

Annual Report: Cllr. Darren O'Donovan 2012/13

Introduction

Since my inaugural report in 2012, I have continued to work in all communities within Dewsbury West.

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

Outside the ward I have continued in my position on the Heavy Woollen Planning Committee, Dewsbury Area Committee, the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation Executive Committee, The Whituck Charity Board of Trustees and the Fletcher Trust Committee.

Ward Work

I have worked on a regular basis with:

- Friends of Westtown residents group
- Ravensthorpe residents action group
- Scout Hill and Thornhill Road residents group
- Wroe Street, Schoolcroft, Northstead and Scout Hill TRA.
- Dewsbury West FC
- Dewsbury Celtic RLFC
- Dewsbury Moor RLFC
- Dewsbury Moor Big Lottery group

I have also been working with the primary schools and high schools in the Ward to support educational attainment. Most notable was the partnership between Westmoor Primary school, Dewsbury Moor Big Local and Schoolcroft TRA. This partnership delivered a 13 week SATs preparation study group. Huge improvements were seen in SATs attainment in both literacy and numeracy.

I have worked with parents at St Paulinus Primary School to establish a new parents group. This parents group have secured funding to deliver a similar 13 week SATs study club starting in early 2014.

I have assisted residents with planning, licensing, environmental, community safety, policing, highways and waste collection and street cleaning issues to name just a few.

I have also helped to establish two new social enterprises in the ward....S.E.T3 and 20/20 foundation. Both groups are already delivering much needed community activities.

I am a resident in Dewsbury West and I am here to serve my community. Please contact me if there is anything I can help with.