

Annual Report 2015-16

Councillors for Berridge are;

Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim – I have been a member of the City Council, representing Berridge Ward, since May 2003. I sit on the following committees;

- Berridge and Sherwood Area Committee (Area 5)
- Licensing Committee
- Regulatory and Appeals Committee
- Licensing Panel - Chair
- Special Licensing Panel
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Carole Jones - I have been a member of the City Council, representing Berridge Ward, since May 2007. The role of councillor is a varied one and I particularly enjoy the ward focussed work, meeting residents to hear their views, and helping out with any concerns.

During the year 2015 – 2016 I have continued my work as a member of the Joint City & County Health Scrutiny, and also on the Trusts and Charities Committee.

I was appointed Chair of Area 5, which covers Berridge & Sherwood Wards, for the year. As Chair I have taken the lead on looking at the provision of Employment and Training in the area, ensuring that there are opportunities to access good quality advice and training across the area. This area was seen as one of the priorities for focus during the year,

I have been a Governor at Forest Fields Primary school for the past 6 years, am a member of the Management Committee at New Basford Community Centre and am also on the Board of Nottingham City Transport.

Councillor Toby Neal - I have been a member of the City Council, representing Berridge Ward, since May 2011. I sit on the following committee's;

- Berridge and Sherwood Committee (Area 5)
- Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee
- Audit Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Trust and Charities Committee

As Ward Councillors we hold surgeries every Saturday from 11.00 – 12.00 pm, at Hyson Green library. We also carry out monthly Ward walks in different parts of the Ward. These walks help us to identify problems such as potholes, poor footpath surfacing and environmental issues, such as fly tips, blocked gullies and littering. Residents are welcome to join us on our walks.

We hold regular Local Action Group meeting throughout the year to identify and resolve problems in the area. These are attended by council officers, neighbourhood police, councillors and residents.

During the year we identified an area of land at the junction of Nottingham Road and Northgate that had become overgrown and was in need of improvement. We approved funding for planting of shrubs and bulbs, repainting of railings and grassing over. Pupils from Djanogly Northgate Primary School came along and helped us plant bulbs and the area has been transformed.

It has been a very busy year for councillor funding application, as more groups and organisations apply for money to support their projects. We welcome these activities as it shows what vibrant and diverse communities are active within the neighbourhoods. I only wish we were able to support more generously, as the available funding is quickly used up. The successful projects were as follows:-

Pythian Club, New Basford - school holiday activities

Hyson Green Cultural Festival

Sumac Youth Group

Caribbean Carnival Troupe

Pakistan Heritage Day

IT Courses for Older People

Exercise and Well-being programme

New Basford Community Centre Xmas meal

Refugee and Asylum Seekers Xmas meal

Christmas lights Switch on

Balls to Poverty Awards

Women's Health Event

Community Cohesion Event

Family Fun Day

Area Capital Funding has been spent on Improvements to Peppers Garden.

Play equipment for Forest Recreation Ground,

Springfield Street - new fencing,

Gregory Boulevard - Limited Waiting and parking bay scheme,

Road Safety markings to improve safety and reduce congestion around Forest Fields School,

Warren Avenue footpath resurfacing.

The Council faces challenges around delivering good quality services within year on year reductions in the budget. New ways of partnership working and income maximisation have helped to limit some of the effects of these reductions, but every year brings extra pressures on our services.

As a local Councillor we want to see our streets clean and safe, and access to good quality services wherever they are needed. I also think it important to engage with as many people as possible to ensure that we build good cohesive relationships throughout the Ward.