

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

Councillor: Joanne Dodds

Ward: Great Horton

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 4 May 2006

Basic: £13463.16

Special Responsibility: N/A

Other Allowances: £6172.50 (Lord Mayor) £1275.65 (West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority)

Positions held in 2015 – 2016:

Lord Mayor of Bradford
Alternate Bradford South 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)

Friends of Brackenhill Park
Lidget Green Coffee & Chat
Lord Mayor's Appeal Committee

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

To be Lord Mayor of Bradford is a fantastic privilege and opportunity. I aim to champion our beautiful district and to be an ambassador for Bradford. I am looking forward to getting out and about to see all the fantastic things happening in our communities. I want to shine a light on the ordinary people doing extraordinary things for others across the length and breadth of the district.

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)

I am looking forward to getting involved again in my community following my civic year. My passion is for communities and people, and to make a difference. I will continue to work with the community and partners to develop projects, initiatives to try and make the Great Horton ward a better place to live and work. I am also very proud to be back on the West Yorkshire Fire Authority and chair of the Community Safety Committee.

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)

It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to be Lord Mayor. I have had the most fantastic and amazing year. I have relished and enjoyed every moment.

We have so much to be proud of in Bradford. I have worked hard this year to really promote and champion our beautiful district. I have hosted and met people from right across the country and world and everyone that I have spoken to has loved our district and felt that warmth and friendliness we have.

There is an enormous amount of great work going on right around the district; I never cease to be amazed. Being Lord Mayor means that you get to see, and visit all the great things that are happening around the district.

I have made some good links and friendships throughout my year with so many different communities, groups, organisations, businesses, schools, clubs, and both the college and university.

It has been a very busy year and I believe I have completed around 760 engagements. I have challenged myself so much this year. I have been quite amazed and shocked to discover how adventurous I am. It has been a great year and one which I have certainly thrived and grown in confidence.

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).

Social Media training

Media Skills

Dementia Awareness, Don't Leave Me Now play

Various council department visits to meet the officers and find out what they do and how the department works