Brinton Park which has been raised by concerned residents. We asked all households in Sutton Park if they would support an Alcohol Restriction Zone for Brinton Park, and there was significant support from residents. Unfortunately the local police are not supportive of the initiative, and as such is on hold, and will be the subject of further review in the future.

Council Activities

Cabinet – Responsible for Finance & Corporate Affairs
Miscellaneous Functions Committee - Chairman
Licensing & Environmental Committee
Wyre Forest District Council Equalities Champion

Outside Bodies

Worcestershire Integrated Passenger Travel
Wyre Forest Bus Quality Partnership (Now defunct)
Worcestershire Hub Board
Regional Diversity Steering Group

Achievements During the Year

Administration – My main achievement this municipal year from my involvement within the Administration has been Council approving a balanced medium term finance strategy. The strategy had support from across the political spectrum, and I believe sensibly managed the Council's growth and direction. This was, I believe, achieved by all parties working together from an early stage, identifying areas requiring improvement, whilst at the same time ensuring any spending was affordable and sustainable.

Another achievement in this municipal year was my involvement in the Worcestershire Hub project which led to the opening of the Kidderminster Hub this year. I was involved in the strategic direction of the project, monitoring progress and costs.

Ward – My main ward achievement this year has been the level of resident involvement we have gained through our regular ward work and newsletters. My ward colleagues and I have delivered six newsletters across the whole ward this municipal year informing the electorate of our activities as their elected representatives. We have used this media to consult as well as inform, for example we ran a consultation in relation to the proposal to make the Park Street and Wood Street area one way to vehicle traffic. We personally delivered letters to residents whom would be potentially affected asking for their view, and chasing up with a personal visit. We reported the outcome of our consultation through our newsletter.

Members' Surgeries

I have held 3 ward surgeries in the last municipal year on Sunday 6th August 2006. Sunday 29th October 2006 and Sunday 18th February 2007.

Training and Development

Planning	24/06/2004
Code of Conduct	29/06/2004
Licensing	12/07/2004
Groupwise	26/01/2005
Equality / Diversity / Disability	11/05/2005
Performance Management in Councils	19/09/2006
Respect - Leadership	30/11/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 86%

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COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CLEE

WARD – BEWDLEY AND ARLEY

Activities

Worcestershire Hub at the Town Hall is up and running and a great success.

As leader I have led the activity of Single Site office accommodation for WFDC and the pulling together of KTC.3

Keeping up with ‘Safeguarding the environment’ activities has been ongoing.

Ward activity is daily/weekly with letters and emails resulting from leafleting to solve residents’ concerns and keep them updated on local issues.

Since appointed Leader 1010 letters have been written plus internal memos and emails to and from constituents have been sent.

Involvement with Parish Councils providing Section 106 monies and furthering IT facilities for their role

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

Council Activities

Council

Cabinet - Chairman

Appointments & Appeals Committee - Chairman

Licensing and Environmental Committee– Vice-Chairman

(Plus all other informal and pre-meetings called)

Outside Bodies

- Bewdley Museum Management Committee
- Bewdley Development Trust - (Opportunity Bewdley)
- Local Government Association – **General Assembly**
- West Midlands Local Government Association - **Council**
- West Midlands Regional Assembly
- Worcestershire Partnership Board
- Chamber of Commerce Area Partnership Forum – **Worcestershire**

Membership of Organisations

Kidderminster Educational Foundation

Destination Worcestershire **Board Member**

LGA District Leaders Sounding Board London – **Director**

Wyre Forest Highways Partnership Unit

Worcestershire Investment Monitoring Panel (Pensions)

Kidderminster Carpet Museum Trust

Other Public Bodies

Worcestershire County Council
Bewdley Town Council

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

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

Deputy Chairman Wyre Forest Conservative Association
Bewdley Civic Society
Member of the Conservative & Unionist Party
Member of the Conservative Councillors Association (London)

Achievements During the Year

- Creating and opening of the Worcestershire Hub in Kidderminster
- Kept Council Tax low
- Internal re-organisation of the Authority towards Single Site
- Board Member on local radio "The Wyre"
- Founder Member of Destination Worcestershire promoting Wyre Forest and the County at National level.
- Secured sponsorship of traffic islands around the district.

Members' Surgeries

- Ward Surgeries held every Saturday 9.00 – 10.00 am.
- Distribution of 200 Water hogs & light bulbs in Bewdley and Arley
- Monthly distribution of Activity sheets inviting comments from constituents.
- Led campaign to oppose a telecommunication mast in Bewdley.
- Led a constituency campaign opposing the abolition of West Mercia Police Force and presented the petition to the Shadow Home Secretary, David Davis, in Westminster

Training and Development

Member Development Reviewer Workshop	03/07/2006
Recruitment & Selection	01/03/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 89%

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COUNCILLOR NATHAN DESMOND

WARD - OLDINGTON AND 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 of all residents.

I have focused on improving road surfaces and pavements, clearing up litter hot spots, helping to tackle anti social behaviour and refurbishing bus shelters.

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

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

I also attend three Wyre Forest Community Housing Tenants Consultative Committee Meetings within the ward and two Area meetings.

I am deputy chairman of the ward PACT Committee and I have attended all meetings in the last 12 months,

I attend the Friends of Brinton Park meetings and together with my Conservative colleagues carried out a litter pick in Brinton Park.

I have also taken the time to knock doors in a given street to introduce myself and ascertain if local residents have any local issues or problems.

I have delivered regular newsletters to all residents in the ward updating them of my successful activities and future intentions.

Council Activities

I am Cabinet Member for Leisure and Community Safety.

I also sit on the Appointment and Appeals Committee.

Outside Bodies

I sit on the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership and the Worcestershire Local Access Forum.

Achievements During the Year

Through constant pressure to the Highways Department, I have managed to repair badly worn road surfaces and have new road surfaces laid in Reservoir Road, Goldthorne Avenue, Rifle Range Road and Kinver Avenue. Also I have new

pavement surfaces laid in Dowles Road and Kinver Avenue. Only just recently I have managed to obtain a guarantee that Highways will resurface Shrawley Avenue.

Again through constant pressure to key partners, I have managed to secure funding for a new bus shelter in Kinver Avenue to protect residents, particularly the senior citizens from the rain and wind. I hope to have this installed in the next few months.

I have refurbished numerous bus shelters throughout the ward that have been damaged by anti social behaviour.

Also, I have ensured that missing street name plates have been replaced, more litter bins installed and litter hot spots have been reported and tackled.

It is usually the numerous successful individual casework that I see as a major achievement. For instance to give a few examples I got the Council to unblock a drain in a couple's garden that was blocked for 6 months and causing real trouble. I have managed to get Wyre Forest Community Housing to take positive action in a number of OAP's homes to remove damp and refurbish dilapidated walls.

Obtaining action to unblock persistent drains in Godson Place and Stourport Road.

Training and Development

Overview & Scrutiny	24/06/2002
Planning	04/06/2003
Finance / Budget	07/01/2004
Planning	19/01/2004
Licensing	12/07/2004
Public Speaking & Presentation Skills	31/01/2007
Recruitment & Selection	01/03/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 84%

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COUNCILLOR JAMES DUDLEY

WARD - SUTTON PARK

Activities

SEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Council Activities

Audit Committee

Outside Bodies

Reserve Forces & Cadets

Achievements During the Year

Members' Surgeries

Training and Development

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 75%

LIST OF FUNCTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN 2006/2007

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>ATTEND BY</u>
<u>MAY 2006</u>		
Friday 19 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Bewdley Town Council Annual Meeting (Guildhall, Bewdley)	Chairman
Friday 19 th May & Consort	Alzheimer's Society Annual General Meeting (Kidderminster Library)	Vice-(11.00 a.m.) Chairman
Saturday/ 20 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Three Arts Guild – “Tons of Money” (New Areley Kings Village Hall)	Chairman
Tuesday 23 rd May (7.30p.m.)	Monday Night Group – Annual Donation Presentation Evening (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Thursday 25 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Annual Meeting of the Charter Trustees Mayor-Making Ceremony (Music Room, Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Friday 26 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport-on-Severn Town Mayor's Civic Reception (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
<u>JUNE</u>		
Tuesday 4 th June (12.00 midday)	Picnic in the Park and Pentecost (Brinton Park)	Chairman
Wednesday 7 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Hospital League of Friends – Annual General Meeting (Education Centre, 3 rd Floor, Treatment Centre, Kidderminster Hospital)	Chairman
Thursday 8 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Parish Games – Presentation Ceremony (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Friday 9 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – Concert (Kidderminster Library)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Saturday 10 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Evesham Balloon Festival by boat (Waterside, Evesham)	Vice-Chairman & Consort

