

Ross Ward
County Councillor for Caverswall

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Caverswall electoral division in May 2017.

My division lies in the south west of Staffordshire Moorlands and includes the wards of Caverswall, Cellarhead, Forsbrook and Werrington and covers approximately 3491 hectares with a population of 13,036.



Special Responsibilities

I am Vice-Chairman of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

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	3	1	1
County Council	8	7	1	0
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee	11	9	2	0
Local Member Priority Meeting – Staffordshire Moorlands	4	1	3	0
Total	28	20	7	1
Percentage		71%	25%	4%

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

- Captains Barns Farm, Werrington

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Blythe Bridge, Forsbrook & Dilhorne Historical Society	Funding towards natural stone plinth onto paving stone inclusive of citation carving and delivery, display materials for centre and school talks, replica Victoria Cross with engraving and framing, portable projector screen for future talks, workshops for schools and public displays, hall hire and printing of invitations and service programme	£1,750.00
Blythe Social Club	Funding towards 4 wall mounted heaters, fenders and sockets to update the facilities	£500.00
Werrington Community Library and Wellbeing Centre	Funding towards sectional building, groundwork, materials, installation of electric supply and finishing the garden for the completion of electrical link from main building to new storage unit to enable additional wellbeing services, and a special sensory garden	£1,200.00
Cellarhead and District Horticultural Society	Funding of trophies and shields for the annual show	£150.00
Spooky Ride	Funding of insurance, signs, arrows, posters and Halloween skeletons for the charity bike ride	£566.00
105 th Werrington Scouts	Funding of a defibrillator and installation to be positioned at Scout HQ	£1,000.00
Caverswall Art Group	Funding towards village hall rental for 2 art groups	£900.00
Caverswall Parish Council	Funding towards a flagpole in the parish for remembrance days, celebration events and particularly for next year's 100th Anniversary of WW1	£400.00
Dilhorne Parish Council	Funding towards a flagpole in the parish for remembrance days, celebration events and particularly for next year's 100th Anniversary of WW1	£400.00
Gaming Potion	Funding towards table top games, 3 table gaming mats, Warhammer start collecting boxes, promotional printing and room hire at Draycott Church Hall and Blythe bridge Methodist Church	£600.00
Total spend		£7,466.00

Councillor Development

- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 09/03/2018 - Cyber Security

- 04/07/2017 - Medium Term Financial Strategy Member Briefing
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People
- 16/05/2017 - Code of Conduct Training
- 16/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer
- 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£8361.85
Special Responsibility Allowance	£2343.65
Total allowances cost	£10705.50

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 32 miles return.