

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCILLOR REPORT 2008– 2009

NAME OF COUNCILLOR: SARAH POMFRET

WARD: BRADLEY STOKE CENTRAL AND STOKE LODGE

Activities

(Set out here a brief description of your main activities this year. Please note that this report relates to your work as a South Gloucestershire councillor and not as a parish councillor, if you are one.)

- **Ward Councillor**

(What has been your main focus of work within the ward including any community activities or membership of any community bodies where not a council appointee)

- Continuing to campaign against the 32,800 new houses that the Government wants to impose on the district with the associated loss of Green Belt, traffic congestion, etc.
- Continuing to campaign for the new Bradley Stoke Sixth Form to ensure that current pupils are able to stay on at the secondary school post-16.
- Continuing to push for improved support and facilities to serve local children and young people.
- Pushing for more improvements to local public transport and against moves by companies to scale back their services in the area.
- Standing up for residents on controversial planning applications.
- Taking residents' concerns to the local Safer and Stronger Group to ensure a more joined-up response.
- Continuing to liaise between the Council's Streetcare dept and residents to sort issues such as potholes/detritus/littering/other Streetcare-related issues.

- **Council Activities**

(Identify what Council committees you sit on – this should also include complaints and licensing panels and forums)

Health Select
Community Care and Housing
DC West Planning Committee
Public Rights of Way
Employee Appeals Panel
Southern Brooks Area Forum
International and European Forum

- **School Governship**

(Provide details of any school governships and the nature of your responsibility – eg, chairing roles)

N/A

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- **Outside Bodies (excluding Parish Councils)**
(Provide details of those outside bodies to which you have been appointed by the Council)

Name of Body	No. of meetings you could have attended	Actual No. of Meetings attended
South Glos Environmental Board		

Achievements

(Set out here a description of your main achievements/successes this year)

Following a long campaign by myself and my group colleagues, funding for the new Bradley Stoke Sixth Form has been confirmed and building work has now begun. This will deliver on one of our main 2007 campaign promises.

After concerns were fed back to the Council's CYP dept, a SureStart children's centre is to be built in the town to provide improved support to local families.

The new Jubilee Green play area has been completed, which provides an exciting new play space for local children.

My involvement in the No Way To 33K housing campaign helped encourage a massive public response to the Government consultation, which can be partially credited to the indefinite delay in publishing the final version of the RSS.

An additional £2M a year is being spent on highway surfacing after concerns from local residents were fed back to the Council. The increased funding will allow other roads to be done sooner as a result of the extra funding.

My active involvement in the local Safer and Stronger Group has helped resolve a number of local issues that residents regularly raise, including anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, the police have allocated one of the new council-funded PCSOs to the town to help address residents' concerns.

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