

Annual Report

Name: Cahal Burke	Year Elected: 2010, 2014	Ward: Lindley
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 Birchenccliffe, Birkby, Lindley, Marsh, Mount, Oakes, Salendine Nook and Quarmby. 2014/2015 has been extremely busy and rewarding. I have been able to help and assist many people in the Lindley Ward and look forward to carrying on the good work, putting people before politics in 2015/2016. I work to help achieve council priorities to Enhance Life Chances for Young People, Support older people to be healthy, active and included, Lead Kirklees out of recession and Provide effective and productive services. It is an honour and a privilege to serve the people of Lindley.		
Council Meetings Attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 External Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority		
Ward Work: During the year I have kept in touch, worked for and championed the people of the Lindley ward by regular newsletter delivery, questionnaires, surveys and target mailing on specific local issues. Campaigning for improvements to school places in our area. I keep in contact with TRAs 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, resident's, schools and highways. Improving our play areas in the ward. Representing residents at planning meetings. Helping different voluntary groups and various 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• www.cahalburke.co.uk• www.facebook.com/CahalBurke• www.twitter.com/CahalBurke		

Achievements:

I hope I have been able to improve the lives of local people in many ways; much of this has been achieved through case work, working on individual issues for residents. Continuing to work with Lindley Carnival and working with residents plan and organise the 10k running event in Lindley.

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

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

Many paths have been improved in the Lindley ward helping residents be more active and have more access. Many roads have been improved from pothole filling to complete resurfacing.

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

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.

Surgeries:

In an effort to better represent the needs and interests of all residents, I hold a residents advice surgery on the second Saturday of each month.

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 Attended:

All training relating to council roles and roles on outside bodies