

County Councillor Annual Report 2023/24

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2023/24

Name of Councillor Tony Gillard

Division Represented Whitwick

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

I am pleased finally to have monies from my members Highways fund allocated to both Whitwick Parish council and Charley PC for them to use on Highways improvements. I have been helping residents with various planning applications within the Division. Arriva Bus have been rather difficult in removing the 29 & 29a services from the centre of Whitwick despite public protests. I am hopeful that Arrive will re-consider their routes in future. Pot holes in our road network is an on going problem as is speeding traffic throughout the Division which I am and will continue to fight for better road safety measures to be implemented. Adult social care and SENDs have also provided a challenge in the past year. I have also been helping residents with school placements and dealing with crime. I hope that street lighting can be switched back on in the hours of darkness to help prevent crime. Road safety is also an issue for pedestrians. Regarding the bus service 29-29A and 16 I have helped residents to organise petition to re-instate the original service route through the centre of the village .

Community Leadership Role

I have been working closely with schools and both Whitwick and Charley PCs to improve road safety by donating funds from my MHF to help with Highways improvements.

Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area

I have been actively involved with the County regarding new public footpaths school placing Bus services and overgrown vegetation obstructing Footpaths and highways. I have also been in contact with Severn Trent regarding various road closures whilst laying new water pipes and flooding issues. Whitwick Quarry have been pro-active in responding to complaints about blasting now that they have re-opened the quarry.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

Issues that will affect the Division will be the number of new housing developments in the surrounding areas that will increase the number of vehicles using our already busy roads and adding more pollution .Better bus services are needed to cope with the demand.

Council Activities

County Council Committees You Served On

Chairman Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee. Scrutiny Commission and Full Council meetings.

Local Committee/Outside Bodies

Whitwick Quarry liaison committee.

Other Bodies

Member NWLDC . Member Whitwick PC

Communications

I communicate using Social media local media and being active in the community.

Signed by Councillor:- Tony Gillard

Date:- 30th June 2024