

County Councillor Report - Wythall South

Since being elected last year, I have had a busy time being on both the planning committee and the corporate parenting board. I have also been appointed to the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority.

Finance continues to be a big problem across the council with central government funding being cut at the same time that demand for services increase. Children's services remain in "special measures" and direct control has now been removed from the council, again increasing costs.

Through my role on the corporate parenting board I have organised a well-attended, fun filled event for local looked after children at Bromsgrove fire station.

Several roads in the area have been resurfaced or surfaced dressed and the Alcester Road pavement is due to be resurfaced later this year. Parking around the school remains an ongoing problem as does speeding. I continue to have regular meeting with the highways department to try and address these issues and residents' concerns as they arise.

Councillor Charles Hotham