Sunday 11 th June (10.30 a.m.)	Bewdley Town Council – Mayor’s Sunday 2006 St. Anne’s Church, Bewdley)	Chairman
Sunday 11 th June (5.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Evesham “Very Special Tea Dance” (Marquee on Abbey Park, Evesham)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Friday 16 th June (6.30 p.m.)	Opening of Exhibition by West Midlands Ceramic Simon Hancox (Bewdley Museum)	Chairman
Saturday 17 th June (10.45 a.m.)	Bewdley Carnival (Mayor’s Parlour, Load Street, Bewdley)	Chairman
Saturday 17 th June (7.30 p.m.)	The Kidderminster Valentines – Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Sunday 18 th June (10.30 a.m.)	Mayor Worcester Annual Civic Service (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman
Saturday 24 th June (10.15 a.m.)	Kidderminster Carnival (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Saturday 24 th June (7.30 p.m.)	Alzheimer’s Society Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Friday 23 rd June (7.30p.m.)	The Richard Baxter Quinquennial Lecture (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Sunday 25 th June (11.30 a.m.)	Mayor-Making Ceremony (St. Mary & All Saints Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Wednesday 28 th June (2.30 p.m.)	Photoshoot – Bewdley Museum Tea Shop	Chairman

JULY

Sunday 2 nd July a.m.)	Droitwich Spa Town Council Mayor’s Civic Service (St. Andrews Church, St. Andrews Street, Droitwich Spa)	Vice-(11.30 Chairman & Consort
Thursday 6 th July (1.00 p.m.)	Tweenies Riverside Adventure under 5’s Theme Event (Stourport Riverside Meadows)	Vice- Chairman & Consort

Friday 7 th July (7.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Worcester – Mayoral Banquet (Guildhall, Worcester)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 11 th July (7.00 p.m.)	Winterfold House School Diamond Jubilee Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Thursday 13 th July a.m.)	Wyre Forest Disability Sports Event (Stourport Sports Club, Kingsway)	Vice-(10.30 Chairman & Consort
Friday 14 th July (12.30 p.m.)	WFDC – Annual Training Presentations (Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Friday 14 th July (7.30 p.m.)	Voices and Visions 2006 Dance Showcase (The Forum, Malvern Theatres)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 15 th July (2.00 p.m.)	Official Opening of the new Activity Centre (Rhydd Covert Campsite)	Chairman
Saturday 15 th July	Stourport Choral & Operatic Society Summer Concert	Vice Chairman & Consort
Sunday 16 th July (2.00 p.m.)	Royal British Legion – County Rally (St. Mary & All Saints Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Wednesday 19 th July (6.30 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber, Civic Centre)	Chairman
Thursday 27 th July (11.30 a.m.)	TIC Award Ceremony (TIC, Bewdley)	Chairman
Thursday 27 th July (1.30 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman
<u>AUGUST</u>		
Saturday 5 th Aug. (11.00 a.m.)	The 1 st Battalion, the Worcestershire Sherwood Foresters Regiment Freedom of the City of Worcester (Guildhall, Worcester)	Chairman
Sunday 6 th Aug.	Trimpley Steam Fair (Trimpley, Nr. Bewdley)	Chairman

Thursday 10 th Aug. (10.00am – 3.00pm)	Showcase of Services for Older People (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Friday 11 th Aug. (10.30 a.m.)	Age Concern Roundabout Challenge Walk (Tulip Tree Centre, Castle Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Sunday 13 th August (2.30 p.m.)	Far Forest Show (Far Forest, Nr. Kidderminster)	Chairman
Saturday 19th Aug. (4.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Droitwich Spa 'Bolterton' Garden Party (Bigbury, Waterside, Droitwich Spa)	Chairman
Sunday 21 st Aug. (11.00 a.m.)	Country and Western Festival (Riverside, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Wednesday 23 rd Aug. (7.00 p.m.)	Visit to Kemp House Hospice Kemp Hospice, 41 Mason Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Sunday 27 th Aug. (3.00 p.m.)	Wychavon Civic Service (St. Andrew's Church, Ombersley)	Chairman
Sunday 27 th Aug. (8.00 p.m.)	Fundraising Concert – Evesham Kneival Raphael's Restaurant, Evesham	Vice- Chairman & Consort

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 st Sept. (5.00 p.m.)	The Mayor of Evesham Town Hall Tea Dance (Town Hall, Evesham)	Chairman
Saturday 2 nd Sept. (12.15 p.m.)	Stourport-on-Severn Carnival (Harold Davies Drive, Stourport)	Chairman
Saturday 9 th Sept. (10.00 a.m.)	Methodist Church Kidderminster and Stourport Circuit – District Synod (Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Wednesday 20 th Sept. (6.00 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber, Civic Centre)	Chairman
Friday 22 nd Sept. (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – Concert (Kidderminster Library)	Chairman
Friday 22 September (7.15 p.m.)	Allotments – presentation, annual prize giving, Stourport Sports Club	Vice- Chairman & Consort

Sunday 24 th Sept. (6.30 p.m.).	Licensing of Reverend Derek Arnold St John the Baptist Church, Bewdley Rd. Kidd.	Chairman
Wed. 27 th Sept. (4.00 p.m.)	Worcestershire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust Annual General Meeting (Princess of Wales Community Hospital, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 30 th Sept. (2.30 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Talking Newspaper Annual General Meeting (Social Education Centre, Habberley Road Kidderminster)	Chairman
Saturday 30 th Sept. (7.00 p.m.)	Wychavon District Council - 'Victorian Evening' (Civic Centre, Pershore)	Chairman
Saturday 30 Sept. (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Valentines Concert St Mary's Church	Vice- Chairman & Consort
 <u>OCTOBER</u> 		
Sunday 1 st Oct. (6.30 p.m.)	The County Harvest Service (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman
Tuesday 3 rd Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	Charter Trustees - Private Informal Meeting Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House Kidderminster)	Vice- Chairman
Friday 6 th Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	"Music for You" Charity Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 7 th Oct. (7.00 p.m.)	Redditch Borough Council - Mayor's Charity Concert (Town Hall, Redditch)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 7 th Oct. (10.00 a.m.)	Heritage Day (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Sunday 8 th Oct. (11.00 a.m.)	Bewdley Festival Church Service (St. Anne's Church, Bewdley)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Monday 9 th Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	Carpet Trades Operatic Society "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Vice-Chairman & Consort

Wednesday 18 th Oct (11.15 a.m.)	Visit of HRH the Duke of Gloucester (Kemp Hospice and Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Wednesday 18 th Oct. (7.00 p.m.)	Parish Forum Meeting (Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Thursday 19 th Oct. (7.00 p.m.)	Bewdley Development Trust CIC Launch (Bewdley Baptist Church, High Street, Bewdley)	Chairman
Friday 20 th Oct. (12 noon)	Bewdley Development Trust CIC Launch (Bewdley Baptist Church, High Street, Bewdley)	Chairman
Saturday 21 st Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Male Choir Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Wednesday 25 th Oct. (6.00 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber, Civic Centre)	Chairman
Thursday 26 th Oct. (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall)	Chairman
Friday 27 th Oct. (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – Concert (Kidderminster Library)	Chairman
Monday 30 th October (11.00 a.m.)	Funeral of the Late Mr. Norman James (St. Mary & All Saints Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman

NOVEMBER

Friday 3 rd Nov. (7.00 p.m.)	Celebration re Re-Opening of Mayor's Parlour (Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Friday 3 rd Nov. (2.00 p.m.)	University of Worcester Awards Ceremonies 2006 (Worcester Cathedral)	Chairman
Tuesday 7 th Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	NSPCC – Annual General Meeting (Worcester Golf & Country Club)	Chairman
Wednesday 8 th Nov (5.30 p.m.)	Meeting of the Hereford/Worcester Reserve Forces and Cadets Committee (16 Silver Street, Worcester)	Chairman

Saturday 11 th Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport Choral and Operatic Society Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Sunday 12 th Nov. (10.15 a.m.)	Remembrance Sunday (St. Mary & All Saints Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Wednesday 15 th Nov. (6.00 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber Civic Centre)	Chairman
Friday 17 th November (7.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Young Voices (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Friday 17 th November (2.30 p.m.)	King Charles I School – Founders Day Service (St. Mary & All Saints Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Saturday 18 th Nov (7.00 p.m.)	The Old Carolians Association Annual Dinner (Oldfield Hall, King Charles I School, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Sunday 19 th Nov. (6.30 p.m.)	Road Peace Service (St. Ambrose Church, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Thursday 23 rd Nov. (2.30 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman
Friday 24 th November (4.30 p.m.)	The Three Kings Parade (Mayor’s Parlour, Civic Centre, (Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Friday 24 th November (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – Concert (Kidderminster Library)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 25 th Nov. (3.45 p.m.)	Kidderminster Christmas Lights “Switch On” (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Saturday 25 th Nov. (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Thursday 30 th Nov. (7.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest First Schools Carol Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman

