

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Mumshad Ahmed
WARD: Broadwaters



This is the report by Councillor M Ahmed concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

A large amount of my work relates to many issues raised by tenants and Community Housing.

Other concerns of the residents of Broadwaters relate to the state of the roads within the ward. As a County Councillor for St. Georges and St. Oswalds which covers most of the Broadwaters area, I have submitted reports to the County Council.

Other issues have been addressed for residents where they have requested support on Council or personal matters.

I have regularly been attending local Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, where issues such as anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol are raised.

I have helped to set up boxercise and after school activities for young children to help tackle anti-social behaviour in the community.

One of my daily routines is to carry out walkabouts within my ward, listening to public opinion on community matters which affect the local residents and ensuring their views are heard.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Council and Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

I assisted in the Horsefair toilet block being knocked down and built upon.

I have arranged for Streetscene to regularly clean streets within my ward.

I have donated my locally determined fund to community events such as boxercise and swimming.

I have worked closely with friends of St. Georges to organise local events.

I have dealt with over 3,000 emails in the past year.

I strongly believe that if I can help any organisation or any individual, then that it is my duty to do so as an elected member of the Council.

I do not want praise, I just want to help. I feel I am an effective and hard working member of my community and any achievements that can be accredited to me are for residents to judge.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

64%.



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COUNCILLOR: John Aston
WARD: Aggborough & Spennells



This is the report by Councillor J Aston concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Through my Community Leadership Fund monies, I have:

- a. Initiated the Cobham Wood project, with the aim of improving the natural beauty of the area and protecting the wildlife for the entire community to enjoy. This continues to go from strength to strength with lottery funding.
- b. Helped Wyre Forest Dog Rescue by donating £500 towards the well being and relocation of dogs to new homes. I also donated personal items to raise money.
- c. Made a donation to Kidderminster Hospital's prostate cancer fund.
- d. Successfully helped with the completion of the clean up of Hoobrook War Memorial. The memorial was erected in honour of the people of Hoobrook who went to the First World War. I felt this was a worthwhile project.
- e. Donated £250 towards the flag poles of St Mary's Church, Kidderminster in support of the British Legion.
- f. Facilitated the cleanup and resurfacing of the Bridleway (known as route 537) after lengthy negotiations, to allowing access for wheelchairs, prams and walkers to the town centre.
- g. I have helped in arranging the delivery of some new grit bins and dog litter bins for Spennells estate.
- h. Secured funding for the resurfacing of affected pathways in the Aggborough Ward.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit Committee, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Chairman of Miscellaneous Functions and Regulatory Services Review Panel.



Section 3: Achievements

I have been helping to support Help the Heroes with their calendar campaign (registered charity no: 18113820374A).

I am working with the relevant County Councillor to introduce calming measures to reduce speed limits on Wilden Lane in areas where it is 60 mph down to 40 mph.

After 18 months of making representations to Worcestershire County Council regarding the flooding issue outside Heronswood Primary School crossing, work has now successfully been completed.

Road repairs are well underway in Heronswood. Potholes are being filled and future works are planned but due to the severe winter, road repairs will take longer to complete.

Vandalism is still a prime concern and even though I support the police in their efforts, I will continue to promote to residents the need for them to be aware of their own personal safety.

I continue to look for funding to improve Dunlin Drive play area.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

66%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Community Housing Group	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended: 6
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -	
Details of any significant decisions made: -	
Details of any matters in progress: -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: £1,000	

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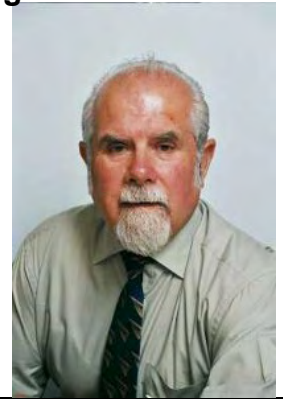
Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Highways Partnership	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended: 4
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Keep updated on the local roads.	
Details of any significant decisions made: -	
Details of any matters in progress: -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: -	

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Community Leisure Association, Local Partnership Board	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended:
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -	
Details of any significant decisions made: -	
Details of any matters in progress: -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: -	

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COUNCILLOR: Jeff Baker
WARD: Franche



This is the report by Councillor J Baker concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Following very poor attendances at the last few surgeries and also the escalating cost of booking a room, Councillor Anne Hingley and I have stopped holding surgeries. We now do home visits. The normal case work has been continued, i.e. road surface repairs, pothole repairs, further improvement in St Georges Park in Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster, liaising with the Council cleaning department to get parts of our ward litter free and try to keep dog fouling to a minimum. I have attended Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings on a regular basis to help keep local residents informed of what is going on in the ward. I have regularly attended the Franche Tenant Association meetings for updates on local Community Housing problems. Along with the other two Ward Councillors, I was involved in the temporary road being put in to assist the allotment holders in accessing their allotments during the building of the new housing complex in Wilton Avenue, Kidderminster. I have liaised with Community Housing, the Council and the construction company over public concerns during the new build of houses in Wilton Avenue, Kidderminster over the past 12 months including issues for allotment holders.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Kidderminster Educational Foundation Working Group, Licensing & Environmental Committee and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

I have served on the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee. I did not join the committee until September 2009, replacing Councillor Meekings. I missed the first meeting but have attended all meetings since then (October – February). One of the main items discussed at these meetings was the Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier (WETT) proposals.

I served on the Budget Review Panel where all aspects of Council spending are analysed. Along with Councillor J Thomas, I shadowed the Director of Resources, David Buckland. We scrutinised all aspects of the Services Business plan and reported back to the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee.

I am a member of the Kidderminster Education Foundation and the Kidderminster Educational Foundation Working Group. The former gives grants to organisations that have an educational background. This Group meets 2-3 times per year. The Kidderminster Educational Foundation Working Group gave match funding of £25,600 to the Carpet Museum Trust.

I am Chairman of the Licensing and Environmental Committee and we meet on the last Friday of each month at 10.30 am. This Committee deals with taxi licensing and the inspection of taxis and we also decide if the applicant is a fit and proper person to be a licensed taxi driver. We deal with street traders and any business that needs a licence to trade. This committee deals with all licences for pubs and clubs, appeals by licensees application to changes to licensing hours and a whole host of other licensing matters. I have not missed a Licensing & Environmental meeting. These meetings last from between 45 minutes to 2 hours. I have also chaired the Alcohol and Substance Misuse Review Panel and the Waste Management Review Panel. In both committees the members selected me to chair the meetings.

Section 3: Achievements

There have not been any major projects carried out in the Franche Ward this year. Councillor Anne Hingley and I have concentrated on keeping on top of our ward members' requests. We have good relationships with the Streetscene staff and the Highways Department getting jobs done throughout the ward. Along with Councillor Mike Shellie, I was responsible for getting the area round the Eagles Nest public house cleaned up and secured which was appreciated by the local residents.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

The strongest facet of my Council work is licensing. I was a licensing magistrate for 12 years and some of what I learnt during that time has been very useful during my time on the Licensing and Environmental Committee. I have been both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Licensing and Environmental Committee and I have attended a number of training sessions that have improved my knowledge and helped me be a better Chairman. I feel I am a good Chairman overall and I had 12 months as Chairman of the Council in 2007 which tests your chairing skills to the limit!

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

97%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Carpet Museum Trust	
Meeting Commitment: Twice a year	Meetings attended: 23.02.09 & 20.10.09
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Wyre Forest is a contributor to the Carpet Museum financially.	
Details of any significant decisions made: Lottery money has been acquired towards the cost of the Carpet Museum which will be housed in the former Morrisons store. The Council will continue to have a part to play in the future of this operation which when completed should be a comprehensive and effective history of the carpet industry and its supporting trades from the early days until the present day. Carpet samples, old looms and artefacts continue to be collected and obtained as this project continues to grow.	
Details of any matters in progress: None	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role I do not receive any allowances or expenses in regards to the Carpet Museum Trust.	

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership	
Meeting Commitment: 4 Meetings plus AGM	Meetings attended: 26.11.09, 09.02.09, 21.04.09, 20.07.09
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Match funding is provided by Wyre Forest District Council.	
Details of any significant decisions made: Revival and continuation of the Street markets.	
Details of any matters in progress: Christmas lights, improving all aspects of the town centre and trying to get more business to join the Town Centre Partnership.	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: I do not claim any allowances or expenses for being a member of the Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership.	

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COUNCILLOR: Graham Ballinger
WARD: Greenhill



This is the report by Councillor G Ballinger concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Through regular monthly newsletters (Focus) circulated all across Greenhill Ward, I keep in touch with the electorate as part of a Liberal Team of three District Members and a County Member. Issues which continue to affect the public in the past year are street cleanliness, anti-social behaviour; refuse collection/recycling now appears to have settled although the recent suggestion of a possible return to weekly collections will not now proceed, residents are likely to have concerns regarding this. Planning issues become relevant when local concerns are raised about various proposals and the recent Bowling Club site plans are an example. These subject areas represent most of the matters referred to me by the public during the 2009/2010 Council year.

As a Governor at Kings Charles I School, I remain interested in the consequences of the new build programme as part of the Wyre Forest Schools Review recommendations. The future use of the now vacated Lea Street school site continues to cause anxiety for local residents given that the Sladen School site proposals seem not to have been resolved. The proposed resiting of the St Georges School entrance on the Birmingham Road has also raised some local objections.

I continue to make every effort to be responsive and helpful at all times to the public to whom at the end of day I am accountable as their elected member. My home telephone number and address are readily available and are regularly used by the public with increasing contact through my email address.

I consider the on-going relationship that I have built up over many years as a District Councillor (first elected to Wyre Forest District Council in 1979), together with my experienced Ward colleagues, have enabled our team to have yet another very successful year. Improvements in street cleaning will hopefully result with the exercising in full of the powers available to the Civil Enforcement Officers employed by Wyre Forest District Council. Links through Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings on law and order, continue to significantly improve with excellent attendance from the public at these meetings. Feedback from local residents through our regular newsletter continues to focus our direction. Frustrations still focus on County related issues, although some road conditions have improved although pavements continue to be an issue.

A high percentage of elderly people in the Ward suggests a reason why evening surgeries are not popular and I visit people in their homes and community groups at their request and spend a lot of time talking to residents during the regular distribution of our newsletters.



Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals Committee, Budget Review Panel (Chairman), Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee (Chairman), Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Regulatory Services Review Panel.

