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WARD 11 > Hillhead

Councillor Ken Andrew



Scottish National Party

LOCAL NEWS

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LITTER

I know from the correspondence I receive that litter and street cleaning are issues that Hillhead residents are very concerned with. As a fellow West Ender, I too am frequently shocked at the state of some of our streets.

At a recent resident led clean-up in the Woodlands area I was appalled to see the amount of litter that was on our streets. I was able to fill one complete bin bag with litter from just one of the large planters in West Princess Street.

What concerned me more was the condition of one of the lanes that runs off West Princess Street; I have to say that I was positively dismayed to see the state of the lane and I have resolved to work with the local community and Land and Environment Services to seek to clean the Lane but to also look to see if there's a permanent solution to prevent lanes getting into such a poor state.



FLY TIPPING

I'm still surprised to note that a considerable amount of bulk rubbish is being left on our pavements and roadsides. Most of you will be aware that the arrangements for bulk uplift changed a few years ago and collection of this type of refuse is no longer from our roadsides but this material should be placed in our back lanes for uplift. There are of course some issues concerning access and egress from our lanes and I am pursuing this issue to ensure that we can give our Council Operatives the chance to perform their role efficiently.

To request a bulk uplift you can do it online through Glasgow City Council's website www.glasgow.gov.uk or by contacting the Customer Care Centre on 0141 287 9700.

What some residents may not be aware of is that to continue to leave this bulk refuse inappropriately at the side of the roads is an offence and amounts to fly tipping which can attract a fine.

I would comment that there appears to be some persistent offenders across the Ward with a few hot spots for mattresses and broken furniture appearing at regular intervals. If you do spot this type of anti social behaviour I would encourage you to report this to the appropriate authority to allow us to take action to halt this behaviour.

Clean Glasgow can be contacted by email to clean@glasgow.gov.uk or telephone to 0800 027 7027

AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS

This committee mainly deals with local issues and is a good forum for investigating local matters. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

Area Committees are each allocated a budget which provides grants to local community and voluntary organisations. As applications for funding should be developed locally, they have to demonstrate how they will benefit that area or community and are therefore not available for 'citywide' projects.

If you are involved in a local group and would like more information on an Area Committee Grant or what is going on at the Area Committee, further information can be obtained for our ward from:

North West Area Team

Tel: 0141 276 9900 Fax: 0141 276 9909

GET INVOLVED

One of the best ways that individuals can become involved in their local area is to engage with their local Community Councils. All the Community Councils across the Hillhead Ward are lucky to have individual Community Councillors who have a wealth of experience on how to contact appropriate services and who to contact to get things done.

Certainly for City Councillors the Community Councils are invaluable to attend to keep us up to speed with the issues that are genuinely affecting local people. It is usually the Community Council that instigates and marshals local action when there are planning applications that are considered not to be in the best interests of the local residents.

Community Councils are open public meetings however only Community Councillors have the right to speak; members of the public can speak to the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman. For details of your locality Council check their websites or contact them for information:

Hillhead: www.hillheadcc.org.uk

Dowanhill & Hyndland: www.communitycouncilsglasgow.org.uk/DHKCC/

Woodside: www.woodsideonline.org.uk/

Woodlands & Park: c/o Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector, 11 Queens Crescent Glasgow, G4 9AS, telephone: 0141 332 1024

SURGERIES

As your local councillor I am happy to help with any enquiries you may have related to the Council. You can get in touch with me, either by visiting one of my surgeries listed below or by contacting my office directly.

Councillor Andrew can be contacted by:

- > phone **0141 287 3939** > fax **0141 287 4972**
- > mobile **07785 450 819**
- > email **ken.andrew@councillors.glasgow.gov.uk**

I am always keen to hear any thoughts and ideas constituents have to improve our area. If there are any issues you'd like to raise with me please give me a call or come and visit me at one of my surgeries.

Monthly surgeries are held at:

Woodside Library, 343 St George's Road
6.30pm, third Monday

Hillhead Library, 348 Byres Road
6.30pm, third Tuesday

Hyndland Secondary School, 9 Lauderdale Gardens
6.30pm, fourth Tuesday

There are no surgeries during school and public holidays.