

Annual Report 2012-14: Aspley

Ward Councillors Graham Chapman, Carole McCulloch and Leon Unczur

2012-14 has been a busy period in the Aspley ward, and Councillors have continued to work hard to tackle issues in the area such as unemployment and street cleanliness.

Some of our key projects have included:

Our green promise:

Despite all the government cuts, we are keeping the promise we made 5 years ago to provide parking spaces on greens in order to give security to car owners and also help congestion on some of the main roads. Our next priority is the top of Broxtowe Lane, where we want to help prevent congestion near the shops. So far we have completed projects at:

- Cambourne Drive Green
- Tilbury Drive
- Tenbury Rise Green
- Welstead Avenue Green
- Aspley Lane, 2 large greens between 420-458. Residents at 544-570 voted not to turn their green into parking bays.
- Broxtowe Lane Green North (complete) and south (committed)
- Assessments to take place at Broxtowe Lane 159-173 and 239-253

Partnership work with BEST

We have been working with BEST Training and Employment Centre on Denton Green to tackle unemployment in the area and to get more people into jobs and training. BEST have been working in the area since 2004, and since then have:

- Created 50 future jobs with help from the Council
- Created and sustained approximately 30 jobs over several years at BEST itself
- Created 5 full time apprenticeships at BEST build, a building firm they set up
- Provided training for around 3000 local people
- Helped over 100 young people not in education, employment or training

Making Aspley the most energy efficient area in the city:

As local Councillors, we know the problems caused by rocketing energy bills, so we are committed to making our area the most energy efficient area in the City.

Currently, there are more solar panels in Aspley than almost anywhere in the country, paid for from the council rent account and earning money for that account.

There are a total of 932 homes in Aspley Super Warm Zone, both private and Council housing, benefitting from wall cladding to help keep the houses warm. We are working with Nottingham City Homes, who hope to provide cladding for all council housing and extend the scheme to private homes which so far have not been included.



Solar Panels on Broxtowe Estate

We have been out leafleting people about energy discounts on offer from the electricity companies and are always looking for ways in which we can help you keep your energy bills down.

We want to do more to save you money, but the government has recently pulled the plug on many energy saving schemes. We are trying to get these reinstated, but we are not optimistic.

What Councillors have been doing!

Local Councillors in Aspley, Broxtowe and Bell's Lane have some of the highest casework levels in the City, and we work hard to deal with any issues as quickly as possible.

Crime is dropping on the estate, although there are still problems. Much of this is as a result of our work with the Police, CPOs and PCSOs. Other Councils have cut CPOs and PCSOs, but we have not.

The estates are cleaner. There are still littered parts and unkempt gardens, but we are constantly reporting them. An average of 230 notices to improve are issued every month by CPOs.

Education in the area has improved. Over the last 10 years, every secondary and primary school has had some renovation, and in the case of Ambleside and Rosslyn, a new building.

We have recently put money into St Martha's play area. We are helping to pay for summer activities at Minver Crescent and Bell's Lane Community Centre.

We are working to get an Easter and Summer programme at 6 Ways.

There are 30 operations a month to try and catch dog owners who do not pick up their dog's droppings

We are closely involved with BEST in trying to get jobs for local young people. We are helping the new cycle club by buying helmets, so that they can go out on joint bike rides.

We have invested in a BMX track on Broxtowe Park. We are reassured it is the most technically demanding in the UK.



Councillor McCulloch has been working with over 30 young people to give them job experience, help with CVs and job interview training. The Council and other organisations working with us have created a number of apprenticeships. Many of these young people have managed, in competition, to secure these jobs.

Getting in Contact

We always want to hear from local residents with any concerns, questions or issues.

We hold regular wards surgeries where you would be welcome to come and speak to us, or we can be contacted by phone and email.

A Group of Young People gaining job experience tidying up Harwill Crescent