As Chairman of Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Budget Review Panel, this has been the major focus of my Council activities for the year. For a number of years now agreement with the administration has been agreed on all party proposals. The Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee also includes the allocation of all overview and scrutiny functions not within the specific remit of the Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee. It is important in this role to ensure smooth working relationships with fellow Council Members and Officers to ensure an effective performance monitoring of the Councils functions.

Section 3: Achievements

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

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

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have had a lead role in finance and performance related matters within the Council for a number of years and have inevitably built on this knowledge base over this period.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

93%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Horsefair and Broadwaters Community Neighbourhood Partnership	
Meeting Commitment: Quarterly	Meetings attended:
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Not often	
Details of any significant decisions made: None	
Details of any matters in progress: None	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None	



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COUNCILLOR: Arthur J Buckley
WARD: Wribbenhall



This is the report by Councillor A J Buckley concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Each month Councillor Yarranton and myself hold surgeries at a local church. We also travel around the ward on a regular basis and if we see or hear of anything that requires action we notify whoever is appropriate. Also, I take any opportunity to meet local residents, respond to telephone calls and contacts and take action where necessary.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit Committee (Vice Chairman), Budget Review Panel, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Licensing & Environmental Committee, Regulatory Services Review Panel and Wyre Forest Highways Partnership Forum.

Section 3: Achievements

I have attended local flooding meetings and also monitored progress on any works. I have also addressed fly tipping in the area.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

Was a small business owner.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

77%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Highways Partnership
Meeting Commitment: 2 meetings Meetings attended: 18 th September 2009 & 19 th March 2010
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: None
Details of any significant decisions made: None
Details of any matters in progress: None
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None



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COUNCILLOR: John Campion
WARD: Sutton Park



This is the report by Councillor J Campion concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10..

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

This has been an interesting and diverse year in Sutton Park with a huge range of issues presenting themselves throughout the year. The issues raised by residents have included crime, anti social behaviour, speeding, parking, litter, dog fouling and refuse to name but a few. I have worked closely with my colleagues Councillor Onslow and Councillor Hart to ensure we have engaged effectively with the communities that we work for throughout the year, regularly distributing newsletters and providing meetings with our constituents as and when required.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals Committee, Bewdley Museum, Cabinet, Transformation Board, Corporate Performance Clinic, Council, Group Leaders', Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Miscellaneous Functions and Treasury Management Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

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

2009/10 has been another exceptional year for Wyre Forest and I am very pleased to say that the Council has risen to every challenge presented to it. This year has been a year of change as the Council has sought to adapt to its new financial circumstances.

I would like to pay homage to the Council's Senior Leadership Team and all of its Officers in the way that they have worked with us as elected members in moving our priorities forward.

As part of my role, I have sought to work with the Senior Management Team and all members of the Council to address pressing matters as they have arisen and to coordinate the strategic response to our financial circumstances and to address the priorities of our constituents.

The year has seen a significant change within the Senior Leadership of the Council including the appointment of a new Chief Executive. It is fair to say that navigating the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive within the District Council is a challenge that would face any Council Leader. I am very grateful for the smooth way in which the appointment of our new Chief Executive was delivered and would like to thank Group Leaders and the Council's Human Resources Team for their support in this process.

I have participated fully with the Council's Scrutiny Committee Function.

Section 3: Achievements Continued

I believe that this year the Council has progressed in all areas of its priorities and whilst of course, there are always lessons to be learnt, I believe we can look back at the municipal year 2009/10 as a year which has sought to bring stability to the District Council.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have an educational background in Information Technology attaining a Batchelor of Science in Business Information Systems. I also have a wide experience of the private sector.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

80%.



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COUNCILLOR: Stephen Clee
WARD: Bewdley & Arley



This is the report by Councillor S J M Clee concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

In the last 12 months I have been an active Ward Councillor.

Ward activity is on a daily/weekly basis with casework letters and emails resulting from regular newsletter distribution. I leaflet every door in my ward every 8 weeks keeping my residents updated on local issues. That's 4,000 leaflets each time.

I am a Cabinet Member working with the Planning, Economic and Regeneration brief. Economic Development continues to play a major part in Wyre Forest District especially during the current national economic downturn. We have to remember that we have, in Kidderminster alone, over 850 businesses within the Town Centre, Crossley Retail Park, Mill Street and Comberton Hill areas.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Bewdley Museum, Cabinet, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

During the year the Planning and Regulatory Services Directorate has had a very active time with the highlight being leading a project group to host a shared service for North Worcestershire.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

70%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Bewdley Museum Management Committee	
Meeting Commitment: 4 per year official re-opening of the museum.	Meetings attended: 4 meetings attended plus the
<p>Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council</p> <p>I am Chairman of the Bewdley Museum Management Committee. I have been very active this year with the Committee and enhancing the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens project together with completing the Heritage Lottery Project.</p>	
<p>Details of any significant decisions made:</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>Details of any matters in progress:</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:</p> <p>-</p>	



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COUNCILLOR: Nathan Desmond
WARD: Oldington & Foley Park



This is the report by Councillor N Desmond concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

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

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

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

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

I was Deputy Chairman of the ward Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Committee and I have attended all meetings in the last 12 months.

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals Committee, Cabinet, Council and Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

After six years of campaigning I have been successful in installing traffic calming measures on Walter Nash Road, Birchen Coppice and this has proved a massive success with local residents.

I have had new school safety traffic signs installed on Woodbury Road to warn drivers of the new play area and the nearby school.

After 18 months of campaigning in partnership with the Pathfinder Team, I have secured funding for a brand new, state of the art, play facility on Woodbury Road which will cater for all ages.

I have secured funding for new pavements to be installed in Avon Road and Sutton Park Road.

I have secured funding for lighting improvements to two alleyways in the ward which were both attracting anti social behaviour at night.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have a degree in History and Politics which helps my understanding of the intricacies of politics on a national and international level. I also help run the family business in industrial and commercial flooring which gives me insight into challenges and pressures of the private sector.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

78%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Oldington & Foley Park Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder Board	
Meeting Commitment: (e.g. 3 per annum)	Meetings attended: (Date (s))
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Economic regeneration and improving health and well being.	
Details of any significant decisions made: -	
Details of any matters in progress: None	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: -	

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Worcestershire County Waste Forum	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended:
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Green Waste, Norton Enviro Site and improved methods of collection and disposing of recyclable materials, disposal of residual waste.	
Details of any significant decisions made: The Forum adopted revised Worcestershire Waste Strategy and in turn the Wyre Forest District Council has also adopted this strategy.	
Details of any matters in progress: -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None	



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COUNCILLOR: Helen Dyke
WARD: Aggborough & Spennells



This is the report by Councillor H Dyke concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

As a panel member for Partner and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings, I have attended all the meetings for the area this year. At these meetings, residents have asked for action on issues such as litter, dog fouling, speeding, fly-tipping and of course the terrible condition of our roads and pavements. We have a very active Panel Chairman and Vice-Chairman who contact the various agencies for responses to residents' questions and I, in my role as District Councillor take away local issues to deal with. I also use our regular editions of the Lib Dem FOCUS to advertise the dates of meetings and to report back on issues raised. It has now been agreed that the PACT meetings will move around the ward and be held in different venues so that hopefully more residents will be able to attend.

I now receive a regular invitation to attend meetings of Kidderminster Disabled Club. I answer the members' questions, give information and find out what their concerns and worries are. They tell me that they enjoy the meetings and are pleased that their views are being heard.

I also join in with a group of residents that hold regular Community Litter Picks around Spennells. The idea for this was first put forward at a PACT meeting when residents expressed concerns about litter and the way that it could help make an area look run down. The Street Scene section from Wyre Forest District Council are very helpful and provide us with Litter pickers, strong gloves and black bags to do the job and we have collected up to 10 bags of litter and general fly-tipping each time we go out. We are now hoping to involve more residents in these activities by taking action to re invigorate the Aggborough and Spennells Community Action Group.

Lack of community spirit was also identified at a PACT meeting and this is another reason that I am working with local residents to start organising things like fun days which could involve the whole community and encourage that community spirit.

Aggborough and Spennells has one of the largest youth populations of the area and I am involved in meeting with various youth groups to explore the opportunity of providing more activities in the area.

Noise pollution problems are still ongoing for residents who live at the end of Wilden Lane and I continue to liaise with residents and the Environmental Health and the Legal Department of Wyre Forest District Council. I have also been involved in carrying out a residents' petition asking for action on speeding on Wilden Lane and Worcester Road. This petition has gone to the police and was presented to the County Council Cabinet Member when he visited the area to see the problem for himself.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries) (Continued)

Both residents and I campaigned for urgently needed tree maintenance on the trees on Aggborough Crescent. We were successful with this initiative and the work was much needed as the trees were causing damage to the roads, pavements and residents property.

Case work is still very important and I continue to deal with a wide range of ward issues throughout the year including – much needed road and pavement repairs, parking issues, litter, dog fouling, anti social behaviour problems, housing issues and many many more.

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

Both Councillor Peter Dyke and I have tried surgeries in our area but they were poorly attended as residents prefer to contact us by phone or email. We also visit them in their own homes if they wish us to. We find these ways of communicating work very well for us.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – Chairman
 Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee
 Ethics and Standards Committee
 Budget Review Panel

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

Charter Trustees of Kidderminster

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

LEA Governor on Comberton Middle School

Nightstop.

Also the following: Transformation Board, Council, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Group Leaders, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel, Regulatory Services Review Panel and Treasury Management Review Panel.

Through my Paid Employment, I am a member of the Town Centre Partnership, Chairman of Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership, Vice-Chairman of the Safer Communities Board and Chairman of the PPO Strategic Board.

Section 3: Achievements

Many are included within the activities above but I enjoy getting involved with and visiting local groups and organisations. It is important that their members feel able to ask questions about what I do as a local Councillor and what role the Council plays in their area and their lives.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

93%.



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COUNCILLOR: Peter Dyke
WARD: Aggborough & Spennells



This is the report by Councillor P Dyke concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

In the past twelve months I have continued to work with local residents to resolve issues that affect their daily quality of life such as litter and fly tipping problems and potholes. A lot of issues raised by residents mean that I have to liaise with the County Council on a regular basis.

I also visit the Over 55 Club when invited. This club meets in Spennells Community Centre on a regular basis and I attend to answer questions raised by its members and help with any problems they may have. I have also given some of our Community Grant to the club to enable them to take trips and to help their work to attract more members.

