

Annual Report: Cllr. Andrew C G Marchington 2012/13

Introduction

It's been another busy year in Cowlersley, Golcar, Longwood, Milnsbridge, Paddock Head and Salendine Nook.

It has been great to work in all our communities, taking action for and with local people.

Some of the highlights are: -

- Campaigning to get a sensible decision on the repairs to Milnsbridge
- Tintern Avenue resurfaced and parking improved
- Campaigning to protect Golcar Library
- Working with the New Milnsbridge Business Association to get a better deal for Milnsbridge
- Campaigning to Protect our green fields from over development
- Better planters and flower baskets for our village centres
- Working with the community during the bad weather to make sure our vulnerable residents were cared for
- 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 thanks to Robert and Christine Iredale who have been a constant support.

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

In the 2012/13 municipal year I was a member of the following bodies, committees and groups: -

- Full Council
- Colne Valley Area Committee - Young People's joint lead and lead for Adults and Social Disadvantage
- Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny - Development and Environment

Participation on Outside Bodies

Partnership Boards

In the 2012/13 municipal year I was a member on the following Partnership Boards: -

- Safer Families Partnership Board
- Commission on integrated youth services
- Botham Hall & Trees Partnership for Active Communities (Chair)
- Colne Valley Neighbourhood Management Group (Chair)
- Community Cohesion Programme Board

Participation on Outside Bodies:

- 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)
- 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 - Golcar Providence Methodist Church 10am to 11am
Longwood Mechanics 11am-12noon

1st Tuesday of the month - Drop by Shop, Sycamore Avenue 11am-12noon

2nd Saturday of the month - Golcar Library 10am to 11am
Salendine Nook Shopping Centre 11:15am to 12:15pm

Training and Development

Planning Training
Licensing and Safety Training