

Working with the Police

Your 3 local independent Councillors have been involved with the police regarding excessive speeding around the area, anti-social behaviour near Muscliff Youth Club and in the arboretum and ensured numerous yellow lines were painted to ensure safer parking.

Appointment

Cllr Derek, due to his resourcefulness and direct and un-political actions at the Council has been elected as vice-chair of the Admin and Resources Scrutiny Panel, a position normally held by the ruling party member.

Fighting for the Vulnerable

Councillor Anne and her colleagues are calling on the Tory administration to use some of its £18million reserves to assist the most vulnerable in our town. We are making representations to cabinet and to the Health Scrutiny Panel as we see these cuts as taking away the preventative work which we have over many years built up.



A lovely winter in Throop & Muscliff

Supporting People Grant

Councillor Anne, having worked in the care profession, in homes for the elderly and seeing several closures over several years whilst working for Dorset County Council the outcomes are not always positive for the residents, families of the staff. If the Council closes Day Centres and cuts respite care for relatives we will have bigger problems down the road and more costly ones too. Bournemouth Church Housing which provides specialist care around the town e.g. the womens refuge, safe houses for Alcoholics etc may have its funding from the Council cut due to the Government cutting our 'Supporting People Grant'

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Cutting Local Council Costs

Cllr Derek Borthwick, alongside Council Officers, have been working outside of the ward in trying to save you, the residents, large amounts of money by cutting local Council costs this year. We have managed to save over 3 million pounds over the next 10 years by changing the way the Bowling Greens in the town are maintained. This is without any redundancies or loss to the Bowls Clubs.

Queens Park Golf Club Catering

The catering at Queens Park Golf Club was running at an annual loss of £50,000 and Cllr Derek has helped, alongside Council Officers and the portfolio holder, to turn this into a potential profit of £10,000 per year by pursuing the change of catering arrangements.

Events

Cllr Anne continues to help organise the Mayors charity events, plus she is the organiser for the Bournemouth Poppy collection. For further details on Mayors charities events please see our website.

Muscliff Funday

Sunday, 17th July 2011 - 11am-4pm
It will be our 4th FUNDAY.

Anyone wishing to help call Cllr Anne or Cllr Derek. If you are interested in having a stall or know of any dancers / entertainers / bands please let us know.

Bicycle Lights

Further supplies available £3 per set.

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Your Local Bournemouth Independent Councillors are Non-Political and you have elected us to serve you and not a political party.

Welcome to our Latest Newsletter

Cllrs Anne, Ron & Derek hope you enjoy reading our regular newsletters in which we endeavour to keep you, the residents, up-to-date with the latest local news around the ward of Muscliff & Throop and hope you find them informative.

We believe we may be the only local Councillors who produce a dedicated ward newsletter in the Bournemouth area and possibly in England !!

We also like to keep you up-to-date by posting items of local news on our website, www.peoplebeforepolitics.info and you can also use this to contact us via e-mail.

If there are any local issues which you may wish to contact us about, and you may think would be of interest to others, we would be pleased to help.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Your INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS
who represent you in Throop & Muscliff provide this newsletter at their own expense



Latest News and Information for the Throop and Muscliff Ward

For more details please visit our website www.peoplebeforepolitics.info or contact us direct by phone.

WE DO HOPE RESIDENTS FIND THESE NEWSLETTERS HELPFUL WHICH ARE NOT BASED ON ANY POLITICAL ASPECTS AS WE ARE NON-POLITICAL AND CONCENTRATE ON WARD MATTERS.

We regularly attend Council meetings (called Panel Meetings) where we represent you in influencing the ruling party policies. The Independents are represented on all these Panels and Sub Committees, including Cllr Ron as Vice-Chair in Planning, Cllr Anne in Licensing and Cllr Derek on Audit, Governance and Constitution Panels, Vice-Chair of Admin & Resources Panel and BOURNEMOUTH COUNCILLOR FOR SPORT

Dear Residents,

We hope we find you well, following the turn of the new year. We are pleased to deliver to your door our 9th newsletter which we hope keeps you aware of some of the things that are happening where you live. We have endeavoured to supply you with regular newsletters since we were elected as your Ward Councillors. We continue to strive to give you the best personal service within the ward, and strong representation at the Council, and are willing to talk on any matters that concern you.

Derek, Ron & Anne

Local Park Maintenance

Councillor Derek (also representing Councillor Anne and Councillor Ron) was part of an evaluation team which negotiated the new 5 year contract for Tree Cutting and Ground Maintenance of parks and horticulture, covering the Throop, Muscliff, Strouden & Townsend area.

The contract covers cutting grass verges and maintenance of bushes and shrubs. This work was previously carried out by Bournemouth Borough Council and the contract was won by Baynards, a local company, saving around £200,000 over the 5 year term. Plus a 3% annual efficiency savings after 1 year.

This contract also ensures employment of 2 local apprentices. This contract also ensures the previous quality of work will continue. The local council cannot, therefore, make any further budget cuts in this ward.

Muscliff Funday

The Muscliff Funday last summer was a great success, possibly the largest local funday in Bournemouth, which raised over £1,000 towards the local Community Centre and other worthy causes. Cllr Anne and Cllr Derek will be staying on the Funday committee, all the members of this committee are very hard working. We are always looking for more local residents to join the committee.

The next Muscliff Funday will be held on **Sunday, 17th July 2011 11am - 4pm**



Visit www.peoplebeforepolitics.info to find out more about news in the area and local events.



Cllr Anne, Cllr Ron and Cllr Derek have also helped with the following:

- managed to get the public toilets open in Muscliff Park during the school summer term.
- found funding for the River Stour signage
- in the process of ensuring the ancient Gas Lamps in Throop village will be maintained

The B.M.X. track near the Muscliff Youth Centre was moved to a new site close by for safety reasons.



Cllr Derek stopped the proposed increase in Councillors allowances (salaries) last year, and alongside Councillor Ron refused to take his full entitlement. None of your 3 local independent Ward Councillors claim expenses.



Cllr Derek is at present encouraging schools to make more use of the Athletics Stadium at Kings Park, which at present is under utilised, and is looking for other clubs to use the facilities especially during the winter months.



Due to local government changes the government is giving greater flexibility to local councils, one being to control future house building. We were being forced to possibly build 1,600 new houses in our ward. Local Councillors now have control over this issue and your 3 ward councillors will be constantly monitoring this issue.

We are continuing to fight the budget cuts on disadvantaged residents, plus ensuring that child welfare is maintained outside the ward.



Your 3 local Councillors managed to obtain funding for benches to be installed at Setley Park.



The parking restrictions for Sway Gardens with its junction with Landford Way are being advertised. We hope if this is successful it will increase vision for motorists as they drive out of Sway Gardens, for more details please contact us.



Cllr Derek has been elected as B'mouth Councillors Sports Champion.