I continue to deliver FOCUS Newsletters around Aggborough and Spennells on a regular basis. This is a good way of keeping people in our ward informed and aware of what is going on in and around the ward. It also carries full contact details for both myself and Councillor Helen Dyke.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit Committee, Council, Employment & Economics Review Panel, Ethics & Standards, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Kidderminster Educational Foundation Working Group, Local Authority Mortgages Review Panel, Miscellaneous Functions, No Barriers Review Panel and Treasury Management Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

I have given some of our Community Grant to the Spennells Community Centre to enable them to take trips and to help their work to attract more members. Extra amounts have been donated to the Kidderminster Disabled Club, Spennells Girl Guides and Brownies and the Scout Hut in Hoo Road, Kidderminster.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

73%.



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COUNCILLOR: Howard Eeles
WARD: Habberley & Blakebrook



This is the report by Councillor H Eeles concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

My activities are similar to the previous year.

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

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

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

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

I believe that all individual enquiries from Ward constituents have been satisfied by my response and I have been able to resolve most of the problems raised.

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

I have been elected as a shadow Governor representing Wyre Forest District to Worcestershire NHS Acute Hospital Trust.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

N/A

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

84%.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Brian Glass
WARD: Lickhill



This is the report by Councillor B Glass concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation and Miscellaneous Functions.

Section 3: Achievements

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

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

67%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Douglas R Godwin
WARD: Rock



This is the report by Councillor D Godwin concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I am Chairman of Rock Parish Council – I attend monthly meetings and deal with various parish problems, which are inevitably linked, to the District. I have also attended Parish Council meetings in Bayton on matters of concern to both parishes.

I attend the annual Remembrance service and other church services and events held at the five churches within my Ward including the St Georges Day Service for the Scouts and funeral services for residents of the Ward.

I attend the Rock Church fetes and the village show along with the Clows Top and District garden show, the Callow Hill Horticultural Show and school fetes at Far Forest Primary School. I also attend meetings with the Police and Community Support Officers and local Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting on community safety.

I make sure that I am seen meeting and greeting residents every weekend. I also visit those I know are in the more isolated places, or have special needs.

I re-started the Management Committee for the Bliss Gate Playing Field Charity and was involved with the refurbishment of the playground equipment. I also assisted in the raising of funds for the upkeep and repair of the playing fields.

I have regular contact with the Scout and Guides and was able this year to arrange grants for them as well as for Far Forest Village Hall to help groups such as the Mother and Toddler Group and the Far Forest Friends Group.

I write a regular column in the local news magazine the Rock & District News, “Douglas’s District Diary”, which keeps people in touch with what I am doing. I also help produce and edit the Conservative Party News letter “Rock Matters” which is posted and delivered by hand throughout the Ward.

I provide advice via telephone, e-mail and letters on matters including; planning, highways and rights of way, environmental concerns including drainage and sewer problems, farming and agricultural problems, waste disposal and fly tipping, recycling and refuse collection, health problems and access to services at District and County level, dealing with abandoned cars, police and security issues and some matters are referred to County Council, the Housing Association, NHS Trusts, or Central Government Departments or the MP, Mr Billy Wiggin MP.



Section 2: Council Meetings

I sit on the following Committees: Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Ethics & Standards, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel, Planning, Renewable Energy and Efficiency Review Panel. These committees take up a lot of time in the evening reading agendas. Planning sometimes involves site meetings to look at a specific problem. I have difficulty in attending these in the week, but often look at the site at the weekend.

Most committee meetings are in the evening and I attend them after work. The Planning Committee is often very time consuming but is one of the District Council's most important functions.

I have also attended meetings on the new Kidderminster railway station and the proposed Incinerator Development at Hartlebury Trading Estate. I am involved in meetings on developments in the Ward and District concerning the better use of energy and the potential for small-scale power generation.

Section 3: Achievements

I spent a great deal of time working on the Bliss Gate Playing Field Charity project, finding out who was and is still a trustee and forming a new management committee arranging help with insurance and future funding of the project.

I assisted in the placement of speed warning signs on the A456, which are now expected shortly.

I have dealt with the removal of fly tipping and tyres that are dumped on the roadside and abandoned cars.

I have obtained replacement grit bins for those damaged in the past and new bins within the Ward.

I have dealt with planning enforcement matters.

I help in the "Big Tidy Up" in the ward clearing up rubbish from the roadside twice a year.

I have been involved in having road drainage repairs done and maintenance of safety barriers after pursuing this for six year, and the clearing of blocked roadside drains again after pursuing this for three years.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I am a property solicitor and practice in Bridgnorth and so have a wide experience in planning matters. I was born in Mable and brought up in the ward, I have a vast knowledge of my area and its residents and an understanding of rural way of life particularly from a farming perspective. I come from a local farming family so residents know I know what I am talking about and I can relate to their concerns both on a business and personal level. My training as a lawyer means I have an insight into the many aspects of the law, which results in me being able to advise my constituents on various problems, which may not be Council related, e.g. boundary disputes or matrimonial matters.



My previously held seat on Malvern District Council means I have a good understanding of Local Government management and of the running of such an institution also who the movers and shakers are in my neighbouring Wards – people who can often help with a problem and advise on matters arising from this unique rural nature and area which is on the boarder with Malvern Hill District Council and the now unitary Shropshire Council.

I have served on the Rock Parish Council for six years. I have been the Chairman for three years and a School Governor for six years for a primary school in Kidderminster. I have also been active with the Churches in Mamble and Rock. (I helped with the refurbishment of the bells of Mamble Church.) I maintain contacts with our MP, Billy Wiggin (Leominster) and the sitting MP in Wyre Forest Ward, Dr. Richard Taylor.

This situation will be changing at the next general election with the Ward returning to the Wyre Forest Constituency. The residents of this Ward know I care about our Ward and its communities.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

73%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Jenny Greener
WARD: Bewdley & Arley



This is the report by Councillor J Greener concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I have attended Parish Council meetings throughout the year and followed up on enquiries relating to speeding, parking, transport and other issues brought up at the meetings.

I do not hold regular surgeries but am always available to discuss matters brought to my attention, including parking, signage, potholes, fly tipping, a dispute with Openreach, noise pollution etc.

I also participate in Bewdley Development Trust meetings and again follow up discussion points.

I am a member of Citizens Advice Bureau Board of Trustees and have been involved in the opening of the Bewdley Branch.

I am a Governor of Bewdley Primary School, on the operations sub-committee and have attended training, i.e. New Members course and Critical Friend course.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Apart from attending full Council meetings, I am a member of the following:

Budget Review Panel- attended five meetings plus a training session. I was involved in the decision on budget priorities for the coming year.

Corporate Resources Scrutiny committee – I am Vice-Chairman and apart from full meetings have attended 8 briefing sessions with the Chairman and Officers. I have also attended all Corporate Performance Clinics and I was a member of the Corporate Performance Clinic Review Panel.

Licensing and Environmental - I have attended all meetings which included covering Street Furniture Regulations, licensing and inspecting Hackney carriages and was a member of a sub-committee reviewing the premises licence for a local public house.

Parking Review Panel - I am part of a team reviewing the regulations for off-street parking and Bewdley residents' parking permits. We are due to meet with Bewdley residents shortly to discuss issues.

Regulatory Services Review Panel – I attended two presentations on Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier (WETT) - countywide shared services.

No Barriers Review Panel - I am a member of the panel looking at ways to promote and consolidate the conditions for nominations and improve the award ceremony.

Section 3: Achievements

I have had some small achievements locally such as having grit bins serviced and re-sited, and a section of road resurfaced. I am involved with the working parties above and I feel my main achievement was feeling able to discuss topics more confidently and put over my point of view.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have lived and worked in the Wyre Forest community for over 30 years as a Community Occupational Therapist, with training in Psychology and people skills and feel I know what local people want. I also have a knowledge of rural transport problems.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

94%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Bewdley Museum Management Committee
Meeting Commitment:
Meetings attended: 4 meetings attended plus the official re-opening of the museum.
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: I organised a joint contribution from four Councillors Community fund towards the purchase of a new display cabinet. I am a member of the Friends of Bewdley Museum. In Management meetings I have discussed extended opening hours and new exhibitions and the relationship the Museum has with the Tourist and Trade improvements to Bewdley.
Details of any significant decisions made: I have been closely involved with the above. Also budget decisions, staffing and the improvements to displays, including some County items.
Details of any matters in progress: Exhibitions, workshops and events are all ongoing.
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None

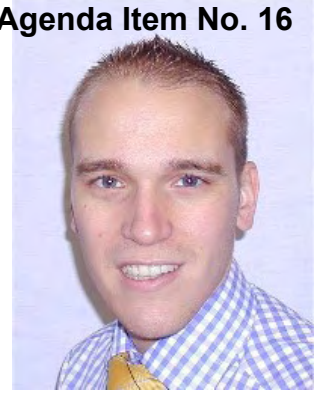
Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Community Housing Group
Meetings attended: 18 plus 2 away days and the Annual Members' Conference, plus three training events. I am on the WFSH and Worcestershire Telecare boards
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council All decisions made have relevance to Wyre Forest as all tenants live in the District and there is joint working on Community regeneration and safety, also joint provision of community spaces, play areas and green spaces.
Details of any significant decisions made: See above
Details of any matters in progress: The transfer of WTC and the implications of SP funding.
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: £1000 p.a.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Marcus Hart
WARD: Sutton Park



This is the report by Councillor M J Hart concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

I have carried out a considerable amount of case work on a variety of topics. I have engaged within the community by delivering regular newsletters throughout the year and by attending residents' meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the last year 538 letters have been written and internal memos and emails have also been sent to and from constituents.



Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals, Bewdley Museum, Cabinet, Council, Ethics & Standards, Kidderminster Educational Foundation and Planning.

Section 3: Achievements

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4: Special Knowledge

The specialist knowledge I have is from my professional training as a solicitor. I do find this has helped me, particularly when sitting on the Planning Committee. Whilst I am not by any means an expert in planning law, I did study some at University and do understand the general principles which I have found assisted me greatly in determining what is and is not a material planning consideration.

I also sit on the Ethics and Standards Committee and find that my legal background has helped me in respect of this. Again, I sit on the Appointments and Appeals Committee and my legal training has helped me tremendously to be able to play a positive role on this committee.

