

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Vanda Greenwood

Ward: Windhill & Wrose

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 10/06/04

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £11632.70

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Area Planning Panel (Keighley and Shipley)
CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Housing and Non-Domestic Rates Appeals Panel
Shipley Area Committee

**How many neighbourhood forums have you attended?
(Please state a number and not all)**

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Other meetings/bodies which you regularly attend: (e.g School governing bodies outside bodies etc)

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School – Chair of Governors
Shipley Area Committee
Bolton Villas UTD Reformed Church Management Committee
Wrose Community Association
Wrose Parish Council
Wrose Action Group
Bolton Villas Residents Association
Windhill/Bolton Woods Street Reps
Volunteer reading at Low Ash Primary School every Friday morning

My priorities for the past year were (May 2014 to May 2015)

My priorities as always were the residents who live in the ward, I said I would ensure that me and my ward colleagues continue to work hard for each and every one of them.

Continue to hold regular surgeries throughout the ward and send out quarterly newsletters and regular communication with constituents was of extreme importance.

I also said that we would hold regular door knocking sessions throughout the year.

Always remain accessible to our constituents and represent them in all areas of our responsibility but within the constraints of the massive budget cuts we have seen over recent years.

I was elected as the Chair of the Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee which would be responsible for improving the health of local people, addressing issues around health inequalities and securing continuous improvement of health services, and services that impact on health.

I took my responsibilities very seriously and was committed to working very hard to ensure that the Committee fulfilled its role.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2015 to May 2016) are:

My priorities for the coming year very much mirror the last. My constituents are always my main priority and I will do my best to make sure that Windhill & Wrose gets the best deal possible, despite the massive cuts that we have seen to the Council's budget and we are facing even more over the next 2 years.

I am very honoured to have been re-elected as Chair of the Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I feel that over the previous year the Committee has scrutinised services thoroughly and have built up really good relationships with both the Council's Public Health Department and our partners in the NHS including the CCG's.

My colleagues and myself will continue to make ourselves accessible to all our constituents and will represent them in all areas of our responsibility, we will continue to hold regular monthly surgeries and adhoc surgeries in various venues throughout the ward. We will also continue to send out regular newsletters and door knocking sessions throughout the year.

There are currently some big issues that have arisen in the ward relating to planning in the main, and we will ensure that we keep on top of these and

continually monitor them to ensure that they do not have any adverse effects on the residents who live in the Ward.

We are working extremely closely with the local community centres who are struggling financially due to money being transferred from Windhill & Wrose to Baildon/Wharfedale. We will all do our best to ensure that both centres have a long future.

I am also an alternate member of the Shipley/Keighley Planning Committee so will be unable to represent any of my constituents with any planning issues.

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2014 to May 2015)
(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

I have increased the number of pieces of casework this year including issues such as School Appeals, Continuous Care Package, faulty street lights, benefit referrals.

As the Chair of the HOSC I have had many visits to various places such as the BRI, Airedale Hospital, Lynfield Mount, due to visit the new children's centre at the BRI which is in the process of being built. I have spoken to Governors at Airedale Hospital about the role of Scrutiny, have regular briefings with officers on issues that are being looked at by Scrutiny. This role is an extremely busy one which takes up a significant amount of my time. I enjoy every minute of it and feel that we do make a difference to people's health and wellbeing by ensuring they are receiving the best service possible.

I have been reading with Year 1's at Low Ash Primary School with 3 of the children, and feel that this one to one reading has made a significant difference to the levels they are at.

As a long standing member of the Wrose Community Association we have been through our second round of funding and have awarded funds to several local groups within the Wrose area. We are in the process of starting the third round.

What training sessions, seminars, briefings and conferences have you attended to develop your skills and gain knowledge that has helped you to serve the people of the district? (Please list them).

Safeguarding Drama at Beckfoot Academy
Training on the Care Act
NHS teaching hospital conference – dealing with the challenges ahead