DECEMBER

Friday 1 st Dec. (7.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Evesham Christmas Charity Ball (Public Hall, Evesham)	Chairman
Friday 1 st Dec. (7.00 p.m.)	Private View – Exhibition Kidderminster at Night By Ken Birch and Colin Hill (Kidderminster Library)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Friday 1 st Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	Worcestershire Federation of Wis Carol Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Sunday 3 rd Dec. (4.00 p.m.)	Chairman's Carol Service (St. Mary & All Saints Church, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Saturday 9 th Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Male Choir Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Sunday 10 th December (3.00 p.m.)	Pershore Town Council – Civic Service (Pershore Abbey)	Chairman
Thursday 14 th Dec. (1.30 a.m.)	Christmas Carol Concert (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman
Saturday 16 th Dec. (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport Choral and Operatic Society (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Wednesday 20 th Dec. (7.00 p.m.)	Worcester News Carol Service (Worcester Cathedral)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Thursday 21 st Dec. (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Vice-Chairman & Consort

JANUARY 2007

Monday 1 st Jan. (7.00 p.m.)	New Years Day 2007 Viennese Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 6 th Jan. (7.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Swimming Club (Sports and Social Club, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Sunday 14 th Jan. (3.00 p.m.)	Signing of a Covenant of Local Ecumenical Partnership between St. Oswalds Church of England and the Methodist Church in Broadwaters (Broadwaters Methodist Church, Pitt Street, Kidderminster)	Chairman

Monday 22 nd Jan. (noon)	Official Launch of the Wyre Forest Worcestershire Hub (King Charles Room, Town Hall, Kidderminster)	Vice-(12.00 Chairman
Thursday 25 th Jan. (2.30 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman
Thursday 25 th Jan. (7.30 p.m.)	Wyre Forest District Sports Awards 2006 (Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Sunday 28 th Jan. (12 noon)	Wyre Forest Holocaust Memorial Service (Wyre Forest Holocaust Memorial outside The Church of St. Mary & All Saints, Kidderminster)	Chairman

FEBURARY

Saturday 3 rd Feb. (7.30 p.m.)	Monday Night Group – “Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood” (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Friday 16 th Feb. (5.30 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Dance Festival Championship (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Chairman
Saturday 17 th Feb. (7.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Kidderminster – Disco for the Mayor’s Charity Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Club, St. George’s Terrace, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Sunday 25 th Feb. (3.00 p.m.)	“Butterfly’s Son” (Symphony Hall, Birmingham)	Chairman
Wednesday 28 th Feb. (6.00 p.m.)	Full Council Meeting (Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stourport-on -Severn)	Chairman

MARCH

Friday 2 nd March (12.00 noon)	Funeral of the late Councillor M. Oborksi (St. Ambrose Church, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Friday 2 nd March (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society Dinner (Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club)	Chairman
Saturday 3 rd March (7.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Kidderminster – Charity Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Sunday 11 th March	Herefordshire Council Civic Service	Chairman

(3.30 p.m.)	(Bridstow Church, Bidstow, Ross-on-Wyre)	
Monday 12 th March (2.00 p.m.)	Asha Wyre Forest – Annual General Meeting (Duke House, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Wednesday 14 th March (7.30 p.m.)	Sports Partnership Herefordshire & Worcestershire Sports Awards 2007 (The Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern, Worcs)	Chairman
Friday 16 th March (7.30 p.m.)	Classical Music Society – Concert (Kidderminster Library)	Chairman
Friday 23 rd March (7.00 p.m.)	Wyre Forest Young Voices (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Saturday 24 th March (9.50 a.m.)	Launch of Discover Bewdley Weekend (Guildhall, Bewdley)	Chairman
Saturday 24 th March (7.30 p.m.)	Performance of Treorchy Male Choir (Artix, Bromsgrove)	Chairman
Sunday 25 th March (5.00 p.m.)	Presentation of Diplomas (Emilys, Bewdley)	Chairman
Thursday 29 th March (2.00 p.m.)	Citizenship Ceremony (County Hall, Worcester)	Vice-Chairman
Friday 30 th March (7.00 p.m.)	Mayor of Kidderminster's Charity Ball (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Saturday 31 st March (7.30 p.m.)	Kidderminster Choral Society – Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Saturday 14 th April (7.00 p.m.)	Kidderminster Male Choir – Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman
Saturday 14 th April (6.45 p.m.)	Mayor of Stourport-on-Severn Mayoral Charity Banquet & Ball	Vice-Chairman & Consort
Wednesday 18 th April (12.30 p.m.)	Asha Wyre Forest – Opening of Creche (430 Hurcott Road, Kidderminster)	Vice-Chairman
Thursday 19 th April (7.00 p.m.)	Bewdley Development Trust (Guildhall, Bewdley)	Chairman
Friday 20 th April (7.30 p.m.)	Chairman of Worcestershire County Council – End of Year Reception (County Hall, Worcester)	Chairman

Friday 20 th April (7.30 p.m.)	Mayor of Stourport-on-Severn's Charity Quiz Night (Civic Hall, Stourport-on-Severn)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Saturday 21 st April (7.30 p.m.)	St. George's Celebration (Shire Farm, Hawford)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Sunday 22 nd April (10.45 a.m.)	St. George's Day Service and Parade (Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster)	Chairman
Thursday 26 th April (6.30 p.m.)	Youth Makes Music (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Chairman

MAY

4 th May (7.30 p.m.)	Stourport Choral and Operatic Society Concert (Kidderminster Town Hall)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Monday 14 th May (7.00 p.m.)	The Annual Mayor-Making Ceremony (Town Hall, Market Place, Evesham)	Vice- Chairman & Consort
Tuesday 15 th May (7.00 p.m.)	Buffet Reception following Annual Council (Bromsgrove District Council, The Council House, Burcott Lane, Bromsgrove)	Vice- Chairman

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COUNCILLOR HELEN DYKE

WARD – AGGBOROUGH & SPENNELLS

Activities

I continue to help write, print and deliver our FOCUS newsletter throughout the ward on a very regular basis. It includes information for residents and concerns, worries or ideas for the area and also full contact details for myself of telephone number, address and email address. I believe very strongly in keeping residents informed all year round.

I am secretary of our local community group – Aggborough & Spennells Community Action Group which has organised a community litter pick, financed a willow sculpture project undertaken by local young people and organised a Design a Christmas Card Competition. We had a very good response and children from Spennells First School, Hickory Dickory Dock Nursery, Local Scout Group and many other local children took part. We provided book vouchers as prizes.

Working with the local police officers to implement the PACT meetings has also been a priority during this past year and I have established a good working relationship with the Police through this work.

All this runs alongside undertaking ward work of every description and liaising with partners and outside agencies to solve or tackle residents' disputes.

Council Activities

I did sit on Planning Enforcement, Prosperity Policy Panel, Service Policy Panel as well as many smaller Task and Finish Groups established to deal with high priority issues during the year.

Outside Bodies

I sit as a Governor on both Spennells First School and the temporary governing body for the new Heronswood Primary School.

I am a board member for Community Housing and in that capacity I am also Vice Chairman of Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing Committee.

In August last year I also became the District Council's representative on the Corporate Parenting Group which meets at County Hall.

I am also a founder trustee of the Kidderminster War Memorial Conservation Trust and a Charter Trustee of Kidderminster.

I do try to attend all the Tenants Consultative Meetings held during the year with tenants and Community Housing.

Achievements During the Year

When the College site was built on Hoo Road there were 106 monies agreed to provide traffic calming of some sort for Hoo Road. I have continued with residents' help to campaign for this money to be spent on the area before the time limit runs out and before the developer could demand it back. I have also negotiated with County Council Officers for a public display of the proposed plans to take place in the area as soon as possible. This has now been agreed.

Attending, taking part and representing local residents in a rally in Malvern protesting against Health cuts in Worcestershire.

I have attended every PACT meeting for our area and have liaised with District and County Officers to tackle issues raised by residents.

My Ward work still remains very important to me and I have dealt with many individual problems and concerns raised with me by local people with good results.

During the year I have worked on many projects for our area such as:

- Resurfacing of the junctions of Heronswood Road and Captain's Pool Road.
- Having speed checks done on our roads as requested by residents.
- Litter and refuse problems
- Ordering replacement road signs
- Launching a petition calling for more police presence in Aggborough & Spennells.
- Nagging the County Council to try and get the very large amount of potholes repaired in our area.

