Annual Report: Cllr. Donald M Firth 2012/13

Participation at Council Meeting Committees
I served as Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee (Huddersfield Area).

I continued to be a member of the Holme Valley Parish Council and attended every meeting where possible.

Participation on Outside Bodies
I am also a member of -
Kirklees Community Association
Kirklees Henry Boot Partnership Ltd.

Ward Work
It has been another very busy year assisting and advising constituents on a wide range of day-to-day issues including planning, housing and highways, problems with nuisance neighbours and anti-social behaviour.

In Holme Valley South, we have had a number of meetings with Metro with a view to resolving issues regarding bus services throughout the ward. We have already seen some progress and will see some improvements to the overall bus services picture. The bus station in Holmfirth is to be revamped and will in future serve as the hub for all incoming and outgoing bus services, be they to Huddersfield or locally to the doctor's surgery and clinic etc.

My fellow ward Councillors Ken Sims, Nigel Patrick and I have also been preoccupied with a number of other planning matters. Roads and highways have again featured strongly in our work. Progress has been hampered by the general shortage of money for repairs but we have been able to get repairs done on a "make do and mend" basis and are getting there.

Between us, we will continue to sort out the various issues constituents bring to us.

On the whole it has been an exceptionally busy year but also a very enjoyable one.

Achievements During the Year
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 any of my aims. I will always do my best for local residents.

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