

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

**Councillor:** Gerry Barker  
**Ward:** Wharfedale  
**Party:** Conservative  
**Date Elected:** 22 May 2014  
**Basic:** £13,463.16  
**Special Responsibility:** £2,964.48  
**Other Allowances:** N/A

### Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt)  
Miscellaneous Licences (Alt)  
Shipley Area Committee  
Regulatory & Appeals Committee

Official Observer at the Trustee Board Meetings of the Citizen's Advice Bureau

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

Burley Neighbourhood Forum x 2

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

Burley Parish Council  
Menston Parish Council  
Burley & Menston Parish Council's Joint Meetings with Elected Councillors  
Menston Community Association

### My priorities for the past year were (May 2016 to April 2017)

To continue to try and understand how Local Government works

To continue to work effectively with my fellow Councillors

To continue to respond positively to enquiries and complaints from residents in my Ward

To continue to discharge my Council commitments to the best of my ability

To work in co-operation with my local Parish Councillors

To support the continued operation of Burley & Menston Children's Centre

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2017 to April 2018) are:  
(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

To continue to try and understand how Local Government works

To continue to work effectively with my fellow Councillors

To continue to respond positively to enquiries and complaints from residents in my Ward

To continue to discharge my Council commitments to the best of my ability

To work in co-operation with my local Parish Councillors

To support the continued operation of Burley & Menston Children's Centre

To support the Dementia Action Group within my Ward

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2016 to May 2017)  
(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

I have begun to understand the machinations of Local Government

I have achieved a good working relationship with my fellow Ward Councillors

I have established a working relationship with my local Parish Councillors

I have helped to part-maintain the operation of the local Children's Centre

I have received positive feedback from residents whom I have helped

Supported my local libraries in becoming local community assets

Supported the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Awareness Week

Supported the Burley Voluntary and Community Event

**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).**

Allocations Development Plan Seminar

Speed Reading Seminar

Speaking in Chamber Seminar

Better Health, Better Lives Seminar

CSE Training Course

Evolve Training Seminar

Road Safety Event

CSE 'Mr Shapeshifter' Play and Discussion

River Wharfe Catchment Management Plan Workshop