

Bernard Williams
County Councillor for Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley and Essington

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley and Essington electoral division in May 2017. This is a dual member ward which I share with Kath Perry.



My division lies in the north east of South Staffordshire and includes the wards of Cheslyn Hay North and Saredon, Great Wyrley Town, Cheslyn Hay South, Great Wyrley Landywood, Featherstone and Sharesill and Essington Town and covers approximately 4372 hectares with a population of 29,865.

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
Audit and Standards Committee	5	5	0	0
County Council	8	8	0	0
Local Member Priority Meeting – South Staffordshire	6	5	1	0
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee	6	5	0	1
Total	25	23	1	1
Percentage		92%	4%	4%

I was also appointed to represent the county council on the following outside bodies:

- Landfill, Opencast and Quarry Site Liaison Committee - Hollybush Liaison Committee

- Landfill, Opencast and Quarry Site Liaison Committee - Saredon Quarry
- Landfill, Opencast and Quarry Site Liaison Committee/Group - Redhurst/Essington Quarry Liaison Committee
- Landfill, Opencast and Quarry Site Liaison Committee/Group - Four Ashes ERF Liaison Committee
- Landfill, Opencast and Quarry Site Liaison Committee - Campions Wood Quarry

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Essington Parish Council Over 50's Club	Plates, dishes, cutlery, serving spoons and bowls for the social club at Essington Community Centre	£250.00
Essington Parish Council – Essington Allotments Association	Installation of side fencing for the allotment site	£375.00
Cheslyn Hay Community Allotments	Rotovator and motor mower	£300.00
Saredon Parish Council	Repairs to the dance floor at the Wedges Mills Village Hall	£1,000.00
April Lewis CIC	Home bike mechanics course, various workshops, venue hire, instructors' fees, handouts and posters to develop the skills of volunteer ride leaders to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence	£417.50
Landywood & District Voluntary Help Centre	Removal of tiles, pipework, re-plastering and materials for the renewal and refurbishment of the toilet facilities in the centre	£750.00
Cheslyn Hay Table Tennis Club	Hall hire for one additional evening session of Table tennis for youngsters	£200.00
1 st Cheslyn Hay Boys Brigade	Funding of Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition equipment and travel costs 2 tents, shelving and storages boxes and repair to ceiling in store room within Salem Church used by the Boys Brigade	£3,200.00

Applicant	Project	Amount
Saredon Parish Council	Parish community noticeboard to be sited at Wood Lane Wedges Mills	£1,000.00
Total spend		£7,492.50

Councillor Development

- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 08/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 07/03/2018 - Word for Members
- 19/01/2018 - Dementia Awareness for Members
- 13/11/2017 - Connecting with your Communities - Social media training for members
- 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Event
- 12/10/2017 - My Staffs App Training for Members
- 05/10/2017 - Staffordshire Observatory Training
- 11/09/2017 - Finance Training for Members
- 30/08/2017 - Members Claims Training
- 11/07/2017 - Planning for Personal Safety
- 10/07/2017 - Infrastructure+ Operational Control Room Visit
- 04/07/2017 - Medium Term Financial Strategy Member Briefing
- 30/06/2017 - Infrastructure+
- 28/06/2017 - Emergency Planning Briefing for Members
- 27/06/2017 - Managing Files
- 20/06/2017 - Word Essentials
- 15/06/2017 - Outlook Essentials
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People
- 01/06/2017 - Overview and Scrutiny Training
- 17/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer
- 17/05/2017 - Level 1 Child Protection Training
- 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£8,361.85
Mileage	£531.45
Total allowances cost	£8,893.30

My return mileage from home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 24 miles.