

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

Councillor: Alex Ross-Shaw

Ward: Windhill & Wrose

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 3 May 2012

Basic: £13463.16

Special Responsibility: £11624.82

Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2015 – 2016:

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Ch)
ShIPLEY Area Committee
Grants Advisory Group
Social Services Appeals Panel
Area Planning Panel Keighley and Shipley (Alternate)

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

4

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

Wrose Action Group
Bolton Villas Residents Group
Bradford Armed Forces Covenant Partnership (Chair)

My priorities for the past year were (May 2015 to May 2016)

My priorities for the last year were to continue the work of our Big Plant project, planting 7,000 trees across the ward, and the redevelopment of the planting area, encouraging open access and more frequent and safer use from the community.

I also wanted to ensure I continued to focus on serving constituents' needs, taking up their concerns whatever they may be and seeking solutions for and with them.

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2016 to May 2017) are:
(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

For the coming year I want to ensure that I maintain a strong presence in Windhill & Wrose, continuing to serve residents to the best of my ability and making myself accessible.

There are a number of community initiatives that I will continue to support and work alongside to deliver for the community, particularly the Forest School initiative at Christchurch Academy.

I am also hoping to continue our work alongside the Parish Council in converting some unused land into allotments. Work on this has continued over the past year and we aim to be in a position to begin planting in 2017.

As the Council's Armed Forces Champion I hope to encourage private sector businesses to sign Corporate Covenants to show their support for our armed forces.

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2015 to May 2016)
(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

I have continued to make myself available to constituents and take up casework on their behalf. Using social media, surgeries and traditional communication methods I have helped residents on a wide range of issues from blocked gullies and missed bin collections to personal issues of a confidential nature.

Work has continued on the Wrose Allotments scheme and Stage One of our application to lease the land from the Council has been successful.

I also assisted Christchurch Academy in setting up a Forest School on Wrose Brow where the Big Plant planting has taken place and this work will continue over the forthcoming municipal year.

My work with Remembering Srebrenica has focused on encouraging other volunteers and delegates to organise events to raise awareness and a number of these will take place during Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week July 2016.

As the Council's Armed Forces Champion I have continued to act as a link between the Armed Forces community and Bradford Council, picking up issues of concern and supporting and attending events.

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).

CSE Awareness training