

Councillor Annual Report 2016/17

Councillors Jon Collins, Sue Johnson, Dave Liversidge (St Ann's Ward)

1. Introduction

As ward Councillors we represent St Ann's which covers around 10,000 properties in an area stretching from Mansfield Road in the West to Ransom Road and Donkey Hill in the East and from Corporation Oaks in the North to Elford Rise in the South. The ward includes parts of the city centre, Sneinton Market, Robin Hoods Chase and Carlton Road.

As Councillors we have many years of experience, Jon Collins has been a Councillor since 1987 Dave Liversidge since 1991 and Sue Johnson since 2007.

2. Council Involvement

Councillor Collins

I am Leader of Nottingham City Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Infrastructure and Communications. I also sit on the following committees;

- Mapperley and St Ann's and Dales Area Committee (Area 6)
- City Centre Forum
- Executive Board - Chair
- Commissioning and Procurement Sub-Committee
- Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee
- Standards Committee
- The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee
- Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport

Councillor Johnson

I sit on the following committees;

- Mapperley and St Ann's and Dales Area Committee (Area 6)
- Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel -Chair
- Corporate Parenting Board
- Licensing Committee
- Regulatory and Appeals Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Liversidge

I sit on the following committee's;

- Mapperley and St Ann's and Dales Area Committee (Area 6)
- Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee (Chair)
- Health and Scrutiny Committee
- Licensing Committee
- City Centre Forum
- Regulatory and Appeals Committee

3. Community Involvement

We hold regular ward walks throughout the year with Council Officers and the Police to talk to residents, identify problems and come up with practical solutions. We attend community group meetings, tenants and residents meetings and other public events in our ward so we can hear about any local issues and concerns. We are into our second year of organising and publicising Tea and Cake Consultation meetings

at Warden Aided and older people's housing complexes where we meet residents and allow them to voice their opinions whilst enjoying a slice of cake and a cup of tea.

We also support events to celebrate Christmas, Easter, St George's Day and other locally important occasions as a way of bringing people together.

4. Ward Work and Achievements

We held surgeries twice a week for constituents to try and help constituents with their problems and have helped over 700 people sort out problems with the Council, Nottingham City Homes and other public agencies.

We continue to make progress on our commitments to you. After years of working with local residents, keen for a new supermarket on Carlton Road, we were delighted to see Lidl open their new store recently. While more needs to be done to energise Robin Hood Chase Market, the number of stalls on Sneinton Market continues to increase steadily. New shops have brought new free cash points to the area, at the Chase, Carlton Road and Abbotsford Drive. We are funding the removal and replacement of problem trees. Finally new homes have or are being built off Windmill Lane, Stonebridge, and Conway Close, off Woodborough Road.

During this year we have also seen the old factory on Dakeyn Street refurbished and reopened as accommodation for creative businesses, Sneinton Market regenerated to provide workshops for small businesses, a new block as part of BioCity developed and a Skateboard Plaza opened on King Edward Park.

Education results in our schools have improved, unemployment is down but crime is beginning to increase as cuts to the Police Service start to have an impact. The Council works hard to keep the streets clean, empty the bins and tackle fly tipping and graffiti. An increasing number of people are being prosecuted for fly tipping in the area and as local Councillors we support this.

Finally we know residents are finding it increasingly difficult to park in the area and we are funding a systematic programme of parking restrictions designed to ensure local people and businesses have priority access to the spaces available.

5. Use of Devolved Budgets

We have a small revenue and a small capital fund to help in the ward. This year it was spent as follows:-

Revenue

Resilience Food Banks

St Ann's Advice Group

Cycling Programmes in Schools

Events

Christmas light switch on St Ann's and Sneinton

Annual Holding Hands Event

St Ann's Easter Event

ACNA Centre – Jamaica Impendence Fun day

National Play Day – Summer Programme

Groups

St Ann's and Sneinton FC – football team kit and equipment

Nottingham's Ex- Coal Miners of Afro/ Carib Heritage

Capital

Larger Schemes

Tree works Assessment and removal of large trees

LTP Schemes

Cropwell Green carriage way resurfacing

Dakeyn Street Resurfacing

St Ann's Public Realm Schemes

Signage for Tulip Avenue/ Westville Gardens

Tree works Assessment and removal of large trees

Cropwell Green Resurfacing

Beverley Square works

Repair/restoration of goal mouths on Sycamore Park football pitch

Massey Gardens landscaping

King Edward Park Improvements

Commuter Parking Prevention schemes

Windmill Lane area

Stonebridge Area

Environmental Improvements

Signage for Tulip Avenue/ Westville Gardens

Cropwell Green Resurfacing

Beverley Square works

Repair/restoration of goal mouths on Sycamore Park football pitch

Massey Gardens landscaping

King Edward Park Improvements

6. Challenges

Cuts in public spending are increasingly challenging the ability of the Council, Police and Health Service to keep the area clean, safe and well and its residents in good health.

Although Crime is much lower than a decade ago and the incidences of serious crime very low there has been an increase in Knife crime which is a major concern for local people. Incidents of Antisocial Behaviour reported to the Council and Police continue to decline but levels are still too high.

Incidences of fly tipping are growing and people continue to be concerned about overgrown street trees. Parking for residents is a growing challenge particularly in housing areas close to the city centre.

Schools in the ward offer a good standard of education, particularly at Primary Schools but, despite the work of our secondary schools, achievement levels at 16 still need to improve.

Our aim is respond to and address these issues, through our priorities, area working with local people and using our influence in partnership with public agencies, private businesses and community groups.