



Stocksbridge Town Council Newsletter



MAJOR'S MESSAGE

This is the Town Council's first newsletter after the local elections. We have seen a great deal of change following the elections with only three sitting Councillors being re-elected to serve Stocksbridge and Deepcar.

I have been given the very great honour of representing the people of Stocksbridge, Deepcar and Bolsterstone as Mayor. It is an honour I do not take lightly and I would like to thank my fellow Town Councillors for electing me to the position.



Cllr. Martin Brelsford

I would like to give my personal thanks as well as those of the Town Council to Russell Marsh-Smith, Dan Lyons and Keith Davis who all decided not to seek re-election to the Town Council. Their contribution over the last few years has been greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Alan Law who was not successful in being re-elected to the Town Council. I have known Alan for many years and am sure he will continue to enjoy representing his constituents in Firth Park on the City Council.

Finally I must say a very big thank you to Mary Kaye who after over 17 years as a Town Councillor decided to stand down and concentrate on other ways of serving the community, particularly through Valley In Bloom. Mary has served the people of the Valley with great distinction and I am sure we will still see a great deal of her.

I think it is worth remembering and pointing out that all the above people and everybody who serves as a Town Councillor give their time and effort without any payment.

Last year some visitors from Bradfield Parish Council came to a Town Council meeting. They wrote to us a few weeks later saying how impressed they were with the attitude and commitment of all the Councillors present. They were amazed to find out that there were four political parties represented as they never heard politics mentioned. They commented that everybody present seemed to want to do their best for the area irrespective of political allegiances.

I would like to welcome Susie Abrahams, Paul Jagger, Nigel Owen and Phil Wood to the Town Council as newly elected Councillors. I hope and am sure that as a group of people we will again put to one side our personal political allegiances and all work in the best interests of everybody who lives and works in our Valley.

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS

The Town Council welcomed four new Councillors at the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2011.

Cllr. Philip Wood won the election for the vacant seat in the North Ward (Stubbin and Manchester Road) and also won a seat on the City Council. Cllr. Nigel Owen won the election for the vacant seat in the East Ward (Deepcar). Cllr. Paul Jagger filled one of the vacant seats in the South Ward (Bolsterstone and Whitwell Estate) which was uncontested and Cllr. Susie Abrahams won the election for the vacant seat in the West Ward (Garden Village and Smithy Moor).

There is still a vacant seat on the South Ward which will be decided by co-option of a Councillor at a future meeting, as will the election of a Deputy Mayor/Chairman.

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Cllr. Paul Jagger

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Cllr. Jack Clarkson

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GARDEN VILLAGE & SMITHY MOOR

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Cllr. Philip Wood

I was born in Walkley three miles from the City Centre and moved to Deepcar thirty two years ago. I am married to my wife Kath and have two grown up children David and Helen. I used to work at Royal Mail for many years until retiring last year.

I am a member of T.A.R.A., 50+ and Stocksbridge Community Forum.

Cllr. Susie Abrahams

I was born in Sheffield and moved to Stocksbridge in 1973 when I married Peter. We have two sons who were educated locally and I am proud of their achievements with the help of local schools.

I have never regretted the move as I have always loved living in a town that is close to beautiful country and I have always found it to be a very welcoming community.

I worked for Sheffield Social Services for 35 years and the last twenty five of these with children and families. I now work part-time for a Government organisation, Caf-cass that advises families and supports children when parents separate.

Over the years I have been involved in many activities in the local area; including school governor, Advice Centre, Stocksbridge Futures and I have even organised a breast feeding support group. I have many interests including painting, walking, reading Tai-chi and I love to attend our local knitting group.

I feel I have got to know Stocksbridge and its community over the years and over the next few years as I approach retirement I will have more time to give to the community. I hope to be able to reflect the communities views on the Town Council and look forward to working in partnership with the other Councillors.

Grants Awarded during the Financial Year 2010/11

Stocksbridge & District Racing Pigeons	450.00
Bolsterstone Community Group	500.00
Stocksbridge Park Steels Junior F.C.	400.00
Whitwell Community Centre	3110.00
Stocksbridge Homing Society	200.00
Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. Lifeline Appeal	500.00
Stocksbridge Lip Reading Group	250.00
Stocksbridge Tennis Club	648.00
Drive-2-Survive	1000.00
Valley Pentecostal Church	250.00
Valley In Bloom	1600.00
Birdwell Wheelers	150.00
Steel Valley Project	4000.00
Stocksbridge Community Care Group	500.00
Royal British Legion	150.00
Deepcar Village Community Association	1000.00
Stocksbridge Cycling Club	500.00
Stocksbridge & District Pentaqua Swimming Club	875.00
Stocksbridge & District Golf Club - Juniors Section	640.00

Cllr. Nigel Owen

Many thanks to the residents of Stocksbridge and Deepcar who voted and elected me to serve them and the community as Councillor for the Stocksbridge East Ward. I am humbled and proud to have accepted this position on their behalf. I have already started and have attended several Community Forums/Group meetings over the last few weeks.

I moved from Lincoln into Deepcar in 1997 following 18 years of service within the RAF both at home and overseas. My wife Eleanor and I have never been in one place, being posted here, there and everywhere, so after 14 years we have come to call it home.

Over the next four years our community will be going through major changes what with the new developments, expanding retail, office space, housing and an increasing population, making this an exciting time as with it comes inward investment, jobs and security for the long term future of our community.

I am looking forward to working with you, our Community Forums/Groups, other volunteers and my colleagues on the Town Council in promoting the Valley and its communities, its history, its arts and its beauty, thus ensuring a bright future for ourselves and our families.

Profiles for Cllr. Paul Jagger and the Councillor to be co-opted to the South Ward will be included in the September edition of the newsletter