Also, as a solicitor who specialises in criminal law, advocacy is a big part of my job and therefore, as a result speaking at Council meetings is a lot easier.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

90%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Bewdley Museum Management Committee
Meeting Commitment: 2 meetings per annum Meetings attended: 15 th December 2009
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: None
Details of any significant decisions made: None
Details of any matters in progress: None
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Matters Children and Young Peoples Sub Group
Meeting Commitment: 4 meetings Meetings attended: 15 th June 2009, 7 th September 2009, 2 nd November 2009, 4 th January 2010
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: None
Details of any significant decisions made: None
Details of any matters in progress: None
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Matters Theme Working Group (This is also known as Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership)

Meeting Commitment: 4 meetings

Meetings attended: 9th July 2009

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

None

Details of any significant decisions made:

None

Details of any matters in progress:

None

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:

None



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Pauline Hayward
WARD: Blakedown & Chaddesley



This is the report by Councillor P Hayward concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I am involved in the following:

Litter picking initiatives, Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, public meetings in church over planning development, Parish Planning meetings when called, Tenants meetings, regular meetings regarding Gypsy encampment at Churchill, regular attendance at 3 village churches, attending Parochial Church Council meetings, 3 different Parish Council meetings, local village fete, church fete.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Kidderminster Educational Foundation and Licensing & Environmental Committee.

Section 3: Achievements

I still attend meetings regarding the Gypsy encampment when called, consulting with officers regarding the car parking problems. Consulting with Officers regarding the Millennium Green problems with dog litter.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

26 years as Councillor for Wyre Forest District Council

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

75%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Siriol Hayward
WARD: Offmore & Comberton



This is the report by Councillor S Hayward concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

My Council colleagues and I together with our local Ward Team have carried on our quest to keep our electorate informed with local news and events by circulating Focus newsletters to every household throughout the year.

We have continued to work alongside the Police and others at the local Partners and Communities Together (PACT) where local problems are identified and prioritised and strategies are developed to address them.

The Offmore Comberton Action Group has continued its invaluable work to improve the local area and so making it a better place to live in. The Fun Day, (known as the Borrington Bash) is so popular, that it has successfully developed into an annual event.

For part of the year, I was a governor of Offmore and Comberton Primary Schools.

I am an active member of St. George's Church and am a member of the Parochial Church Council which is currently challenged with expanding our parish of three churches to include St. Mary's, Stone and St. Cuthbert's, Chaddesley Corbett.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Council, Ethics & Standards and Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

I was a member of the Mortgage Review Panel which decided not to recommend the offering of Council partnership mortgages at this financially difficult time.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

81%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Anne Hingley
WARD: Franche



This is the report by Councillor A Hingley concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Personal contact with residents continues to be my first way of communication, to include home visits, phone calls and emails. Our bi-monthly newsletter, Franche Matters, keeps the community updated on projects and local authority issues. My contact details are always published with a return slip for residents comments. Now that quarterly Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings are established and well attended in Franche, our ward surgeries are not used, therefore after our April 2009 surgery, Councillor Baker and I decided to cease these for the time being. At PACT a range of issues are brought to the attention of police officers and Councillors – in particular parking outside schools and on street parking where properties have no provision, speeding, drainage, road and footpath repairs. I am using the Hub to log and reference local issues and am encouraging residents to do the same. This helps highlight “hot spots” and to follow up on unresolved problems.

I attend Community Housing Tenants meetings and walkabouts.

As a Governor of Franche Community School and St Catherine’s CE School, I am taking an interest in both their new school builds.

Thirty affordable housing units have been completed at Wilton Avenue on behalf of Community Housing Group. Franche Councillors liaised with the workforce to solve problems raised by the neighbourhood during the construction - quick action resulted in good site management. The project was completed within the timescale set.

White Wickets children’s playground opened in December and this replaces the one in Wilton Avenue. The play area includes the latest designs in play equipment. Consultation took place with children and local residents.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals – a two day interview process for the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer, preceded by dedicated preparation work.

Cabinet – I am Cabinet Member for Legal and Corporate Services. Regular meetings with the Director of Legal and Corporate Services include implementation and management performance of Business Plan, overseeing the Constitution of the Council and updating many statutory changes. Monitoring the strategic direction on Property Rationalisation Programme and the management of public assets and budget targets. I have monthly meetings with my Cabinet colleagues together with the Corporate Management Team to advance the aims and objectives of the Council’s Corporate Plan and Priorities, promote local democracy through a programme of events with younger people, engage with communities, cohesion meetings, attend Scrutiny Panels and the Corporate Performance Clinics.

Section 3: Achievements

Council – Accountable to Council as custodian of the Constitution and have attended all meetings.
Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

Previously as Cabinet Member for Housing, I was invited to join a project team set up to deliver a new transitional housing scheme in Franche in conjunction with Stakeholders. My objective was to seek community engagement from start to finish enabling neighbours to have input and reassurance at all stages of construction. Regular meetings took place in the local church. The scheme was completed in December 2009. The Developers have won the National Site Award for the Considerate Constructors Scheme 2010!

I have been instrumental in promoting the needs for a Lengthsman Scheme in Kidderminster. In 2009 as a County Councillor pursued this issue with vigour. The Lengthsman Scheme has a shared budget between Wyre Forest District Council and Worcestershire County Council and comes into effect from April 2010.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

Business skills together with University of Life experience, particular knowledge in Health Services.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

96%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: John Holden
WARD: Mitton



This is the report by Councillor J Holden concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

I sit on the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee chaired by Councillor Ballinger, and I am Chairman the Audit Committee.

I am a Governor at St Wulstans RC Primary and also at Hartlebury C of E Primary Schools, and a Trustee at the Queen Elizabeth 1st Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

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

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

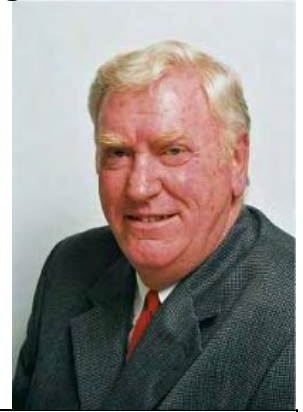
67%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Mike Kelly
WARD: Habberley & Blakebrook



This is the report by Councillor M Kelly concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

I have been heavily involved in the planning of the new children's play area which has been provided in Truro Drive and have worked closely with the Habberley Tenants Consultative Committee and Wyre Forest Community Housing. The play area is being constructed in phases. The final piece a Zip Wire has now gone through planning, with the hope it will be in place by the end of the summer.

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

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

It is essential that Councillors should make themselves both available and accessible to the whole community.

I do not hold surgeries as I find they do not work. I find a more effective method is to actually knock doors and to do walkabouts all over the ward at random, talking and listening to people picking up problems.

The newsletters also gives all residents the ability to contact me as my name address and phone number is on every leaflet.

I am also the Leader of the Labour group which entails attending other meetings as and when necessary.

I also sit on the Habberley and Blakebrook Partners and Communities Together (PACT) and the Habberley Tenants Consultative Committee

Section 2: Council Meetings

Centralised Office & Transformational Board, Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Ethics & Standards Committee, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Kidderminster Educational Foundation Group, Licensing & Environmental Committee, Local Authority Mortgage Review Panel, Parking Review Panel and Treasury Management Review Panel.



Section 3: Achievements

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

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have received regular training particularly on Licensing matters. I also receive intensive training from the Community Housing Group.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

78%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Community Housing Group	
Meeting Commitment: 30 per annum	Meetings attended: 30
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council Housing generally and Community Projects	
Details of any significant decisions made Setting up of new Community Projects Board	
Details of any matters in progress General Housing needs	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role £1000 per annum	

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Kidderminster & District Youth Group	
Meeting Commitment: 6 times per annum	Meetings attended: 6
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council Grant aiding, Carpet Museum.	
Details of any significant decisions made Grant aiding, Carpet Museum.	
Details of any matters in progress As above	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role None	



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Howard Martin
WARD: Broadwaters



This is the report by Councillor H Martin concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I regularly attend Ward Partner and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, "Friends" meetings at Broadwaters, St Georges, Baxter Gardens and Springfield Parks as well as other community groups. I am Board Member of the Horsefair, Broadwaters & Greenhill Partnership and Vice Chair of the Assembly. I am also a Member of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Group at Sion Hill.

I have dealt with many specific Ward issues relating to housing, neighbourhood disputes, street cleaning and maintenance, parks and environmental and crime and disorder matters.

I have successfully aided the rehousing of several constituents with serious housing problems and helped others to get housing benefit or other state benefits.

I have offered advice and guidance on other matters both related and unrelated to council matters.

I have ensured public consultation on the Public Art Project at the Horsefair.

I have supported residents and organised a petition to speed the adoption of roads on Waterside Grange.

I campaigned to move St Georges School entrance from Plane Tree Close.

I have campaigned to keep open the Upton Road Community Centre.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Appointments & Appeals, Transformation Board, Corporate Performance Clinic, Council, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Group Leaders' Meeting, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Licensing & Environmental Committee, Local Authority Mortgage Review Panel, Chairman of No Barriers Review Panel, Parking Review Panel, Planning, Regulatory Services Review Panel and Chairman of Treasury Management Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

I am Chairman of the Mike Oborski No Barriers Review Panel, which is set up to make awards to those individuals and businesses going the "extra mile" to help residents with disabilities.

Section 3: Achievements (Continued)

I was also Chairman of the Treasury Management Review Panel, which looked into the situation surrounding the investment of council funds in Icelandic banks – its recommendations were accepted by Council and are now policy.

I am Leader of Independent Community & Health Concern – the largest opposition party on Wyre Forest District Council.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

Consultant in Employment Law and Best Practice and a qualified Counsellor/Psychotherapist with a post graduate diploma (DipCounc) both of which are useful and important skills for me as a Councillor.

As a National Executive Member and Elected Union officer in PCS union for many years, much experience as National Chair of Equal Opportunity/Discrimination and Employment Welfare Committee.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

73%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Sue Meekings
WARD: Oldington & Foley Park



This is the report by Councillor S Meekings concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

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

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

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Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

54%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Oldington & Foley Park Community Network	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended:
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -	
Details of any significant decisions made: -	
Details of any matters in progress: -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None	

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Tree Tops Sure Start Children’s Centre	
Meeting Commitment: 6 (bi-monthly)	Meetings attended: 3
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -	
Details of any significant decisions made: -	
Details of any matters in progress: Signage to advertise children’s centre and entrance to it. The Centre caters for children up to 4 years old. Options are being looked into to bridge the gap for children who do not attend school until they are 5 years old.	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None	

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: David Millis
WARD: Mitton



This is the report by Councillor D Millis concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

My main activities in the ward, apart from dealing with the many queries from constituents, have been my work in assisting/encouraging schemes for Stourport Youth through initiatives with Community Action Newtown (CAN) and West Mercia Community Police to provide a Youth Café, drop in centre in Stourport.

