

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Jackie Whiteley

Ward: Wharfedale

Party: Conservative

Date Elected: 15/11/12

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £4215.01

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Area Planning Panel (Bradford)

Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Panel

Housing and Non-Domestic Rates Appeals Panel

REGENERATION AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REGULATORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Shipley Area Committee

Social Services Appeals Panel

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**How many neighbourhood forums have you attended? I have attended four neighbourhood forums.**

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

I attend our surgeries held throughout the year alternating each month between the two villages.

I attended the Parish Council meetings in both villages.

I attended the meetings of WASP (Wharfedale Action for School Places).

Menston and Burley Children's Centre Management Group.

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

To work with my ward colleagues and our local MP to secure the best possible services for Wharfedale Ward.

To work on behalf of residents to answer questions and articulate issues to Council officers on their behalf.

To campaign for adequate infrastructure in the light of the proposed increase in housing development in the ward. In particular :

Adequate school places at primary and secondary level.

A solution to the parking problems at the railway stations and surrounding areas.

Campaigned to keep Ellar Ghyll Waste Recycling Centre open to local residents.

Campaigned to keep a meaningful presence in our Children's Centre.

I spoke at Her Majesty's Inspector's enquiry into Bradford Council's Core Strategy. Highlighting the concerns over the planned increase in housing allocation in my ward because of the chronic lack of local infrastructure - parking, school places and congestion on the A65.

Campaigned for improvements to the A65 where it links Burley in Wharfedale and Menston following a session to monitor speeds with the local PCSO.

As Shadow spokesperson for Adult Services I have familiarised myself with local provision and identified the concerns that providers and clients have in relation to local provision so that I can articulate these concerns to officers.

**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)**

To continue to support the residents of Wharfedale Ward on issues that they raise with me.

To continue to work with officers to look for solutions to the parking issues at our stations and in the villages.

To continue to seek a positive resolution to the issue surrounding the Ellar Ghyll Waste Recycling Centre.

To support parents in their quest in obtaining more school places to meet the growing demand caused by increased housing development.

To continue to campaign for the financial support to maintain a meaningful array of activities for children and support for parents through our Children's Centre.

**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 engaged with residents and listened to their concerns and where appropriate taken these up with officers of the Council to find a resolution.

I spoke to a White Paper Motion in Council about the success of the Youth Service and stressing the important part they play in helping young people develop skills and motivation that will help them lead successful lives and contribute to the Bradford economy. This resulted in a big reduction in the proposed cut to the Youth Service budget in Bradford.

With my colleagues I spoke in Council about the Ellar Ghyll Recycling Centre which eventually resulted in Bradford Council agreeing to negotiate with Leeds City Council about our continued use of the facility which is more environmentally friendly and convenient than taking waste to Ilkley.

I organised a reading of a play in Saltaire called 'Don't Leave Me Now' for officers of the Council and the general public which raised awareness of early onset dementia and ties in with the Council's Dementia Friendly initiative.

I organised two events on 'Silver Sunday' 2014 to celebrate the contribution made by older residents in Bradford. Events took place in Burley in Wharfedale and for some of the Afro-Caribbean community in Bradford.

**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).**

A number of district wide and local training sessions relating to planning. Including changes to regulations relating to The Community Infrastructure Levy, The Role of Planning in shaping our local community and policy changes.

Employee appeals training in order to sit on the appropriate panel.

School transport appeals training in order to sit on the appropriate panel.

Attendance at Her Majesty's Inspector's Enquiry into Bradford Council's Core Strategy.