

County Councillor Annual Report 2011/12

*This report summarises the activities of
County Councillor Betty Newton*



Council activities

Committees I have served on at County Hall

Adult Social Care and Health Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (part year)
Scrutiny Commission (September 2011)
Standards Committee
Scrutiny Review Panel on Personalisation of Adult Social Care
Scrutiny Panel on Transitions in Social Care
Secure Accommodation Panel
Employment Hearing Panel
Guardianship Review Panel

Local committees:

Charnwood Highways Forum
Loughborough North West Area Forum
Shepshed and Hathern Area Forum

Other relevant bodies

Combined Fire Authority
Community Action Charnwood
Charnwood Arts
Loughborough University - University Court
Assist when required the following residents groups:
Storer and Ashby Resident's Group
Three Closes Residents Association
Warwick Way Action Group
Work Closely with Hathern Parish Council on activities that affect Hathern

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities during the past Year

- ✓ University Liaison Meetings
- ✓ Attend Hathern Parish Council meetings and worked with them on a range of issues affecting Hathern. Ongoing work on local flooding issues in Hathern.
- ✓ Pasture Lane Hathern, successful in getting county to fill in pot holes in this lane to ensure disabled people had access to the playing fields.
- ✓ Actively working with residents to ensure that cyclepath is developed between Peartree Estate and Maxwell Drive (ongoing)
- ✓ Produced a survey on traffic problems on Knightthorpe Road
- ✓ Worked with Multi Agency Travellers Unit on illegal traveller encampments.
- ✓ Working with local residents organisations, for example, Storer and Ashby Ward Residents Group on a range of issues such as car parking and residents preferential parking schemes.
- ✓ Meetings with officers and Residents regarding potholes in various parts of the division.
- ✓ Campaigned against speeding vehicles in both Maxwell Drive and Alan Moss Road, requested council to monitor speeding in various roads of Loughborough North.
- ✓ Letters and survey details to residents with poor broadband connectivity.
- ✓ Installation of Grey box to monitor traffic on Warwick Way
- ✓ Regular newsletters and ebulletins to residents. Have also run a number of street surgeries for local residents.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

- Reduce speeding on major roads in the Division
- Protect the separation of Hathern from Loughborough and Shepshed.
- Ensuring those areas with poor broad band connectivity are able to take part in County Wide Survey
- Children are able to travel to schools of their choice
- Ensure the elderly and vulnerable are able to receive their entitlement to social care

Briefings, Workshops Training and Conferences:

Attended workshop in Braunstone on JSNA

- 11 July 2011 Scrutiny Workshop
- 12 July Public Health Briefing
- 20 July Safeguarding Children Training
- 11 June Local Government Conference (Birmingham)
- 11 July Overview and Scrutiny Priorities Workshop
- 11 August Workshop run by NHS on Walk- in- Centre
- 20 September All Member Briefing on Academies
- 03 October Meeting with Police Inspector Jonny Monk
- 14 November Charnwood members meeting (Loughborough Library)
- 16 December Guardianship Training (for panel membership)
- 10 January 2012 Briefing on Academies
- 31 January Briefing on Loughborough's Walk-in-Centre

Other matters:

Significant casework load concerning parking, highways, countryside, planning, footpaths, traffic, poor broadband connectivity, street lighting, schools, including work with residents and students.

Responding to press enquiries and issuing of press releases and letter to Echo and Mercury.

Signed: *Bella Newton*