I assisted and encouraged the setting up of an action group of parents wanting to renew the play area at The Slad, Wilden Top.

I continue working in the background to help and extend the 'Party In the Park' at Stourport, and all Youth Programmes as part of 'YourS' group.

I am a Vice Chair of Governors of two primary schools, namely Stourport Primary School and Burlish Park Primary School. I play a very active role in all aspects of the governance of the two excellent schools.

I am a Trustee and Secretary to the Friends of Bishop's Wood, which is responsible for organising twelve events throughout the year, all child and parent orientated, but with a bias towards living in a sustainable way.

I have recently become a Trustee of the Stourport Social Day Centre which forms an important part of looking after Stourport's older residents. This work compliments my work with the youth of the area. I am actively trying to promote visits by primary and secondary pupils to the centre as part of the schools work in the community.

I am a Member of the Building Schools for Future Parents and Community Consultation Group looking at all aspects of what role Stourport High School could play in Extended Services and Community Cohesion.

I am a Trustee and Committee Member of the Queen Elizabeth 1 Foundation, and am actively involved in all decisions regarding Grant Applications.

I am a regular panel member of the Lickhill and Mitton Partners & Communities Together (PACT), which again plays an import role in meeting my constituents.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit, Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Employment & Economic Prospects Review Panel, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel, Renewable Energy & Efficiency Review Panel



Section 3: Achievements

As is apparent from Section 1 my main thrust of my work is in promoting facilities for both young and the elderly and trying to encourage a sense of community for all.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I am an Architect by profession and have been promoting and researching sustainable construction for some 25 years.

I am at present an active member of the Renewable Energy and Efficiency Review Panel.

My expertise has been particularly useful in my work on the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

My expertise could also be used in the preparation of the single site project brief and all aspects of sustainable construction.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

87%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Citizens Advice Bureau

Meeting Commitment: Attended 2 official meetings to date, give advise on an adhoc basis when required

Meetings attended: CAD Planning Day 23rd September 2009

This was a very intensive training day for all members/volunteers of the CAD looking at all aspects of their work. What works best, what not so well, the future way forward. A broad ranging look at the work of the CAB.

28th January 2010, The Annual General Meeting, which included in depth reports from the Manager of the CAB'S work including changes in types of advice, particularly with the increase in debt advice.

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

CAB have opened an office in Bewdley. This can only be a major benefit to the people of Bewdley in these difficult times.

Community Profile and Needs Analysis

Surveys carried out by brought some interesting facts to the AGM

The latest statistics from the Worcestershire County Council show that two of the five areas in Worcestershire which fall in the top 10% most deprived areas nationally are in the Wyre Forest District.

CAB'S priority is to improve income and child poverty in areas identified by offering debt and welfare benefits advice whilst working closely with the Pathfinder Project and other similar projects

Details of any significant decisions made:

Continuing and consolidating the work of the CAB Office at Stourport

The Business Plan was detailed and thorough, the main issues discussed were Developments of the Service, Direction of the Service, Client Satisfaction, Quality, Equality, Promoting CAB, Social Policy and Resources both workforce and financial.

Details of any matters in progress:

N/A

Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:

I receive no allowances, neither do I request any.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Christopher Nicholls
WARD: Cookley



This is the report by Councillor C Nicholls concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I hold regular surgeries at Cookley Sports and Social Club – first Saturday of the month.

I have monthly consultations with residents regarding planning applications in conjunction with other parish councillors.

- Chairman of Wolverley and Cookley Partners & Communities Together (PACT).
- Member of Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council.
- Governor at Cookley Primary School.
- Member of Cookley Surgery's Patient Participation Group.
- Trustee of the Sebright Educational Foundation.
- A trustee of Wolverley Charities.
- Regular attendance at Cookley Tenants Consultative Committee.
- Communication with the community via a newsletter.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Budget Review Panel, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Chairman of Corporate Performance Clinic Review Panel, Council, Ethics & Standards, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, No Barriers Review Panel, Planning, and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

Chris's Leadership fund was allocated towards the following communities initiatives:

1. Creation of new Cookley website
2. Cookley Primary Schools traditional Wassail including torchlight procession
3. Subsidised Local children on a twinning visit to Germany
4. Subsidised local children at the Morris dancing 10th anniversary event.

I continue to promote the interests of our village community e.g. maintaining the Green Belt and representing residents' views at relevant Council and committee meetings.

I liaise with the police and other outside bodies via PACT meetings to resolve issues for the benefit of our community.

I continue to monitor the Parish Plan.



Section 3: Achievements - Continued

As a Governor for Cookley Primary School, I continue to assist in its development.

I continue to play an active role in the life of our village.

In conjunction with Worcestershire County Council, new road markings on the junction of the A449/Castle Road, Cookley will hopefully improve traffic safety.

I play an active role in the life of village.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

Using the wealth of experience I gained as your District Councillor for the last 19 years, to continue to promote your views and interests.

Cookley is a very good place to live with a true community spirit.

Unfortunately due to the rebuilding of our sports and social club, no Christmas party was held in 2009, however, there will be a great party in 2010!

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

87%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Fran Oborski
WARD: Offmore & Comberton



This is the report by Councillor F Oborski concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Along with my Ward Colleagues, I produce and deliver our FOCUS Newsletter to every house throughout the year on a regular, at least monthly, basis.

I hold an Advice Centre at Brookside Children's Centre on the first Tuesday in the month from 10-12.

I serve on the local Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Panel and attend all PACT meetings.

I attend meetings of the Offmore and Comberton Tenants Consultative Committee.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit Committee, Centralised Office & Transformational Board, Council, Group Leaders', Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Kidderminster Educational Foundation Working Group, Licensing & Environmental, Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel, No Barriers Review Panel, Parking Review Panel, Planning, Regulatory Services Review Panel, Renewable Energy and Efficiency Review Panel and Treasury Management Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

As a Member of the Management Committee of the Offmore Comberton Action Group (OCAG), I am involved in organising our local Community Carnival, the Borrington Bash. Through OCAG I have been instrumental in gaining over £16,000 in Grant Aid this year to provide a Trim Trail.

I used my Councillor Activity Grant to fund the training of a student at King Charles 1 High School as a Young Adviser.

I serve as a Governor on Stourminster Special School (Chair), Offmore and Comberton Primary Schools, King Charles 1 High School and the new Wyre Forest Special School (Vice Chair).

I serve as a Councillor Representative on the Management Committee of the Kidderminster / Husum Twinning Committee.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

Over 30 years experience on Planning Committees.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

91%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Court of the University of Birmingham
Meeting Commitment: 1 per year Meetings attended: June 2009
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council Expansion of Higher Education in West Midlands
Details of any significant decisions made
Details of any matters in progress Coping with expanding HE during recession and encouraging students from families with no previous HE experience (we have many in Wyre Forest)
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role None.

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee
Meeting Commitment: 1 per year Meetings attended: 1 per year
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Wyre Forest has a strong record of successful appeals, indicating that any parking fines that are given out have been done so correctly.
Details of any significant decisions made: As above.
Details of any matters in progress: Ongoing.
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Worcestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Meeting Commitment: 6 Meetings attended: 5 (unable to attend 1 meeting due to a Wyre Forest Commitment)
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council Produce 6 monthly reports to go to relevant scrutiny committee.
Details of any significant decisions made Monitoring of new out of hours contracts and the monitoring of the position of the removal of doctors from the Minor Injuries Unit.
Details of any matters in progress Monitoring of new out of hours contracts and the monitoring of the position of the removal of doctors from the Minor Injuries Unit.
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role None.

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Matters Children and Young Peoples sub-group
Meeting Commitment: 6 per annum Meetings attended: 6
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council Wyre Forest is the most ready in the District to take on the role of the Children’s Trust in Worcestershire.
Details of any significant decisions made Co-ordinated the spending of County Council money and have drawn up a map of young persons provisions to highlight any gaps of County Council provisions.
Details of any matters in progress Ongoing
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role None.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Tracey Onslow
WARD: Sutton Park



This is the report by Councillor T Onslow concerning her activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I was made Cabinet Member for Housing & Environmental Services in May 2009 which includes Housing, Health, Licensing, Environmental Services, Streetscene, Toilets, Markets and parking.

I am Governor of Sutton Park Community Primary School who have just moved into their new building.

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

I attend Friends of Brinton Park Group (FOBP) meetings. I have just printed and distributed 1,500 flyers for FOBP Group for their Easter Trail in the Park.

I attend Hillcrest Residents Meetings.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Regular Council Meetings I attend are: Cabinet, Council, Licensing & Environmental, Parish Forum, Parking Review Panel, Quarterly Scrutiny Briefings and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

Other meetings include Parish Chairmen Meeting, Landlords Forum, Private Rented Sector Working Group, Wyre Forest Community Housing, Nightstop, Taxi Liaison Meetings, Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group (WPEG), Flood Risk Management Strategy Group Meetings, Scrutiny Meetings Homelessness Forum and Community Forum.

Section 3: Achievements

I have handled an additional 100 approximately issues (these were raised this year as some case work carried over from last year) raised by local residents. Mainly housing issues, litter, parking but my main achievement for this year – which took about a year of campaigning to achieve - would be having extra drains installed in Crescent Road which has improved the lives of local residents.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

No – not this year.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

90%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: North Worcs. Care & Repair Agency – Advisory Board
Meeting Commitment: - Meetings attended: None – New Contract Terms With Festival rather than Care & Repair direct.
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Disabled Facilities Grants
Details of any significant decisions made:
Details of any matters in progress:
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Nightstop and Mediation Service Management Committee
Meeting Commitment: - Meetings attended: 4 : January 2010, November 2009, September 2009, June 2009
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Provision of emergency housing for homeless 16-17 year olds. This has many benefits for WFDC as it prevents additional use of B&B and keeps some of our most vulnerable teenagers from sleeping rough.
Details of any significant decisions made: Continued support to maintain service. New member of staff to be appointed.
Details of any matters in progress: New member of staff.
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: None



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COUNCILLOR: Jim Parish
WARD: Lickhill



This is the report by Councillor J Parish concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I was elected in September 2009 in the Lickhill by-election.

Activities include: Residents confidential ward work, I attended all Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings for Lickhill and Mitton. I was involved in the Building Schools for the Future planning for the build of the new Stourport Primary school and involved with Worcestershire County Council on speeding issues in Lickhill Road, Lickhill Residents Association redevelopment of Worth Crescent play area, Development issues – Memorial Gardens

I attend highways Forums on local issues.

