

# Annual Report: Cllr. Andrew C G Marchington 2011/12

## Introduction

Another interesting year in Cowlersley, Golcar, Longwood, Milnsbridge, Paddock Head and Salendine Nook.

Action has taken place in all our communities, working for and with local people. Some of the highlights are: -

- footpaths along Leymoor Road repaired;
- traffic calming at the junction of Brook Lane, Carr Top Lane and Station Road;
- managed to keep Milnsbridge toilets open for a bit longer;
- campaigning to protect Golcar Library;
- new Christmas Trees in Cowlersley and on Longwood Road;
- more flower baskets and planters (at less cost);
- step by step (jobs club) set up.

Once again, a big thank you to the residents of the ward, who continue to share their concerns with me and to all those, I have had the pleasure of working with over the last twelve months. So many people make such a difference to all our villages and communities. Also, a big thank you to my ward colleagues Robert and Christine who have been a constant support.

## Participation at Council Meeting Committees

In the 2011/12 municipal year I was a member of the following bodies, committees and groups: -

- Full Council
- The Valleys Area Committee - Young People's Lead
- Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
- Appeals Panel
- Overview and Scrutiny - Wellbeing and Communities
- Overview and Scrutiny - Development and Environment

## Participation on Outside Bodies

Partnership Boards

In the 2011/12 municipal year I was a member on the following Partnership Boards: -

Safer Stronger Communities Partnership (chair)  
Small Retailers Task Group (chair)  
Botham Hall & Trees Partnership for Active Communities (chair)  
Colne Valley Neighbourhood Management Group (joint chair)  
Community Cohesion Programme Board

Outside Bodies:

West Yorkshire Police Authority (chair of Local Policing)  
Kirklees SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education)  
Kirklees Faiths Forum

Lawrence Batley Theatre Trust  
Golcar Township Lands Charity

### **Ward Work**

Ward work and Achievements

- Ward surgeries each month (see below)
- Information newsletters keeping local residents informed about key issues affecting them
- Casework
- Local residents' surveys
- Regular meetings with ward colleagues
- Regular attendance at community events

### **Members Surgeries**

1st Saturday of the month - Longwood Mechanics 10.00am-12.00 noon

1st Monday of the month - Cowlersley Community Centre 5.15pm-6.30pm

2nd Saturday of the month - Milnsbridge Baptist Chapel 10.30am-12.00 noon

3rd Tuesday of the month - Drop by Shop, Sycamore Avenue 4.30pm-6.00pm