

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Geoff Reid

Ward: Eccleshill

Party: Liberal Democrat

Date Elected: 06/05/10

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £2264.11

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Area Planning Panel (Bradford)

Bradford East Area Committee

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Corporate Parenting Panel

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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

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

Neighbourhood Forums in Eccleshill, Fagley, Ravenscliffe/Greengates, Thorpe Edge

Eccleshill Ward Partnership

Eccleshill Village Steering Group plus its Village Fair Sub-Group

Eccleshill Community Centre (Mechanics Institute) plus its Vision Group

Thorpe Edge Community Forum

Residents Groups in Fagley and Ravenscliffe

SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education)

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

Defend our green spaces and campaigning to ensure that any new housing is developed on sites where houses have been demolished.

Campaign for good bus connections between Five Lane Ends/Thorpe Edge and the new Apperley Bridge Station.

Continue to work to reinstate Harrogate Road Playing Fields as good community assets.

Support local people in caring for local woods and becks in Ravenscliffe.

Play a full part in the campaign to upgrade the Mechanics Institute.

Help to secure a good future for Fagley Youth and Community Centre.

Oppose new hot food takeaways in Eccleshill Village and other parts of the Ward.

Continue to work with police and other agencies to tackle nuisance bikes and quads.

Demand high priority for the Harrogate Road/New Line junction improvements which like the Norman Lane review have been regularly deferred.

Work for these priorities in Eccleshill while supporting the citywide priorities of the Liberal Democrat Group on the City Council.

Liaise with MP's Office to maintain effective casework.

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2015 to May 2016) are:
(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

Working on a day to day and week by week basis with Ward Colleagues Councillors Nicola Pollard and Ann Wallace.

Continue to fight against building on Eccleshill green spaces and support existing and new environmental groups.

Campaign for extra school places at primary and secondary level.

Campaign for good bus connections between Five Lane Ends/Thorpe Edge and the new Apperley Bridge Station.

Continue to work to reinstate Harrogate Road Playing Fields as good community assets.

Play a full part in the project to upgrade the Mechanics Institute.

Work to improve the appearance of Eccleshill Village Centre main roads through a "Love the Heart of Eccleshill" project.

Help to secure a good future for Fagley Youth and Community Centre.

Oppose new hot food takeaways in Eccleshill Village and other parts of the Ward.

Continue to work with police and other agencies to tackle nuisance bikes and quads.

Ensure that the plan for a new layout at Greengages Junction is fit for purpose.

Secure new flashing 30mph signs for Pullan Avenue like those already in place on Harrogate Road.

Work for these priorities in Eccleshill while supporting the citywide priorities of the Liberal Democrat Group on the City Council.

**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)**

With the Eccleshill Liberal Democrat Team, kept in regular contact with 7,400 homes in Eccleshill, Thorpe Edge, Greengates, Ravenscliffe and Fagley through Focus newsletters 5 times during the year plus other literature, street letters etc.

Seen houses built at Greystone Crescent/Sandholme Drive following my campaign for the development of a troubled piece of land on Thorpe Edge.

Supported young people at Ravenscliffe in resisting closure of the Youth Centre.

Worked with the Eccleshill Village Steering Group on both the Village Fair and the Christmas Lights events.

Campaigned with local residents over inappropriate housing plans.

Shared in the appointment of a new worker with the Men at Eccy Meccy project.

Persuaded Northern Gas Networks to stop winter work on Moorside Road which was causing inconvenience and danger to residents.

Secured funds for a stage at Eccleshill Mechanics Institute.

Resisted any increase in hot food takeaways within the Ward.

Secured funds for a fence to protect land at Ridge View Gardens/Idlethorpe Way.

Organised snicket clean-ups in the Ward.

Campaigned to retain community facilities in Fagley.

Worked with the office of David Ward MP on a day to day basis to provide an integrated approach to the needs of Eccleshill.

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).

Group Briefings on Finance, Highways and Planning Issues
Training at Regional and National Lib Dem Conferences