I also assist the police on ward and local issues.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Budget Review Panel, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Planning and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

I was also on the selection panel for the appointment of the new Chief Executive, Ian Miller.

I have also been involved in all pre-budget meetings and the Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier initiative.

Section 3: Achievements

Raising finance to help in the development of Worth Crescent play area.

Assisting the police in the development activities for young people.

Raising funds for a youth centre on the skate park.

Raising funds to help with the cost of visits for the underprivileged children.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

Currently I am the leader of Stourport Town Council, a Wyre Forest District Councillor and a Worcestershire County Councillor, this enables me to get involved in the wider issues in Stourport and the area in general.

I have received training at County Council and District Council for the areas of Council work that I am involved in.

Training from Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils Certificate.

Retired from my own Logistics and Packaging businesses and with my previous record in business management since 1962 gives me a wealth of experience to assist in Management at all levels of Councils activities.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

100%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Julian Phillips
WARD: Bewdley & Arley



This is the report by Councillor J Phillips concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

Between the hours of home working, all of the various committees, review panels, public meetings, briefings and other events, I spend an average of at least 12 hours per week on Council business. All told this equates to one and a half days of work on top of my full time job and other voluntary non-Council related roles.

I sit on the Bewdley Partners and Community Together (PACT) Panel and Bewdley Youth PACT panels. I am also a governor at Bewdley School & Sixth Form. During the town's carnival I have manned the PACT stall along with police officers and Wyre Forest Community Housing wardens.

I have addressed around 50 individual items of casework ranging from highway issues to street scene and antisocial behaviour and have been involved with Community Action projects such as litter picks and 'tidy days'.

I have volunteered to the Domestic Waste Collection and Renewable Energy and Efficiency Scrutiny Panels. I have also been elected as chairman of the Parking Review Panel.

I also helped with the organising of the Bewdley Christmas Festival and spent the entire day of the event on duty assembling street stalls, marshalling crowds and clearing away the stalls afterwards.

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

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

I also regularly patronise the businesses in my ward and attend as many of the public events that I am able to (such as Discover Bewdley, the carnival, Christmas Festival, October Festival, any special public forums etc.) where residents are welcome to talk to me informally. I feel I am very accessible to my residents.

As well as being a member of Bewdley Town Council, I attend between four and six Upper Arley Parish Council meetings each year. Between us, my fellow Ward Councillors and I are present at all of their meetings unless they clash with District Council commitments.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Full Council, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Parking Review Panel, Renewable Energy & Efficiency Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

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

As Vice Chairman of the Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel I feel that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Dyke, and I did a good job of contributing to the Council's public relations and accountability when hosting public forums regarding important issues such as flooding and Post Office closures. With the Energy Efficiency and Waste Collection review panels, we established dialogues with external public services and got a greater understanding of how they worked.

I have been involved in the Parking Review Panel and recommendations will be made to the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in due course.

I feel the Youth Partners and Communities Together (PACT) which is held at Bewdley Secondary School & Sixth Form is now very well established. It meets once every school term and consists of a meeting between myself, the police and the local Community Housing Group warden and two representatives from each year group at the school. The pupils raise very sensible issues that often fall under the 'radar' of the traditional PACT meetings that are only attended by adults. I have made an effort to raise the profile of both PACT and Youth PACT through my news letters and promoting it at public events such as the carnival and Christmas Festival.

In a motion to full council in May 2009, Councillor Campion and I secured a grant to upgrade the facilities of Wyre Hill play area, the regular maintenance of which is currently funded by Bewdley Town Council from their annual parish aid grant from Wyre Forest Community Housing.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

81%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Wyre Forest Cycle Forum	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended: September (apologies), January and April
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting cycling as a positive form of transport and viable alternative to the motor vehicle. • Reducing carbon emissions in the district. • Improving the infrastructure of the district to accommodate cyclists. • Promoting cycling as a way of improving the quality of life and health of Wyre Forest Residents. 	
Details of any significant decisions made:	
N/A	
Details of any matters in progress:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking up Hartlebury Castle to the national cycle route network. • Tapping in to the County Councillors' Health Improvement Fund for possible cycling promotion schemes. • Promoting National Bike Week (19-27 June 2010). • Consolidating cycling lanes in the district and keeping them clear of obstacles such as parked cars (e.g. Bewdley Hill, Kidderminster). • Encouraging young people to cycle via the schools in the district. 	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:	
None	



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10**

COUNCILLOR: Mike Price
WARD: Offmore & Comberton



This is the report by Councillor M Price concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

Regular Focus leaflets and individual casework.

I serve as Vice Chairman of Governors of St George's CE Primary School and as a Governor of Comberton Primary School.

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Licensing & Environmental, Planning, Parking Review Panel, and Renewable Energy & Efficiency Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

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Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

89%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Ken Prosser
WARD: Habberley & Blakebrook



This is the report by Councillor K Prosser concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

During this year as a District Councillor, I have worked closely with County Councillors for St Johns and St Barnabas, since it seems that teamwork always helps, when problems arise. Both of my County colleagues, and other District Councillors have given me support which has been encouraging. Some issues are ongoing such as the Pershore Road Triangles and some seemingly insolvable, for instance potholes. I am very pleased that a large percentage of roads in the Ward are in much better condition thanks to the pressure placed on Highways to address local highway issues. Nevertheless, much still needs to be done, but as ever cost is a major factor.

I have addressed a wide range of issues raised by local residents over the last year and I have communicated regularly via newsletters across the ward.

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

I have held meetings with residents as and when required.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – it is interesting to see how much is attempted, but the current recession hasn't helped with achievements. Straw polls indicate to me that Kidderminster attracts many visitors for shopping and they are then drawn into the wider attractions of Bewdley, Stourport and beyond to rural areas of the Wyre Forest. Most do so because it is a pleasant experience.

Audit Committee, Council and Kidderminster Educational Foundation.

Section 3: Achievements

All of the issues raised by me with Officers have been resolved.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

64%.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COUNCILLOR: Mike Salter
WARD: Mitton



This is the report by Councillor M Salter concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I have given assistance to residents in my ward on various queries that have been raised, blocked drains, state of pavements and neighbour disputes. Councillor Holden and myself have also arranged litter picking. I am also a member of Stourport Town Council, Stourport Carnival Committee and Wilden Village Hall.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit Committee, Budget Review Panel, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Miscellaneous Functions, Planning and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

This year I have been the Chairman of the Council and have so far raised in excess of £850 for the Millbrook Suite Appeal. I attach a list of engagements undertaken so far this municipal year.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

82%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Age Concern
Meeting Commitment: Meetings attended: 27 th July, 28 th September, 23 rd November, 1 st December, 10 th December, 18 th January, 4 th January, 26 th February and 29 th March
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -
Details of any significant decisions made: -
Details of any matters in progress: -
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: -

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Stourport Social Day Centre
Meeting Commitment: Meetings attended: 23 rd June, 6 th July, 24 th August, 12 th October, 23 rd November, 1 st March
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -
Details of any significant decisions made: -
Details of any matters in progress: -
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: -



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Stourport Forward Board
Meeting Commitment: Meetings attended: 11 th August, 27 th August, 5 th October, 19 th October, 31 st October, 9 th December, 15 th March, 22 nd March, 26 th April
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: -
Details of any significant decisions made: -
Details of any matters in progress: -
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: -

LIST OF FUNCTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN
2009/2010

Date/Time	Function	Attend By
MAY 2009		
Thursday 21 st 7.30pm	Annual Meeting of the Charter Trustees and Mayor-Making Ceremony	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 31 st 3.00pm	Chairman's Civic Service, Wychavon District Council	Chairman and Consort
JUNE 2009		
Saturday 6 th 10.45am	Bewdley Carnival, Mayor's Parlour, Load Street, Bewdley	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 7 th 10.30am	Mayor's Sunday, Guildhall, Bewdley	Chairman and Consort
Friday 12 th 7.30pm	Town Mayor of Stourport's Civic Reception, Civic Hall	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 14 th 10.30am	Droitwich Town Council Civic Service, St Andrew's Church, Droitwich Spa	Chairman and Consort
Tuesday 16 th 2.00pm	Opening of Stourport Basin Café and Heritage Room, Windlass Café, Severn Side, Stourport	Chairman and Consort
Friday 19 th 7.30pm	"Time to Kill" The Three Arts Guild, Areley Kings Village Hall	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 20 th 10.15am	Kidderminster Carnival, Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 21 st 10.30am	Worcester Mayor's Civic Service, Worcester Cathedral	Chairman and Consort
Monday 22 nd 10.30am	Flag Flying Ceremony for Armed Forces Day, Kidd Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Friday 26 th 7.30pm	Classical Music Society, Piano Recital, Kidderminster Library	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 27 th 7.00pm	Wyre Forest Young Voices, Crossing the River Concert, St Anne's Church, Bewdley	Chairman and Consort
JULY 2009		
Saturday 4 th 4.30pm	Wedding of Programme Manager, Stourport Forward, Vale Road, Stourport on Severn	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 4 th 7.30pm	Stourport Choral and Operatic Society Summer Concert, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Monday 6 th 4.00pm	Committee Meeting of Stourport on Severn Social Day Centre	Chairman
Wednesday 8 th 7.30pm	Annual General Meeting of The League of Friends of Kidderminster Hospital	Chairman and Consort



Friday 10 th 12.00 noon	Queen's Royal Hussars Homecoming Parade, Worcester City Council, Guildhall, Worcester	Chairman
Saturday 11 th 12.00 noon	Stourport Netball Dome Opening Ceremony, Stourport Sports Club	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 11 th 7.00pm	Inaugural Banquet, Worcester Mayor, Guildhall, Worcester	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 12 th 11.30am	Mayor's Sunday, St Mary and All Saints Church, Kidderminster	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 18 th 5.30pm – 10.30pm	Charity Steam Valley Railway Event, Kidderminster to Bridgnorth, Bromsgrove DC	Chairman and Consort
Thursday 23 rd 1.45pm	Citizenship Ceremony, Worcestershire County Council	Chairman
AUGUST 2009		
Tuesday 4 th 7.00pm	Wychavon District Council Monks Supper, All Saints Church, Evesham	Chairman
Wednesday 5 th 9.30am – 4.00pm	Annual Leisure Tour, Wyre Forest Glades	Chairman
Friday 14 th 10.00am	Mayor of Droitwich's Coffee Morning, Salt Rock Café, Gurney's Lane, Droitwich Spa	Chairman and Consort
Friday 14 th 5.30pm – 7.30pm	Kidderminster Arts Festival 2009 Launch, Kidderminster Library	Chairman and Consort
22 nd and 23 rd 1.00pm	County and Western Festival, Riverside, Stourport on Severn	Chairman and Consort
Thursday 27 th 8.00pm – 10.00pm	Official Opening of Vales Vets Kidderminster	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 30 th 1.00pm	Charity Meeting for Scope	Chairman
SEPTEMBER 2009		
Saturday 5 th 12.15pm	Stourport Carnival, Harold Davies Drive	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 13 th 10.00am	Tenbury Civic Parade, St Marys Church, Tenbury	Chairman and Consort
OCTOBER 2009		
Sunday 4 th 2.30pm	Upton-upon-Severn's Civic Service	Chairman and Consort
Thursday 8 th 6.45pm	Picturing the Environment Photographic Exhibition, Bewdley Festival	Chairman
Saturday 10 th 7.30pm	Music for You, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 11 th 10.30am	Mayor's Civic Service, St Stephen's Church, Redditch	Chairman and Consort
Monday 12 th 4.00pm	Stourport Day Centre's Management Committee Meeting	Chairman
Thursday 15 th 7.00pm	Allotment Prize Giving, Stourport Sports Club	Chairman



