

# **Annual Report: Cllr. Cahal Burke 2013/14**

## **Introduction**

My name is Cahal Burke and I am a councillor for the Lindley Ward in Kirklees.

I live in Lindley and represent the residents of Birchencliffe, Birkby, Lindley, Marsh, Mount, Oakes, Salendine Nook and Quarmby.

2013/2014 has been another extremely busy and rewarding year. In May 2014 I was delighted to be re-elected to serve the people of the Lindley ward.

During my time as a councillor I have been able to help and assist many people in the Lindley Ward and look forward to carrying on the good work over the next four years.

I work to help the council achieve its priorities: Enhancing Life Chances for Young People; Supporting Older People to be Healthy, Active and Included; Leading Kirklees out of Recession and Providing Effective and Productive Services.

It is an honour and a privilege to serve the people of Lindley Ward.

## **Participation at Council Meeting Committees**

- Full Council Meetings
- Town and Valley Committee - Huddersfield
- Substitute for the planning committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Children and Young People
- Educational Attainment and Safeguarding Performance Scrutiny Sub Group

## **Participation on Outside Bodies**

- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

## **Ward Work**

Engaging with local residents and keeping them informed about my work through my regular newsletter, questionnaires, surveys, target mailing, petitions, surgeries, social media and going door-to-door.

Campaigning for improvements to our roads - many have been resurfaced in the last 12 months and there are many more to do.

Keeping in contact with TRAs (Tenants and Residents' Associations) and other community organisations within my ward.

Working to make our roads safer and making routes to school safer for parents and children.

Working with parents, residents, schools and highways.

Improving our play areas.

Representing residents at planning meetings.

Helping different voluntary groups, e.g. helping with funding for CHIMES Over 60's group and various other community organisations and groups in the ward.

Campaigning with residents and various groups to protect our green fields and keep our Library in Lindley.

I also keep all residents informed of my work and keep them updated on local issues through my website and social media

- [www.cahalburke.co.uk](http://www.cahalburke.co.uk)
- [www.facebook.com/CahalBurke](https://www.facebook.com/CahalBurke)
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### **Achievements During the Year**

Continuing to work with Lindley Carnival and working with residents to plan and organise the 10k running event in Lindley.

Setting up Neighbourhood Watch areas in the ward with police and residents.

Safer access to Lindley Infant School and Lindley Junior School: new footpath on one side, widening existing footpath, 20mph zone and new entrance to the school.

20MPH zone for Moorlands Road, making it safer outside Moorlands Primary School.

Many footpaths and rights of way have been improved in the Lindley ward helping residents be more active and have better access.

Many roads have been improved - from pothole filling to complete resurfacing.

I have used my position as a councillor to raise money and awareness for charities by taking part in running events from 10k runs to Marathons.

I hope I have been able help improve the lives of local people through the casework I have undertaken on their behalf.

### **Members Surgeries**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month (9.30 am - 10.30 am)  
Lindley Library

Every 2nd Saturday of the month (11.00 am - 12 Noon)  
Salendine Nook Shopping Centre  
(With the Neighbourhood Policing Team)

**Training and Development**

All training relating to council roles and roles on outside bodies including planning.