Members' Surgeries

I have held 3 surgeries during the year – 2 at Spennells Community Centre, Warbler Place, Kidderminster and 1 at St Cecilia's Church on Hoo Road – They were not very well attended although well published in our monthly FOCUS newsletter and I do visit residents in their own home a lot of the time as they prefer it that way.

Training and Development

Overview & Scrutiny	27/11/2000
Ethical	27/11/2001
Finance - Budget Scrutiny	07/01/2004
Planning	19/01/2004
Seminar Freedom of Information Act awareness	09/12/2004
Member Development Reviewer Workshop	03/07/2006
Groupwise	29/01/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 77%

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**COUNCILLOR MRS LOUISE EDGINTON
WARD - BEWDLEY AND ARLEY**

Activities

In may 2006, I was appointed Mayor of Bewdley and in that capacity I have been to many functions where I have met even more of the people on my patch than I would usually meet.

Council activities

I sit on only one committee on Wyre Forest District Council - the Ethics and Standards Committee.

I was a member of the Bewdley Museum Management Committee but was removed in 2006.

Outside bodies

As an Independent Member of the Council, I had no chance of being given a place on outside bodies.

Achievements during the year

Providing a luncheon party for 75 senior citizens from Bewdley. They still talk about it and a good time was had by all.

I am also proud to say I meet people every single day in Bewdley town and they tell me their problems.

I am also available on the telephone during the day and evening

Members surgeries

I have been running a monthly surgery for the past 5 or 6 years and last year I was joined by a Town Council Member.

The surgery is held in the Bewdley Library on the 1st Saturday in the month.

Training and development

I have not had any training this year but have spent many hours after midnight learning to use the computer.

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 100%

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COUNCILLOR MRS JILL FAIRBROTHER-MILLIS

WARD – LICKHILL

Activities

- PACT Lickhill and Mitton
- PACT Stourport High School
- Trustee – Worcestershire Association of Carers
- Asha Wyre Forest
- Stourport Carers Group
- Community Action Newtown – meetings, newsletters, projects
- Governor Stourport High School
- Temporary Governing Board, Stourport High School
- Ravenhurst Nursing Home - Minibus fundraising – Chair
- Tenants Consultative Committee Meetings
- Respect Award for Community Action Newtown's Achievements - Recognition at No. 10 Downing Street
- Manor Farm Fun day July 2006 – organised successfully
- Distribution Energy Saving Lightbulbs
- Dealt with approximately 1000 contact/queries/questions over the year (minimum) with constituents. (Does not include work to resolve queries on issues).

Council Activities

- Planning (Development Control) Committee
- Prosperity Policy Panel
- Task and Finish Groups

Outside Bodies

Citizens Advice Bureau

Members' Surgeries

No formal surgeries

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 93%

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COUNCILLOR BRIAN GLASS

WARD - LICKHILL

Activities

Mainly working on the reduction of antisocial behaviour.

I also co-ordinate the shopwatch radio system in the town which assists the Police to apprehend the criminal element.

Council Activities

Licensing & Environmental Committee
Miscellaneous Functions Committee
Appointment and Appeals Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Outside Bodies

None

Achievements During the Year

Solving problems for people in my ward too many to list.

Working on the reduction of antisocial behaviour alongside the Police and Community Support Officers.

I also sit on the PACT panel where members of the public are invited to share their problems with us, and we undertake to solve them.

Members' Surgeries

I hold surgery in my shop every day – I lose count of the problems I solve in here.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Seminar – Flood Forum	22/02/2001
Planning – Neighbourhood Round	11/02/2004

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 64%

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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, so I have attended meetings of:

- Greenhill TCC; and
- Aggborough and Spennells TCC.

West Mercia Police invite councillors to attend 'Partners and Communities Together' meetings, so I have attended meetings of the:

- Greenhill Ward PACT; and the
- Town Centre PACT.

I am an LEA appointed member of, and have attended meetings of, the:

- Comberton Middle School Governors;
- Offmore First School Governors; and the
- Offmore Primary School Shadow Governing Body.

Council Activities

- Planning Development Control Committee
- Planning Enforcement Committee

Outside Bodies

- Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Community Neighbourhood Partnership

As a Wyre Forest District Councillor representing a Kidderminster ward, I am a member of the Charter Trustees of the Town of Kidderminster, and this year I have undertaken the duties of the Town Mayor of Kidderminster. This involves attending events at the invitation of numerous community groups, and attendance at events organised by other Mayors and Chairmen, to represent the Town. I have chosen the Wyre Forest branch of Diabetes UK as my charity for the year, and have been raising money for that organisation.

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 79%

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COUNCILLOR MARCUS HART

WARD - SUTTON PARK

Activities

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

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

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

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

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 Unity Park Residents Association which is a group that the Nexus Social Housing Tenants have set up.

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

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

I have carried out a number of surveys consulting residents on issues within the last 12 months, in particular over whether Park Street and Wood Street should be made the subject of a one-way system.

I also sit on the PACT Meeting Committee as the Ward District Council representative and have attended all but one of the meetings within the last 12 months.

I have also engaged in community projects within the ward and together with my Conservative colleagues had a litter pick and weeding day in Brinton Park to assist our Parks and Gardens staff.

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

Since being appointed Deputy Leader 1325 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 Commercial Services, and as such I sit on the Cabinet Committee as the Deputy Chairman.

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

Outside Bodies

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

Achievements During the Year

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

I have responded to a considerable number of people who have pressed for assistance within the ward and have assisted them in dealing with issues whether it be liaising with the Police, Departments within Wyre Forest District Council or the Wyre Forest Community Housing, and Worcestershire County Council.

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

Members' Surgeries

I have held 3 ward surgeries in the last municipal year on Sunday 6th August 2006. Sunday 29th October 2006 and Sunday 18th February 2007.

Training and Development

Overview & Scrutiny	24/06/2002
Groupwise	24/01/2003
Planning	04/06/2003
Finance / Budget	07/01/2004
Planning	19/01/2004
Seminar - (LGA Annual Conference)	03-07/07/06
Member Development Reviewer	01/08/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 97%

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COUNCILLOR MRS PAULINE HAYWARD

WARD – BLAKEDOWN AND CHADDESLEY

Activities

Attend meetings at Council and pre-meetings if necessary. I am a Parish Councillor at Blakedown and attend most Parish Council meetings at Chaddesley also.

I am a member of the P.C.C. and arrange flower and cleaning rotas etc for the church.

I have been a Governor of Blakedown School for approximately 23 years and have just decided it is time to retire!

I usually attend the Tenants' meetings.

I am Chairman of Churchill Forge Trust and a member of the Churchill Charities sorting various queries and problems for people either in connection with the Council or the Trust.

Council Activities

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chairman)
Prosperity Policy Panel
Licensing and Environmental Committee
Attend PACT meetings with Police

Outside Bodies

West Midlands Home and Leisure Safety Council. I have only been notified about one meeting in January 2007 and this came too late so I could not attend.

Achievements During the Year

There have been no major problems locally recently. I have served the community to the best of my ability and have no complaints, as far as I am aware. Any "problems" I deal with immediately where achievable, usually related to planning, refuse, highways or housing – the latter two in consultation with Wyre Forest Housing Officers or County Council.

Members' Surgeries

None at Blakedown
One at Chaddesley

Training and Development

Seminar - Human Rights Act	10/08/2000
Overview & Scrutiny	22/11/2000
Health Awareness	16/11/2001
Overview & Scrutiny	24/06/2002
Recruitment & Selection	04/11/2002
Planning	19/01/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	06/07/2004
Licensing	12/07/2004
Basic Laptop Training	22/09/2004
Groupwise	26/01/2005
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
Microsoft Powerpoint	07/09/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 78%

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COUNCILLOR MRS SIRIOL HAYWARD

WARD - OFFMORE AND COMBERTON

Activities

The Ward team, of which I am a part, create and distribute Focus Newsletters to every house in the ward frequently throughout the year. They are a valuable way of disseminating local news and events and make an interesting read.

My fellow ward councillors and I have attended public exhibitions of the proposed plans for the redevelopment of Longfellow Green (including the shopping precinct) and for the proposed Bowling Club and Hotel on the Victoria Carpets' Sports field on the corner of Chester Road South and Spennells Valley Road.

We have been distributing low energy light bulbs and water hogs to local pensioners via local pensioners groups and personal visits to houses.

