

Annual Report: Cllr. Donald M Firth 2010/11

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

I was the Shadow Cabinet member for Environment, Highways and Transportation and gave strong support to the Conservative Group in providing effective opposition.

I continued to be a member of the Holme Valley Parish Council and attended every meeting where possible. This coming year I will be the Chair of this committee.

Participation on Outside Bodies

During this year I was a member of:

Huddersfield Canal Company

Kirklees Community Association

Kirklees Henry Boot Partnership Ltd

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

Ward Work

It has been another very busy year helping constituents with all manner of day to day issues including planning, housing & highways matters, problems with nuisance neighbours and other such anti-social behaviour. Again, the Holme Valley South Ward has seen problems with anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking and we continue to work to find ways to reduce this.

The biggest issue to affect the Holme Valley South Ward this year was the closure of New Mill Library. This was a well used, well loved local facility with over 1000 members, but the administration made up their minds to close it and nothing we could do could change their decision.

There has been a lot of work done on our roads including the re-surfacing of Broad Lane to Upperthong and also re-surfacing work at Hinchcliffe Mill and Holme Banks.

Myself and my fellow ward councillors have also helped in securing money to enable local shopkeepers to spruce up their shop fronts and helped with tidying the river.

Achievements During the Year

I repeat what I said in my last report - my constituents are the people who can judge what my achievements have been and I trust they will let me know if I have not succeeded in my aims.

Training and Development

Training and development is on-going, and I continue to attend necessary training courses and away days to improve and develop my knowledge and skills.