Saturday 17 th 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Pershore Town Council Cream Tea with Henry Sandon MBE and Gerry Berwyn-Jones of Bonhams	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 17 th 7.00pm	Kidderminster Male Voice Choir	Chairman and Consort
Friday 23 rd 7.00pm	Bromsgrove District Council Harvest Supper	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 24 th 10.00am	Stourport Got's Talent, Civic Hall	Chairman
NOVEMBER 2009		
Wednesday 4 th 7.00pm	Kidderminster Art Society Annual Trophy Exhibition	Chairman and Consort
Friday 6 th 10.30am	University of Worcester Award Ceremony	Chairman
Saturday 7 th 7.30pm	Stourport Choral and Operatic Society, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 8 th 10.15am	Remembrance Day Parade and Service	Chairman and Consort
Friday 13 th 7.30pm	Wilden Cricket Club President's Night	Chairman and Consort
Thursday 19 th 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Mystery Shopping Survey Presentation, Civic Hall	Chairman
Friday 20 th 5.00pm	Switching on of Christmas Lights, Stourport on Severn	Chairman
Friday 27 th 7.30pm	'A Christmas Emergency' Three Arts Guild, Areley Kings Village Hall	Chairman and Consort
DECEMBER 2009		
Thursday 3 rd 10.30am	Mercian Regiment Homecoming Parade	Chairman
Friday 4 th 7.30pm	Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes annual Carol Concert, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 5 th 5.00pm	Switching on of Bewdley Christmas Lights	Chairman
Saturday 12 th 6.00pm	Mayor of Bewdley's Christmas Carol Service	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 13 th 3.00pm	Wyre Forest Chairman's Civic Carol Service, St Mary's Church Kidderminster	Chairman and Consort
Wednesday 16 th 6.30pm	Bromsgrove District Council Carol Service	Chairman
Saturday 19 th 7.00pm	Kidderminster Choral Society Christmas Concert, Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 20 th 6.00pm	The Town of Kidderminster Mayor's Christmas Carol Service, St John's Church, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	Chairman and Consort
Monday 21 st 7.00pm	Worcester News Carol Service, Worcester Cathedral	Chairman and Consort



JANUARY 2010		
Friday 22 nd 7.30pm	Burns Night Supper, Bromsgrove District Council, Spadesbourne Suite, Council House, Burcot Land, Bromsgrove	Chairman
Sunday 24 th 12.00 noon	Holocaust Memorial Day, St Marys Church, Kidderminster	Chairman
Thursday 28 th 7.30pm	WFDC Annual Sports Awards Evening	Chairman
Saturday 30 th 7.00pm	Monday Night Group, Aladdin, Civic Hall	Chairman and Consort

FEBRUARY 2010		
Friday 12 th 7.00pm	Mayor of Kidderminster Valentines Ball	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 13 th 7.30pm	Valentines Day Celebration Concert, Town Hill, Kidderminster	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 20 th 5.00pm	Wyre Forest Dance Festival	Chairman
Sunday 21 st 2.00pm	Girlguiding Worcestershire, Centenary Thinking Day Service, Worcester Cathedral	Chairman and Consort
Friday 26 th 1.30pm	Age Concern, Afternoon Cabaret, Gainsborough Hotel	Chairman and Consort

MARCH 2010		
Thursday 11 th 10.30am	Mercian Regiment Freedom Parade, Town Hall, Kidderminster	Chairman
Thursday 18 th 10.15	Visit by HRH Countess of Wessex, Louise Hewett, Kidderminster	Chairman and Consort
Thursday 18 th 7.15pm	Sports Partnership HandW 2010 Annual Awards	Chairman
Friday 19 th 7.30pm	Mayor of Droitwich Annual Charity Ball, The French Suite, Chateau Impney	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 20 th 6.30pm	Stourport Mayor's Civic Charity Ball	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 21 st 10.15am	Sport Relief Mile, Stourport Sports Club, Kingsway, Stourport	Chairman
Friday 26 th 7.30pm	Mayor of Stourport on Severn's Charity Quiz Night	Chairman
Saturday 27 th 2.00pm	Memorial Service for Alderman John Simmonds	Chairman and Consort
Saturday 27 th 7.30pm	Kidderminster Choral Society Concert, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort

APRIL 2010		
Friday 16 th April 6.30pm	Mayor of Stourport Quiz Night, Civic Hall, Stourport on Severn	
Saturday 17 th 7.00pm	Stourport Choral and Operatic Society, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort

Sunday 18 th 10.30am	Kidderminster District Scouts St Georges Day Parade	Chairman
Saturday 24 th 7.00pm	Male Voice Choir, Kidderminster Town Hall	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 25 th 3.30pm	Chairman of Worcestershire County Council's Civic Service, St George's Catholic Church, Sansome Place, Worcester	Chairman and Consort
Monday 26 th 1.00pm	Asha Annual General Meeting, Duke House	Chairman
Tuesday 27 th 6.45pm	Youth Makes Music	Chairman and Consort
MAY 2010		
Sunday 2 nd 3.00pm	Shropshire Council Civic Service, St Mary's Magdalene Church, Albrighton	Chairman and Consort
Sunday 9 th 6.00pm	Chairman of Wychavon's End of Term Party, Evesham	Chairman and Consort



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: James Shaw
WARD: Areley Kings



This is the report by Councillor J Shaw concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I rejoined Wyre Forest District Council in December 2009, after a break of two years, seven months, as a result of victory in an Areley Kings Ward by-election. During my absence, I was able to retain a foothold in public life as a Stourport Town Councillor. This account includes activities undertaken in both roles in the municipal year 2009/10.

On February 24th 2010, at the first meeting of Full Council since my election, I was appointed to serve on the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Committee. Also, I am a member of the Local Development Framework working party, on which I served as a Town Council co-optee until December.

During the municipal year, the major policy issues in which I have participated include the zoning of land for future development, waste disposal, the future of Environmental Health and Licensing service delivery, allotments legislation and matters relating to Stourport town centre.

In Areley Kings, a newsletter produced four times per year, (excluding elections), kept residents aware of my activities, opinions and contact details. Local issues successfully taken up included street lighting improvements, highways drainage repairs, graffiti removal and heating grants. Litter-clearance, grass-cutting and pothole-repair requests were made frequently.

During the year, I continued my involvement with a number of community activities in Areley Kings. I attended all Partner and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, including the three Junior PACT meetings in which pupils from St Bartholomew's CE Primary School took part. PACT tasks entrusted to me were as varied as researching EU legislation and gathering information on dangerous dogs. I joined the Governing Body of St Bartholomew's and now serve as Chairman of the Achievements and Standards Sub-Committee and on the Finance Sub-Committee. Much of my early efforts as a governor have been directed at improving the way governors conduct business; my experience as a Councillor has been helpful in this regard.

I continued to be a trustee of Areley Kings Village Hall, with management responsibility for administration. I attended every meeting of the Walshes Tenants Consultative Committee and look forward to working with members of the committee in the upcoming Area of Greatest Need initiative which will target the Walshes Estate.

Section 2: Council Meetings.

Council, Audit Committee and Community & Regeneration Committee.

Section 3: Achievements

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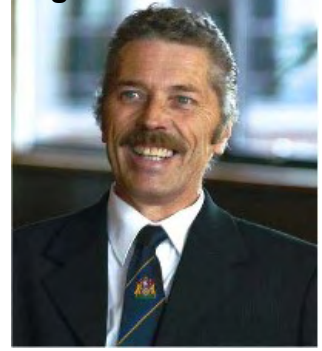
Section 4: Special Knowledge

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Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

80%.





WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Mike Shellie
WARD: Franche

This is the report by Councillor M Shellie concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I feel that surgeries are not the right thing for me and therefore people either phone me or knock my door. I attend Partner and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, Tenants Consultative Committee (TCC) meetings, and area meetings for the Severn Valley Area. I am also in regular contact with constituents regarding protection of our green belt areas (SSSI's). Also support and assist Franche Community Centre (St Barnabas) which supports a number of community activities.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Planning and Renewable Energy & Efficiency Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

I have been involved with the refurbishment of Kidderminster War Memorials (ongoing). I have supported and assisted Kidderminster Hospital League of Friends, of which I am a trustee. I designed, built and installed the water wheel and fencing at Broadwaters Park with the help of the Friends of Broadwaters.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I am a retired engineer, experienced in construction engineering as well as production engineering. I have received training in planning, health and safety, and fully understand accounts procedures both in business and for Council.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

89%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

<p>Name of Outside Body: Community Housing Group</p> <p>Resources Committee – Vice Chair Property Services</p>	
<p>Meeting Commitment: (e.g. 3 per annum)</p>	<p>Meetings attended: (Date (s))</p>
<p>Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council:</p> <p>DFG delivery, partnership working with Wyre Forest District Council, refurbishment of tenanted properties to better homes standard, involvement with new build properties in Wyre Forest.</p>	
<p>Details of any significant decisions made:</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>Details of any matters in progress:</p> <p>Ongoing building programme</p>	
<p>Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:</p> <p>Board member allowance approx £1,100 per annum No other expenses claimed.</p>	



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Dixon Sheppard
WARD: Lickhill



This is the report by Councillor D Sheppard concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I am an active member of the Lickhill and Mitton Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Panel plus the Stourport High School PACT which deals with numerous queries/complaints from local residents. I also answer similar questions over the telephone dealing with anything from increases in Housing Association service charges to vandalism on local allotments. I take a keen interest and serve on the Committee of Campaign Action Newtown (CAN) providing youth services as well as being the Council's representative on Stourport Social Day Centre Management Committee. I continue to campaign for dedicated coach parking spaces on the car parks below the Stourport Civic Centre to aid trade and tourism to the town / historic canal basins. I am also an active member of Stourport Town Centre Forum.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Licensing & Environmental Committee, Miscellaneous Functions and Parking Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

Lickhill Primary School

I actively campaigned for the retention of this valued community school, recognising that the town needed both Stourport and Lickhill Primary schools to meet future educational needs and avoid local children being unable to attend local schools in the future.