I am a member of the Offmore Comberton Action Group which has secured improvements to Borrington Road Park. We have also created a garden at the back of St. Chad's Church which can be enjoyed by the local population. The Action Group is currently working with local youths to form football teams in an attempt to cut back on anti-social behaviour.

Ward colleagues and I have successfully campaigned to install traffic calming on Tennyson Way as part of the Offmore First "Safe Routes to School".

I am a Governor of Offmore First and Comberton First Schools which are currently facing disruption caused by the Wyre Forest Schools Review which will be implemented in September.

My fellow councillors and I are involved with the local PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings which are a Police initiative to encourage local communities to work together in identifying problems and working out solutions to them. We have recently secured funding to install a CCTV camera in the alleyway between Chester Road North and the Comberton estate where there have been serious bouts of vandalism.

Council Activities

Service Policy Panel
Ethics and Standards Committee
Miscellaneous Functions

Outside Bodies

Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership
CHART (Community Healthcare Audit and Research Trust – now wound up) Tenant Consultative Committees for the Offmore and Comberton Estates

Achievements During the Year

I am on the Ethics and Standards Committee which recommended the introduction of this Councillors Annual Report, which has not been entirely popular with my colleagues!

The Service Policy Panel has looked at the impact of climate change and encouraged the council to become more eco-aware. Out of this work came the initiative to distribute water hogs which, when installed into a toilet cistern, will save a litre of water per flush and, low energy light bulbs to pensioners and people on benefit. These items were kindly donated to the council by various companies.

The Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership is responsible for organising events in the town such as the Christmas celebrations (including the turning on of the lights) and the street markets. Over the last few years we have been investigating ways to acquire funding for a full time Town Centre Manager using partnership working. We feel that this appointment will help to inject vibrancy into the town centre by having someone who will liaise with the shop managers and co-ordinate late night shopping and special events and make Kidderminster a more attractive place to do business in. Hopefully we will be able to appoint in the near future.

The Offmore Comberton Action Group of which I am a member have achieved a tremendous amount of change using the principal of partnership working. We have liaised with the local schools to ascertain how they would like Borrington Road Park to be improved and put those suggestions into action in the hope that young people will subsequently use the Park and take care of it because they have 'ownership'. The group is responding to the requests of local youths to help them to set up football teams. This promises to be a worthwhile project which should reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour.

We have a problem in our ward of vehicles getting stuck down the narrow lane off Chester Road North at the side of the Cricket Club which is only wide enough for cars halfway down as far as the allotments. After that it narrows and is only suitable for pedestrians, but satellite navigation programmes do not make this clear so we have been having taxis and delivery lorries getting stuck at the end of the lane causing major problems. My fellow ward councillors and I have managed to get the County Council to improve the signs at the beginning of the lane which will hopefully solve the problem.

Members' Surgeries

We have discontinued our official ward surgeries as our home addresses and telephone numbers are publicised locally so that the electorate have ample opportunity to contact us regarding any worries or problems.

Training and Development

Information & Communication Technology

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 100%

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COUNCILLOR MALCOLM HAZLEWOOD

WARD - WOLVERLEY

Activities

Drakelow preservation Trust has been my main area of interest. I was involved at "birth" of this organisation which was set up to protect some unique features in the ward I represent. This is an area with a wealth of interest including the "Hill fort", Baxter Monument and some excellent examples of "Cave Houses", a further interest are the remains of The Rover Shadow Factory and Seat of regional Government from the "Cold War period", plus some rare species of flora and fauna. We have produced a Brochure and web site to promote these features and recruit interest in the hope of preserving the area for future generations.

More recently I have taken issue with the County Council over the reduction of Bus services especially to Kingsford Lane, (a reduction of 33%, **(from 3 buses per week to 2 per week)**). This was a successful campaign resulting in the re-instatement of the removed Saturday service.

Council Activities

Planning (Development Control) Committee (Vice Chairman)
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Audit Committee
Efficiency Policy Panel

Outside Bodies

Sebright first school (governor)
Kinver Edge society
Wolverley T.C.C.
English Heritage.

Achievements During the Year

I have addressed issues such as blocked drains in rural lanes.
Footpath and gutter clearance
Installation of drop kerbs for wheel chair users on Wolverley Estate
Re – instatement of a bus service.
Campaign to protect the heritage and green belt.
Assisted in the establishment of neighbourhood watch.

Members' Surgeries

Training and Development

Development Control
Planning Enforcement
Laptop training
Groupwise
Freedom of information act

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 85%

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COUNCILLOR ANNE HINGLEY

WARD - FRANCHE

Activities

As a Ward Councillor I have actively dealt with local residents, individual concerns and problems on the delivery of public services. These include social care, trees and boundary problems, refuse and streetscene concerns, highway issues particularly pothole reporting and drainage systems, parking and speeding problems.

I have engaged with young people in the hope of encouraging them to be more respectful of public and private property and using the litter bins provided for their rubbish in order to keep the open spaces tidy.

Through PACT meetings worked with the Police on a range of issues affecting the Franche Ward.

Led a campaign to improve and develop more facilities for the young people of Franche.

Negotiated funding in the new financial year for improvements and repairs to fencing in park areas.

Continually working with Worcestershire Highways to improve the road surfaces.

Have promoted and distributed throughout the Franche Ward energy saving bulbs and water hogs and followed this up with a telephone survey.

Supported the majority wishes of residents on several phone mast planning applications around the ward.

Council Activities

Cabinet Member for Planning, Health and Environment
Licensing and Environmental Committee

Outside Bodies

Wyre Forest Nightstop UK
Wyre Forest ASHA
Clare Witnell and Blount Trustee
Holocaust Representative
Appointed Governor of Dudley Hospitals Foundation Trust
Governor of Marpool First School.

Achievements During the Year

I feel that all of my activities listed above have been achievements in their own right. I would like to highlight, in particular the following:

- Successfully bid for a Multi Use Games Area for Franche at White Wickets.
- New Changing Room Facilities opened for sportsmen at White Wickets.
- Achieved success in getting Aster Avenue and Spindle Close as high priority resurfacing in the new financial year 2007/08.

Members' Surgeries

Held regular Ward Surgeries

Edited 5 "Franche Matters" Newsletters

Developed open communication through our Freepost Line.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Housing	23/06/2004
Code of Conduct	29/06/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	06/07/2004
Planning	14/09/2004
Seminar – Freedom of Information Act	09/12/2004
Groupwise	24/01/2005
Media Skills	03/03/2005
Planning	11/05/2006
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
Housing	22/06/2006
Seminar – LGA Annual Conference	03-07/07/06
Presentation Skills	14/09/2006
Groupwise	29/01/2007
Recruitment & Selection	01/03/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 96%

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COUNCILLOR JOHN HOLDEN

WARD - MITTON

Activities

Working in the ward organising petitions through the newsletter "Mitton Matters" on bus services, fly-tipping, and asking for people's views on Tesco. Making sure "litter hotspots" are attended to, and keeping on top of grass cutting.

Council Activities

Chairman of Services Policy Panel
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Single Site & Civic Hall Project Board Member
Wyre Forest Community Safety Panel

Outside Bodies

County Health & Overview Scrutiny Panel
Chair Ice Ring Task & Finish Group
Member of the mini-motor cycles Task & Finish

Achievements During the Year

Achievements are ongoing because systems in place at officer level take considerably longer than a 12 month period.

Political Group activity achieves more than individuals.

Members' Surgeries

Constituents are dealt with on a one to one basis.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Code of Conduct	29/06/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	06/07/2004
Planning	04/10/2004
GroupWise	26/01/2005
Presentation Skills	14/09/2006
Microsoft Word - Level 2	17/10/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 95%

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COUNCILLOR HOWARD MARTIN

WARD - BROADWATERS

Activities

Supporting Broadwaters / Horsefair / Greenhill Networks.
Supporting local community groups and PACT
Supporting three local TCC's

Dealing with local issues on crime, disorder, traffic and regeneration.

Addressing residents' problems and personal cases on a range of individual problems.

Council Activities

Leader of the main Opposition Party
Audit Committee – Chairman
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Efficiency Policy Panel

Outside Bodies

Only Ward Committee – Broadwaters Partnership

Achievements During the Year

Considerable success on local individual personal cases – with Housing Company, Police, Planning etc.

Members' Surgeries

Personal contact only – 286 personal cases dealt with from phone contact and personal visit.

