

Annual Report: Cllr. John Craig Lawson 2010/11

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

Formal

- Full Council meetings
- Area Committee
- Heavy Woollen Area Planning Committee
- Ad Hoc Mid Yorkshire Health Trust Committee

Informal

- Fortnightly meetings of the Lib Dem Group
- Spen Valley Area Committee planning meetings
- Spen Valley Area Forum

Ward Work

- Keeping residents informed of general issues in the ward and also 'street by street' matters by using FOCUS leaflets and tailored letters/ meetings etc.
- weekly surgeries at two locations with the introduction of a third, monthly surgery at Oakenshaw
- finding out residents views using surveys and door to door interviews
- involved in petitions for local hospitals, bus station and national Save Our Cheque campaign

Achievements During the Year

- Aiding residents with a wide variety of individual enquiries
- cleared long standing derelict land
- cleared derelict buildings on the approach to Cleckheaton
- regular 'Walkabout' troubleshooting meeting with officers from Streetscene, producing some quick results for nuisance issues e.g. littering

Members Surgeries

Weekly surgery on Saturday mornings at the following locations: -

Cleckheaton Town Hall 10.00-10:30am

Scholes Church Hall 10:45-11:15am

Training and Development

Full induction training as newly appointed councillor