

Arboretum Ward Annual Report 2015-16

Councillor Azad Choudhry and Councillor Merlita Bryan

Introduction

Councillor Bryan

I am the Councillor for Arboretum Ward and have been since 2007. Last year I held the Civic position of Lord Mayor of Nottingham which I thoroughly enjoyed and was honoured to hold. I was proud to represent the Arboretum Ward and I would like to thank all my constituents for their support.

This is Cllr Bryan performing Civic Duty as Lord Mayor attending a Community event.

Councillor Choudhry

I am the Councillor for Arboretum Ward and was elected in 2011.

Council Involvement

Councillor Bryan

I currently sit on the following committees;

- Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park Area Committee (Area 4) I am the current chair of the committee
- Health Scrutiny Panel/ County and City vice chair on city committee
- Neighbourhood Development Company (Council appointed Director)
- City centre Forum

I am in my third term as a councillor and totally enjoy it. Being able to have a voice in decisions concerning the ward is really good, especially when there's a positive outcome.

Councillor Choudhry

I currently sit on the following committees;

- Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park Area Committee (Area 4)
- Planning Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Health Scrutiny Panel
- City Centre Forum
- Call In Panel

Community Involvement

Councillor Bryan

I am a board director at local radio station Kemet FM and also at Real United Football Club. I am a patron of Oscar Nottingham, a charity which provides support and information on Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia. I am also a founding board member of The Community Partnership Forum which aims to bring communities together to try and build sustainability.

I have been elected as Coordinator for Jamaica Diaspora UK.

Ward Work and Achievements

We have come to the end of another very difficult year, with increased fly tipping in some parts of the ward and the war on bins on streets. As councillors we have worked very hard to ensure that environmental work in the ward is carried out to the

highest level. Apart from the every day cleaning, a big clean up was carried out in the autumn; this included deep cleaning of alleyways. We also asked residents and shop owners to clear all rubbish from their back gardens so we could take it away. We have done the first phase of the fencing scheme, and are now about to start the second phase.

Since the start of the fencing project, the vast amount of the scheme has been done, the transformation on Birkin Avenue and surrounding areas look and feels so much different. Here are pictures of the improvements.

This report shows the many community projects that have benefited from our ward budget and we have tried to work with many organisations that are doing excellent work in the community. A great deal of work has been done around the ward and we would like to thank residents and officers for working with us over the past year for helping us to improve the ward and make it an area where people want to live. We currently hold surgeries at the Mary Potter Centre, 11.00 to 12.00 on the first and third Saturday of each month, except August when there are no surgeries. But we will still answer calls if contacted.

Our priorities remains the same to maintain a clean ward and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Learning and Development

Over the past year we have completed the following training:

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- Safeguarding...2
- Local Government Finance
- Ipad Masterclass
- Effective Councillor

Councillor Choudhry

- Conflict Management

Use of Devolved Budgets

In the past year the Arboretum Area Capital Programme has completed the following;

- Full resurface of carriageway from Radford Road to Maple Street
- Contribution to improved parking facilities on Belper Road
- Contribution to supply and fitting of six anti-litter signs designed by pupils at Berridge Junior School
- Contribution to the lighting scheme in Bridlington Street Park Project
- Additional Fencing for Holland Street gating project
- Replacement fencing as part of area regeneration in Maple Street Park
- The following schemes have been approved under the Area Capital Programme;
- Resurfacing identified sections of the footpath on Gregory Boulevard
- Updated the zebra crossing on Radford Road with Zebrite units to increase visibility
- Traffic Regulation Order for resident parking scheme and junction protection on Brushfield Street
- Study on parking issues in Berridge Road West area

- Further contribution to parking restrictions on Court Street and Dalkeith Terrace

The following Community Projects have received funding from The Arboretum Area Committee;

- Target Hardening Project Arboretum
- Electrical testing and improvements
- Arboretum Fun Day 2016
- Maple Street Skate Park
- Roma Community Event
- Bridlington St Cohesion Event
- Environmental Projects
- Soft Ball Pilot – Police
- Hyson Green Festival
- Arboretum Consultation Event 2016
- Breaking the Taboo
- Disabled Access Sign
- Christmas Lights Switch on Event at Hyson Green and Canning Circus
- Homeless Christmas Lunch
- Street Blowers – Arboretum
- African Awareness Event
- Hyson Green Traffic Regulation
- Project Rahnama
- Hazelwood deep clean
- ADO signs in Polish and English
- Caribbean Cavaliers

Challenges

There will always be challenges, especially with fly tipping, and keeping our ward safe. But as your elected representatives we will continue to work hard on your behalf, with all partners to ensure that this ward is safe and clean for all residents.

We continue to do regular ward walks and speak with constituents to try and resolve issues and we look forward to your comments and suggestions to help us improve the ward.

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