Training and Development

Human Rights Act	
Overview & Scrutiny	
Media Skills Training	
Recruitment & Selection	
Code of Conduct	09/05/2006
Induction	10/05/2006
Planning	11/05/2006
Workshop - 'Getting the message across effectively'	16/05/2006
Licensing	22/05/2006
Chairmanship	01/06/2006
Housing	22/06/2006
Member Development Reviewer Workshop	03/07/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 86%

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COUNCILLOR MISS MAUREEN MASON

WARD – ARELEY KINGS

Activities

I deal with telephone calls, correspondence, home visits, site visits. I attended the leisure tour, attend meetings of Tenants Consultative Committees. I am member of Stourport Town Council, Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee, Vice-Chair of the Twinning Committee and Governor of Areley Common First School.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions Committee
Service Policy Panel
Planning (Enforcement) Committee (Vice-Chairman)

Achievements During the Year

Member of the team that worked for a new Civic Hall and office.

Members' Surgeries

In the street, in shops, at work and in hotels.

Training and Development

Chairman's Development Session

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 86%

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COUNCILLOR SUE MEEKINGS

WARD: OLDINGTON AND FOLEY PARK

Activities

TCC Rifle Range
TCC Foley Park
TCC Birchen Coppice
RangePark Area Committee (Rifle Range and Sutton Farm)
Westside Area (Birchen Coppice and Foley Park)
Federation (all TCC's)
PACT
Urban Safety Group

Main focus of work within the ward has been to deal with and action all communications received from O&F residents – this has covered a very wide range of problems, i.e. rat/pest problems, rubbish causing health hazards left in gardens (some properties still lived in and some empty), gates/fencing missing on housing properties. The two biggest issues being housing and crime/asb, I receive daily calls about these.

I speak on a weekly basis with the TCC's as we have a number of ongoing issues. We also have 'walk abouts' on the estates with officers and this includes the police, wardens and CSO's. I also visit many people with case work and take the opportunity to walk around the area to see what activity is going on and speak to the residents of any issues they may have.

Council Activities

Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Service Policy Panel
Miscellaneous Functions
Charter Trustees

Outside Bodies

Pathfinders
Oldington & Foley Park Community Networks
Sure Start

Achievements During the Year

Resolved an eviction case on Rifle Range. This took almost one year.
Resolved an issue of the bailiffs going in to a house on Rifle Range.
An educational problem has been resolved with the child (due to fits) being allocated a placement in the school most appropriate.

Members' Surgeries

I regularly walk around the ward and speak with residents. PACT and our Urban Safety Group is a great opportunity to engage with the locals and these are every six weeks.

Training and Development

Planning	04/10/2004
Microsoft Word	03/12/2004 Intermediate
Basic Laptop Training	18/08/2005 Two hour session
Getting the Message Across Effectively	16/05/2006
Public Speaking & Presentation Skills	31/01/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Actual:

Possible:

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COUNCILLOR CHRIS NICHOLLS

WARD – COOKLEY

Activities

- Member of Parish Plan Steering Committee.
- Regular communications with the community via newsletter and surgeries.
- Member of Cookley Surgery's Patient Participation Group.
- Chairman of Governors at Cookley First School.
- Chairman of Wolverley and Cookley PACT.
- Organiser of Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.
- Trustee of the Sebright Educational Foundation.
- Also a trustee of Wolverley Charities.
- Member of Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council.

Council Activities

Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Audit Committee
Service Policy Panel

Outside Bodies

Kinver Edge

Achievements During the Year

- Promoting the interests of our village community e.g. maintaining the Green Belt. Assisting with the successful completion of the Parish Plan.
- As Chairman of Governors for the new Cookley Primary School, assisting in its development.
- Playing an active role in the life of our village. Ensuring the future of Cookley's Clock by ensuring that the Parish Council has responsibility for it.
- Another very successful Christmas Party.
- Listening to the needs of local people

Members' Surgeries

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

Training and Development

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 86%

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COUNCILLOR MRS FRAN OBORSKI

WARD - OFFMORE AND COMBERTON

Activities

As a Ward Team we have delivered Focus Newsletters to every house in the ward on a monthly basis (except during August). We have consulted local residents on all major planning applications within the ward and attended the public exhibitions of planning proposals for the Redevelopment of Longfellow Green and for the proposed Bowling Club and Hotel on the Victoria Carpets' Sports field on Chester Road South/Spennells Valley Rd.

I have visited Pensioners' Groups within the Ward and have distributed low energy light bulbs via personal visits and via local Churches.

As a member of the Offmore Comberton Action Group I have been involved, with colleagues, in securing the improvement of the garden area at St. Chads Church and at Borrington Park.

I was actively involved in consultations around the development of the new Traffic Calming scheme for Offmore First School "Safe Routes to school". This involved persuading the County Officers involved to completely redesign the scheme so as to remove the proposed crossing from immediately outside a house owned and occupied by a gentleman in his 80's who would have had an almost unusable front drive under the original County scheme.

As a Governor of Offmore First, Comberton First and Middle and King Charles 1 Schools I have been actively involved in planning for the introduction of the changes which will come in September as part of the Wyre Forest Schools Review.

As Chair of Governors of Stourminster Special School I have been actively involved in the Wyre Forest Special schools Review.

Council Activities

Prosperity Policy Panel (Chairman)
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Audit Committee
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Efficiency Policy Panel
Appointments and Appeals Committee

Outside Bodies

The Community Housing Group; I serve on the Parent Board; the Board of Wyre Forest Community Housing (which I Chair) and the Board of Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing. As a Council Appointee I serve on the Tenant Consultative Committees of the Offmore and Comberton Estates and the Aggborough Spennells TCC. As Chair of

Wyre Forest Community Housing I am an ex-officio member of every TCC in the District!

I am a member of the Court of the University of Birmingham.

Achievements During the Year

As already stated, I was actively involved in consultations around the development of the new Traffic Calming scheme for Offmore First School "Safe Routes to school". This involved persuading the County Officers involved to completely redesign the scheme so as to remove the proposed crossing from immediately outside a house owned and occupied by a gentleman in his 80's who would have had an almost unusable front drive under the original County scheme.

As Chair of Wyre Forest Community Housing I was delighted to pilot through the long awaited redevelopment of the Longfellow Green Shopping Precinct which now has Planning Permission and where development should start shortly. I was also delighted to launch the redevelopment of the former Comberton Arms site where 17 much needed new family homes have been provided.

The on going improvements at Borrington Park are a matter of considerable pride and the highly successful Skate Park and BMX Track are now being complemented by a "Nutmeg" whilst a hard surface path is being put in the Dog Walking Area to particularly help Disabled Dog owners.

I am also delighted that along with Ward Colleagues I have managed to persuade the County Council to sort out the signage mess which causes motorists using Sat Nav to try to access the Offmore Estate via the "footpath only" part of Offmore Lane below the Cricket Club.

Members' Surgeries

Elderly residents told us they did not like coming out in the evening to "surgeries" so at the moment they are suspended. I am looking into providing daytime surgeries from next year.

Training and Development

I attended the Course in preparation for the Single Site Development.

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 80%

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COUNCILLOR MRS JUNE SALTER

WARD - MITTON

Activities

Hartlebury common Advisory Forum
Governor of Wilden School
Police Visibility
Re-housing – WFCH
Mill Road/Timber Lane Development
Park Avenue Traffic Provision
Parking problems in town
Highways – Baldwin Road One-way system
Stourport Skatepark
Children’s Play Areas – Golden Hind
Stourport Bridge
Tesco
Lack of bus service to Hospital
Wyre Forest Talking Newspaper
Home Visits.

Council Activities

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Prosperity Policy Panel
Planning (Development Control) Committee

Outside Bodies

Highways Forum
Environment
PACT meetings

Achievements During the Year

After 6 years obtained school signs and road marking in Wilden Lane.
Ensured that Stourport would have a Civic Hall fit for purpose in situ. for when the Single Site programme begins.

Members’ Surgeries

Cllr Mike Salter, my Husband attends and deals with Surgeries held at:
Bay Horse
Rose & Crown
Holly Bush
Rising Sun
Manor

We did place a Notice in the local paper advising that a Surgery would also be held at The Swan. We booked a room once a week for a month but no-one turned up!!

I attend the PACT meetings.

Training and Development

Ethical	27/11/2001
Overview & Scrutiny	24/06/2002
Chairmanship	02/07/2002
Recruitment & Selection	04/11/2002
Planning	27/02/2003
Planning	04/06/2003
Planning	19/01/2004
Planning	04/10/2004
Groupwise	24/01/2005
Planning Enforcement	23/03/2005
Basic Laptop Training	18/08/2005
Laptop Training	11/10/2005
Laptop Training	17/10/2005
Getting the Message Across Effectively	16/05/2006
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
Groupwise	20/02/2007
Chairing Skills	28/03/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 98%

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COUNCILLOR MIKE SALTER

WARD - MITTON

Activities

When someone in your Ward needs help, you as a Councillor are there to give it. Eg. Form filling, blocked drains, glass to be cleared from roads, litter picking, cleaning and repair of street signs, washing traffic bollards, bus route and timetables, information. Answering questions on Planning and road works. Going to assist when anti-social behaviour is happening.