I have also been very honoured to have been elected Deputy Mayor of Stourport and having the opportunity of meeting many new people both living in the town and wider Worcestershire.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

My working lifetime experience of Financial Services and Insurance has been useful at times together with my knowledge of the Wyre Forest District Council rural areas and Worcestershire in general, gained through walking and my active membership of the Ramblers.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

84%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

<p>Name of Outside Body: Stourport Social Day Centre</p>
<p>Meeting Commitment/Attended: There has been a meeting of the Trustees i.e. the Management Committee approximately every 6 weeks, plus the AGM and Sub Committees dealing with the constitution and insurance of the day centre.</p>
<p>Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council:</p> <p>Both Wyre Forest District Council and the Stourport Town Clerk were able to provide valued assistance in the drafting of the new constitution. Wyre Forest District Council has also given practical advice on the continuing update of the kitchen.</p>
<p>Details of any significant decisions made:</p> <p>Establishing the new constitution which set up a more compact Trustee / Management Committee leaving a separate committee to organise social events.</p> <p>To centralise and computerise the Social Day Centre Accounts.</p>
<p>Details of any matters in progress:</p> <p>Continued improvements to the kitchen.</p>
<p>Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:</p> <p>I have not received any remuneration nor claimed any expenses for my services to the Trustees.</p>



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Ken Stokes
WARD: Broadwaters



This is the report by Councillor K Stokes concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10..

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I am constantly working on a host of issues on behalf of the constituents of Broadwaters Ward. These include housing matters, rent problems, maintenance issues, parking issues, business issues, street cleaning, benefit matters, advice on Council tax, road and footpath problems, personal problems of residents, neighbourhood disputes and matters not even related to Council issues.

I regularly attend Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, Friends of Broadwaters meetings (I am on the Litter Picking rota), Friends of Springfield Park, Community Spirit, Cleaner Greener Safety meetings and local T.C.C meetings. I also attend the Chartered Trustees meetings.

As Chairman of the Board of St Oswalds Church of England Primary school, I regularly attend all meetings of the school.

I do not hold surgeries, however, I am available at the school at least once a week and at all parent and governors meetings. I am also available at all the other meetings I attend.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Budget Review Panel, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Ethics & Standards, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Kidderminster Educational Foundation Working Group and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements.

I am the Chairman of the Kidderminster War Memorial Conservation Trust. During the past year, the Trust has renovated the Boer War Memorial, which is situated in the Kidderminster Cemetery. A rededication service was held. Also the Hoo Brook War Memorial has been cleaned and renovated.

One of the projects in progress at the present time, is to attach two more panels to the Kidderminster War Memorial at St Mary's. The panels will contain the names of 74 Service Personnel who gave their lives in the 1914-1918 war and the 1939-1945 war. These names have never been recorded. The project is to be completed by the end of May 2010. The Memorial will then have 908 names listed. The Trust is also in the process of compiling a Memorial Book (Roll of Honour). The names of all Kidderminster men and women, who have given their lives for their country in all conflicts since 1898, will be entered. It is estimated there may be over 1000 names.



The roll of honour will be situated in St Mary's Church. It is hoped that a page of the Roll of honour will be turned each day. A calligrapher has been engaged and the Roll of Honour is expected to be completed by 2011.

I am also Chairman of the Heritage Opportunities Group (H.O.G). In the past year the group organised Heritage Day, which was a resounding success. They are, at the present time, organising the 2010 Heritage Day, with an increased number of participants.

Another project that is being investigated is the Policeman in the Pulpit. This is unique, and is part of Kidderminster heritage. The progress so far, is to consult the officers and stake holders: Wyre Forest Conservation officer, Wyre Forest planning officer and the County highway and partnership Officer and Wyre Forest Art Officer. The stake holders consulted The Swan Centre, T.J Hughes and Lloyds. A survey of over 200 people has been carried out. 198 people said they would like a replica of the replica of the policeman in the Pulpit. Three artists have been contacted and once the sketches have been drawn, a further survey of the public will be made and their selections considered.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

40 years as a qualified engineer, employed in the following capacity: Project engineer, design engineer, product designer, sales engineer, sales manager.

20 years as a Chairman and Governor of a school.

15 years as a Councillor

5 years as Chairman of a staff union.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

92%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Horsefair and Broadwaters Community Neighbourhood Partnership	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended:
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council: Cleaner Greener Safety meetings	
Details of any significant decisions made: Cleaner Greener Safety meetings	
Details of any matters in progress: -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role: No allowance	

Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

Name of Outside Body: Kidderminster & District Youth Trust	
Meeting Commitment:	Meetings attended:
Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council Wolverley Play Area, Scout, Youth Café in Bewdley.	
Details of any significant decisions made Number of decisions as scrutinised.	
Details of any matters in progress -	
Information on any allowances received undertaking this role -	



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: John Thomas
WARD: Areley Kings



This is the report by Councillor J Thomas concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

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

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

Section 2: Council Meetings

Budget Review Panel, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Domestic Waste Collection & Recycling Review Panel, Ethics & Standards, Kidderminster Educational Foundation and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

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

Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have attended several briefings and seminars during the year which has enriched my knowledge as a Councillor and enabled me to serve my constituents.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

94%.



Annual Report as a Representative on an Outside Organisation – 2009/10

<p>Name of Outside Body: Community Housing Group</p> <p>Board Member Wyre Forest Community Housing- Board Member Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing</p>
<p>Meeting Commitment:</p> <p>Attended 4 Wyre Forest Community Housing Board Meetings Attended 4 Wyre Forest Sheltered Housing Board Meetings plus several other meetings to date</p>
<p>Details of any topics of particular relevance to Wyre Forest District Council:</p> <p>-</p>
<p>Details of any significant decisions made:</p> <p>-</p>
<p>Details of any matters in progress:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Agreements in Areas of Need i.e. Walshes Horsefair Greenhill and Broadwaters and Oldington and Foley Park</p>
<p>Information on any allowances received undertaking this role:</p> <p>£1,000 per annum from Wyre Forest Community Housing</p>



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ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Nigel Thomas
WARD: Areley Kings



This is the report by Councillor N Thomas concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

My garage reception is open for appointments, enquiries or advice five days a week from 8.00 am till 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm till 5.00 pm.

I attend most Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings as a member of the committee where I answer as many questions as I am able and also advise.

I attend most Tenants Consultative meetings with the Housing Group, in my capacity as Councillor.

I attend Stourport Town Council meetings in my capacity as a Town Councillor.

I have recently supported the allotment holders in their quest to renew the allotment holders association so they may have an annual; show and some social events.

I have helped numerous older people with their heating problems during this very cold winter.

It should be realised that many of my activities must remain confidential so that I retain respect from the people I help.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Audit Committee, Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation and Regulatory Services Review Panel.

Section 3: Achievements

My main achievements have been with the help of many other people: the police office on the Walshes estate and the children's play area on the same estate provided by Community Housing.

I have donated £500 of my own Community Leadership money for Wyre Forest children to swim at Stourport swimming baths.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

I have a wealth of experience and knowledge much I use in my role as a councillor.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

82%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

**COUNCILLOR: Stephen Williams
WARD: Blakedown & Chaddesley**



This is the report by Councillor S Williams concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

During the last municipal year, I was Chairman of the Council and therefore had to miss some committee meetings due to my commitments as Chairman and my colleagues were very helpful substituting for me. This year I have been able to return the favour and I have been a substitute 14 times.

I have been a member of Chaddesley Parish Council but I have also visited the Parish Councils of Churchill and Blakedown, Stone and Rushock to make sure that I am up to date with local concerns.

Whilst canvassing the opinion of my local community I came to the conclusion that it was very important that the Section 136 money was continued for Parish Councils. I am very grateful to my colleagues in the Administration for listening to my concerns and those of other Councillors and for retaining the Section 136 payment at 12.75% of precept.

My telephone number is published in the local parish magazine and I try and meet as many parishioners on a regular basis as often as I can.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel and Planning.

I have been Chairman of the Planning Committee this year and have taken the role very seriously making sure that I visited all application sites that I did not know the exact location of before the committee made a decision. I also attended planning training for Parish Councils to back up the fact that the District Council take the views of Parish Councils very much into consideration before making planning decisions.

Section 3: Achievements

I have been pleased to help local parishioners and others with many and varied problems including planning, refuse/recycling, potholes in rural lanes, affordable housing and citizenship issues.



Section 4: Special Knowledge

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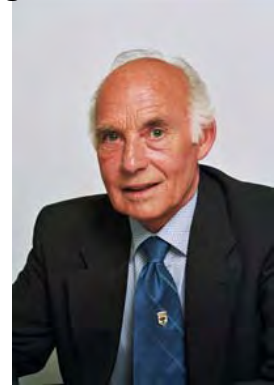
Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

94%.



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2009/10

COUNCILLOR: Gordon Yarranton
WARD: Wribbenhall



This is the report by Councillor G Yarranton concerning his activities for the municipal year 2009/10.

Section 1: Ward Activities (including Surgeries)

I have worked closely with my other District Councillor Arthur Buckley. We have responded to phone calls and contacts and addressed the issues raised such as cutting vegetation back and getting pot holes filled. I have held ward surgeries in Wribbenhall Church and issued quarterly newsletters.

I have donated locally determined funding of £4,500 to address health issues to Bewdley Youth Café and have also allocated £4,500 to Cookley Playing Fields.

I have been involved with flood committees and action on the issue.

I was involved in moving the Primary School in Wribbenhall to the High School site, having two pedestrian crossings and the street light column installed in Station Road and I helped raise £100,000 for the Memorial Hall leisure facilities.

Section 2: Council Meetings

Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Council, Kidderminster Educational Foundation, and Planning.

Section 3: Achievements

Flood Committee action on this issue. Fly tipping action on this issue.

Section 4: Special Knowledge

Worked in the building trade.

Section 5: Attendance Percentage for 2009/10

84%.