I am a Governor of Hartlebury School and
Member of Stourport Town Council – Deputy Mayor

My phone bill for the last 12 months amounted to £621.

Council Activities

Audit Committee
Service Policy Panel
Efficiency Policy Panel
Budget Review Group

Outside Bodies

Wilden village Hall
Age Concern

Achievements During the Year

Ensured that Stourport would have a Civic Hall fit for purpose in situ. for when the Single Site Programme begins.

Members' Surgeries

Held at:

Bay Horse
Rose & Crown
Holly Bush
Rising Sun
Manor

We did place a Notice in the local paper advising that a Surgery would also be held at The Swan. We booked a room once a week for a month but no-one turned up!!

Training and Development

Code of Conduct	09/05/2006
Induction	10/05/2006
Licensing	22/05/2006
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
Chairmanship	01/06/2006
Housing	22/06/2006
Basic Laptop Session	29/08/2006
Groupwise	20/02/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 91%

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COUNCILLOR JAMES SHAW

WARD – ARELEY KINGS

Activities

The biggest single local issue which has occupied my time has been the works being carried out to Stourport Bridge. I was Chair of the informal Steering Committee which advises the County Council about aspects such as the time of year to start the work, whether there should have been partial or full closure for the duration of the work, likely traffic issues etc. The Steering Committee met on numerous occasions.

Other higher profile Ward work has included informing residents and advising protesters about radio mast applications; attempting to have a path across Areley Kings Recreation Ground re-opened and organising a showing of the global warming film, 'An Inconvenient Truth' at Areley Kings Village Hall.

Everyday Ward issues range across a wide assortment of concerns, including public health, housing, anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping. This last year has seen a steady flow of such issues to be addressed.

Within Areley Kings I serve on three bodies, Areley Kings Village Hall Management Committee, on which I have a vote and the Walshes Tenants Consultative Committee and the Areley Kings PACT Committee, on both of which I do not have a vote! I believe all three Committees make an important contribution to the quality of community life in Areley Kings.

Council Activities

Prosperity Policy Panel
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Ethics & Standards Committee

Outside Bodies

Stourport Forward – Director.
There are monthly Board meetings and a range of other responsibilities.
I am Chair of the Transport Sub-Committee

Achievements During the Year

Significant movement forward on a range of projects concerned with Stourport Town Centre, my influence coming through motions to Council, budget amendments, membership of the Prosperity Panel and of Stourport Forward.

Members' Surgeries

I visit residents in their own homes. Five (non-election) newsletters have been circulated to every house in Areley Kings, on which my contact details feature prominently.

Training and Development

Overview & Scrutiny	27/10/2000
Ethical	27/11/2001
Finance - Budget Scrutiny	07/01/2004
Planning	19/01/2004
Planning	04/10/2004
Seminar - Freedom of Information Act Awareness	09/12/2004
Planning	23/03/2005
Equality/Diversity/Disability	11/05/2005
Use of Laptop	11/10/2005
Member Development Reviewer Workshop	03/07/2006
Group Leader responsibilities for Member Development	

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 88%

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COUNCILLOR DIXON SHEPPARD

WARD - LICKHILL

Activities

During my first year as a Wyre Forest Councillor, I have dealt with a number of queries, complaints and problems, ranging from untidiness of public areas, cut back in local services, representations re shared services, changes to the education system and the poor state of local roads.

My attendance at the main Council meetings and the Licensing & Environmental Committee has been 100%. I have also deputised for colleagues on other committees, on a number of occasions and also attended one of the committee meetings as an observer concerning shared services. I am also a member of the Task and Finish Group concerning the proposed Ice Rink.

I identified the need for a new minibus at Ravenhurst Nursing Home, following the destruction of the old minibus by vandals and assisted in the fundraising to purchase a replacement vehicle.

I have regularly attended the Mitton/Lickhill PACT meetings and offered assistance and constructive comment as appropriate.

I took part in an assignment to check, alter and replace the signage of the Alcohol Restriction Zone in Stourport.

I have continued to be Chair of Wyre Forest Ramblers Association, leading local walks and reporting blocked/obstructed footpaths as well as being the Area Membership Secretary for Worcestershire.

My voluntary role with the Severn Valley Railway continued as uniformed Travelling Ticket Inspector, duties include being a tour guide and assisting disabled passengers.

Health issues are important to me. I have attended the Worcestershire Acute Hospital Board Meetings as well as some of those of the Primary Care Trust. I have asked numerous questions at these meetings, trying to get better local services reinstated.

At the request of Stourport 1st Methodist Brownies I attended one of their recent meetings along with other Stourport Councillors at which various questions/requests were raised.

Of late I have also been involved with the activities of Stourport Forward.

Council Activities

Licensing & Environmental Committee
Miscellaneous Functions Committee
Service Policy Panel (including Task and Finish Group re Ice Rink)

Outside Bodies

Stourport Social Day Centre

Achievements During the Year

My main achievement during the year has been getting to grips on how the Council operates internally.

Before being elected a Councillor, I had worked for 38 years in the private sector in financial services as an Independent Financial Adviser. I had no regular experience of the public sector, apart from the Inland Revenue and the Financial Services Authority.

Members' Surgeries

Councillor Brian Glass operates a "Drop in Service" at his business in the High Street, Stourport-on-Steven. There has therefore been no need for surgeries. I have assisted Brian Glass when he has needed help.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Code of Conduct	09/05/2006
Induction	10/05/2006
Planning	11/05/2006
Getting the Message Across Effectively	16/05/2006
Public Speaking/Presentation Skills	
Microsoft Powerpoint	07/09/2006
Groupwise	20/02/2007

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 90%

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COUNCILLOR JOHN SIMMONDS

WARD - ROCK

Activities

Member of Rock Parish Council – looking after Parish affairs including a Parish Roadman (one of the few Parishes that has their own!) looking at local Planning Applications and passing on our opinions to Wyre Forest District Council Planning Department, and listening to any subject a member of the public may bring at our monthly meetings etc.

Trustee for Far Forest Village Hall, much work is needed here, the village hall nearly closed down but with the trustees help have managed to survive.

Chairman, Bliss Gate Fields – really much the same as above.

Chairman of Far Forest Society. I am very much involved providing activities/events and providing public access to recreations etc.

Church Council member, involving having to keep a small church running and helping others. Providing a small meeting room for public use. Recently a new kitchen was built and usual small rooms, installation of central heating (oil) at cost of over £40,000. Committee Member Environment Group part of Parish Plan. Cleansing ponds, rubbish from road sides, and advice to public on any aspect of the environment – there has been a lot of interest in this.

Council Activities

Vice-Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council
Audit Committee
Ethics & Standards Committee

Outside Bodies

Wyre Forest Community Housing

Achievements during the Year

As Vice-Chairman of the Council I have represented the Council all over the County and beyond, building up good relationships with other Councils, local organisations etc.

Seeing the opening of Far Forest Society's pavilion/changing rooms/showers etc. and other facilities and a second football pitch for the younger children. General improvements to the property owned and paid for by the Society of which I am Chairman, costing more than £250,000.

A member of the working party that formulated the Rock Parish Plan, one of the first in the country, and seeing it come into action this year.

Members' Surgeries

No actual surgeries – but available by telephone or in person 24 hours a day.

Training and Development

Course Description	Course Date
Housing	23/06/2004
Code of Conduct	29/06/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	06/07/2004
Licensing	12/07/2004
Basic Laptop Training	22/09/2004
Planning	04/10/2004
GroupWise	26/01/2005
Equality / Diversity / Disability	11/05/2005
Laptop training	11/10/2005
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 84%

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COUNCILLOR KEN STOKES

WARD – BROADWATERS

Activities

I am a member, or I attend 14, community groups or committees. I am Chairman of 4 of the committees. They are as follows:-

Limelight	Charity for Dancing	A Trustee
Broadwaters, Greenhill & Horsefair Community Partnership	Partnership	A member
Heritage Opportunities Group	Town Centre Activities	Chairman
Broadwaters T.C.C.	Ward Housing Assoc. Tenants Consultative Committee	Consultative Member
Horsefair T.C.C.	Ward Housing Assoc. Tenants Consultative Committee	Consultative Member
The Lakes T.C.C.	Ward Housing Assoc. Tenants Consultative Committee	Consultative Member
Friends of Broadwaters	Community Group Improving Broadwaters Park	Committee Member
Community Spirit	Community Group Improving the Broadwaters Estate & Springfield Park Zig Zag	Signatory & Member of Committee
The Kidderminster War Memorial Conservation Trust	Charity: the Conservation of Kidderminster War Memorials	Chairman
St Oswalds & Wrap Around Care	Nursery and Aftercare	Trustee and Committee Member
P.A.C.T	Police Consultation	Member
St Oswalds 1 st School	Board of Governors	Chairman
St Oswalds T.G.B.	Temporary Governing Board	Chairman

Council Activities

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Ethics and Standards Committee
Service Policy Panel
Full Council
Skateboard Scrutiny
Highways Partnership Scrutiny

Outside Bodies

Kidderminster Youth Trust
Kidderminster Education Trust
Art Forum

Achievements During the Year**St Oswalds 1st School and St Oswalds T.G.B**

I am Chairman of each Board. Each Board has worked tremendously hard within the reorganisation.

St Oswalds 1st School is within the second most deprived area in Wyre Forest. Having been a governor for nearly 20 years, it was with a great deal of pleasure and pride that the school was given a Grade 3 class. People had said we would not achieve this grade.

Community Spirit

It has been a pleasurable achievement to assist in keeping the Community Spirit Groups' focused upon this main project, Zig Zag, which is due to commence.

War Memorial Conservation Trust

However, I consider the major success, as Chairman, has been to motivate the raising of £45,000 for the conservation of the main Kidderminster War Memorial. Tenders have now been requested. A web site has also been designed.

Friends of Broadwaters

Having been one of the original group of three that initiated the Friends of Broadwaters, my wife and I are also on the list of regular litter pickers. It has given me great job satisfaction to see that the park has been awarded the Green Pennant. In saying that, it could not have been achieved without a great deal of assistance given by the Council Park Manager and men.

Members' Surgeries

I have attended the local MP's surgeries. Through various committees, I am always available to assist with ward members' problems.

Training and Development

Seminar	10/08/2000	Human Rights Act
Overview & Scrutiny	22/11/2000	
Seminar	13/12/2000	Community Strategy Consultation
Presentation Skills	27/03/2001	
Health Awareness	16/11/2001	
Ethical	27/11/2001	
Media Skills	17/12/2001	
Overview & Scrutiny	24/06/2002	
Chairmanship	02/07/2002	
Microsoft Word	05/07/2002	Windows/Word 97
Planning	04/06/2003	
Finance / Budget	07/01/2004	Budget Scrutiny
Planning	04/06/2004	
Basic Laptop Training	22/09/2004	
Planning	04/10/2004	
Groupwise	26/01/2005	2 hour session
Equality / Diversity / Disability	11/05/2005	2 hour session
Getting the Message Across Effectively	16/05/2006	
Group-wise Training (2 courses)		
Presentation Skills		
Report writing		
Excel Level 1		
City and Guilds		
I.T. Principles MC		
I.T. Principles		
Word Processing		
Governor Training		

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 88%

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COUNCILLOR ROBERT WHEWAY

WARD - BROADWATERS

Activities

An unexpected increase in business pressures (I am self-employed) have meant it has been necessary for me frequently to work away for days at a time in various parts of the British Isles. In addition, the death of my former wife last summer, has meant other domestic responsibilities and pressures.

I have however kept in touch with key issues in my ward and worked closely with fellow Councillors particularly Councillor Mrs Fran Oborski whose county division covers much of Broadwaters. I am regularly in the Ward.

Council Activities

I am Chairman of the Youth Task and Finish Group.
I am a member of the Children's Play Strategy group.

Outside Bodies

Wyre Forest Cycle Forum
Regional Environment Committee

Achievements During the Year

I have been able to advise the Councillors, officers and members of the public on how and where children and young people play out, what prevents them getting such healthy exercise (leading to obesity) and that government knee-jerk approaches of assuming that they are always a nuisance (British Crime Survey, Asbo's etc) are both unjust and unhelpful. I have also demonstrated that children's transport (walking, cycling) is more important than transport planners realise which is why they automatically give priority to the car even in residential roads.

I continue to campaign for approaches which will increase harmonious relationships between our different communities.

Members' Surgeries

I keep in touch through a Focus newsletter and operate an open door policy.

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 17%

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COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WILLIAMS

WARD - BLAKEDOWN AND CHADDESLEY

Activities

Council Activities

Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Efficiency Policy Panel

Outside Bodies

Community Housing
Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing
Audit Committee

Achievements During the Year

I have concentrated on working with Community Housing and the Parish Councils within my Ward this year.

I have attended 10 meetings and 2 social events plus 3 training courses at Community Housing.

I have attended 16 meetings of Parish Council including Chaddesley Corbett, Blakedown & Churchill, Rushock and Stone.

On 19 May 2006 I attended a best practice weekend (Political).

I represented the District Council at a Citizenship Ceremony at Worcestershire County Council.

I am chairing a Task & finish Group on the use of IT equipment for the District Council.

I have attended 2 meetings of the Parish Forum and 2 meetings investigating Shared Services; also 10 meetings of Budget Review.

I have attended 7 Group meetings and 3 site meetings for the Planning Committee.

Closer to home I have chaired 4 meetings of the Margaret Delabere Alms House Trust and 7 meetings of the Chaddesley Corbett Education Trust.

I was the M.C. for the village fete and was the caller for a bingo night at the village hall.

Members' Surgeries

13 January 2007 – Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall

Training and Development

Overview & Scrutiny	22/11/2000
Presentation Skills	27/03/2001
Planning	13/07/2001
Ethical	27/11/2001
Overview & Scrutiny	24/06/2002
Chairmanship	02/07/2002
Planning	27/02/2003
Planning	04/06/2003
Presentation Skills	08/12/2003
Finance / Budget	07/01/2004
Planning	19/01/2004
Overview & Scrutiny	29/03/2004
Code of Conduct	29/06/2004
Basic Laptop Training	22/09/2004
Planning	04/10/2004
Groupwise	24/01/2005
Planning	23/03/2005
Equality / Diversity / Disability	11/05/2005
Basic Laptop Training	18/08/2005
Overview & Scrutiny	30/05/2006
Groupwise	29/01/2007
Chairing Skills	28/03/2007
Understanding Financial reports	WFCH
Probity and Governance	WFCH
Risk Assessment	WFCH

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 96%

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**COUNCILLOR GORDON YARRANTON
WARD - WRIBBENHALL**

Activities

As well as ward surgeries, I make a point of going round my ward on a weekly basis delivering activity sheets to keep residents updated on progress on current issues. During this process, I am advised of problems and concerns of residents which I am constantly addressing.

Below is a list of issues I have been involved in campaigning for.

I believe I am the first Councillor to hold positions in the parish, town, district and county.

Council Activities

Miscellaneous Functions Committee
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Service Policy Panel
Planning (Development Control) Committee
Planning (Enforcement) Committee

Achievements During the Year

I was instrumental in spending 106 monies held by the District Council and negotiating £35,000 from the district to update Northwood Lane play area.

I also negotiated three new bus shelters for Wribbenhall, Bewdley and was able to get Bewdley Town Council to give their parking bays back to the disabled residents.

I negotiated with a builder to rebuild a wall at Wribbenhall, which he paid for at a cost of £3,000.

Other achievements were getting an unadopted light fixed that had not worked since 1972 and road signage erected in Belvadere Crescent and Wassall Way.

I have also installed various dog litter bins which I have located at crucial walking points in Wribbenhall, within the same area I have repaired pot-holes on the road network.

My achievements with the ambulance trust and health care commission were to rectify Satellite Navigational Programmes at Severn Bank Park.

I have also asked residents to improve the gateway to Bewdley by repairing fencing and cutting vegetation outside their properties and this has been a great success as the approach to Bewdley now looks clean and well-maintained.

Finally, due to my discussions with Bewdley Town Council, coaches now drop off holiday makers and visitors in the town and then park up on the outskirts of town at Blackstone Rock Picnic Area or the Far Forest Visitor Centre rather than taking up valuable car parking that is at a premium within the town centre.

Members' Surgeries

Two Wribbenhall Ward Surgeries convened.

Weekly activity sheets distributed within the ward.

Training and Development

Code of Conduct	09/05/06
Induction	10/05/06
Planning	11/05/06
Getting the message across effectively	16/05/06
Licensing	22/05/06
Overview and Scrutiny	30/05/06
Housing	22/06/06
Groupwise	29/01/07
Public Speaking and Presentation Skills	31/01/07
Chairing Skills	28/03/07
IT	Ongoing
Member Development	Ongoing

Attendance Percentage for 2006/07

Overall Attendance = 100%