



## COUNCILLOR HABIB REHMAN REPRESENTING UNIVERSITY WARD

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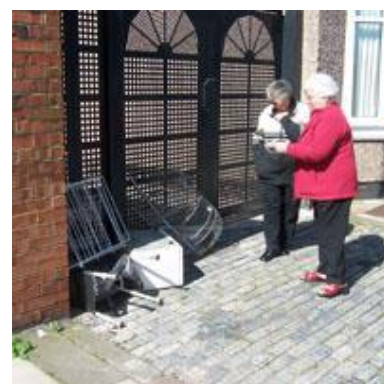
### INTRODUCTION

I am one of two ward Councillors representing University Ward and I was elected in May 2007. As a local Ward Councillor living within University Ward, I am accessible and available to all residents, so please contact me if you think I may be able to help. I have represented a large number of constituents on many different issues and dealt with a huge variety of casework. I have been able to build and support the networking of community groups across the ward. My propriorities are to continue to serve my constituents and to speak up on issues of importance to local people inside the council and outside.

### CAN YOU SPARE 2 HOURS A MONTH - IF SO PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

We all like to live in clean and safe areas, and we want our children & grandchildren to be able to play safely. Residents on Patrol is a project where residents actively help to make their areas cleaner and safer.

How? Residents have a walk round part of their estate fortnightly, and note down any problems eg broken street lights, graffiti, dumped rubbish including black sacks, insecure houses, overgrown hedges etc, these are reported to the Contact Centre and are dealt with. The project is run by the Council who provide training and support to residents on these walks, and there will be opportunities to meet residents from other areas to exchange ideas.



The walks can be incorporated into your regular routines, e.g. if you walk to school, walk the dog community events, classes, bingo, 2 or more could do a report. There is an added bonus, walking is good for your health, and our walkers all enjoy the chat as we walk round.



### UNIVERSITY WARD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS!

(Sponsored and Supported by Councillor Habib Rehman)

I am pleased to say that at the first ever University Ward sponsored football tournament, we had over 250 youngsters taking part.

Despite the heavy torrential rain, the participants were very enthusiastic and dedicated to their sport and I was very impressed with the level and standard of professional skills displayed by some of the competitors. I think some of the players could quite easily make it into the Boro squad!



I would like to thank everyone who took part, particularly the volunteers and helpers who worked tirelessly to make this tournament such a memorable event. And off course, the trophies were fantastic and I was so proud and honoured to hand them out.

I am hoping to plan similar events in the near future and if anyone wants to get involved and help organise or participate then please contact me on phone: 07773 089892 or email:



### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP



I am very pleased to be able to report back with some good news at last. Following several complaints made by residents that University Ward had been neglected and left out of the scheduled summer flower workshops.

I have been able to arrange this workshop to take place on 21 June 2008 at Breckon Hill School between

### **OBJECTIVES DURING 2007/2008 & REVIEW OF PROGRESS:**

- 1. Be visible, available and accessible to residents: -**  
This has been achieved primarily through the production and distribution of leaflets and newsletters, walking patrols and surgeries.
- 2. To lobby the council for the introduction of residents parking scheme: -**  
Actively pursuing this issue within the council to ensure it receives top priority. Currently awaiting results of capital funding programme. In the meantime providing the necessary feedback and practical support to those residents severely affected and suffering from this problem.
- 3. To reduce the amount of litter and improve cleanliness within the Ward: -**  
Helped to introduce new communal wheelie bins in back alleys and undertake regular quarterly inspections of the ward with senior officers of Streetscene.
- 4. To work with residents, the Police and other agencies to deal firmly with anti-social behaviour: -**  
This has been achieved by arranging to hold joint patrols and surgeries with various agencies such as Neighbourhood Police, PCSOs, Street Wardens and local residents
- 5. To hold regular ward and street surgeries in order to consult with residents: -**  
Regular ward surgeries are held at Breckon Hill Community Centre, Lothian Road Day Centre, Jamia Mosque Waterloo Road and The Little House, 96 Park Lane. In addition, regular walkabouts and patrols are also undertaken.

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

### **WHATEVER IT TAKES – FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

During the year I have successfully collaborated with Cleveland Fire Brigade in raising awareness and encouraging residents to make use of free home fire safety checks and where necessary fit smoke alarms with the home.



### **COUNCILLOR HABIB REHMAN JOINS THE "WALK FOR JUSTICE" MARCH**



HUNDREDS of ordinary residents, some disabled and senior citizens and from all walks of life and from all over the North took part in a "Walk for Justice" for the families of victims. They were involved in two separate marches staged in Sunderland and Middlesbrough — part of a series nationwide — with many of those involved being the family of victims of violent crime. The Middlesbrough walk was organised by Cllr. Barbara Dunne, whose son Robert was stabbed to death with a samurai sword. It was headed by Mayor Ray Mallon and alongside them was Ann Ming, whose fight to bring her daughter Julie Hogg's killer to justice earned her an MBE . . . and a change in the law.

## OPENING OF THE REVITALISED SALTWELLS PARK



One of Middlesbrough's oldest recreation areas, Saltwells Park, is undergoing a transformation that will return it to its rightful place as a safe, pleasant environment for local children to meet and play in the centre of their community. The new, revitalised park on the Longlands, Middlesbrough was officially re-launched on Saturday 11th August with fun events and activities for the whole family. The reading and writing group based at the centre have been exploring the issue of slavery through debate, creative writing and art. The Youth Inclusion Bus, Sure

Start, Middlesbrough Libraries, Breckon Hill Community Centre, Home Housing and the street wardens were just some of the agencies that went along to the event

The proposals to refurbish Saltwells Park were first raised around two and a half years ago when committee members of Breckon Hill Community Centre and local residents contacted the council. The park had become run down over the years with the equipment looking very worn and possibly dangerous. Parents were reluctant to let the children go into the park. Over 420 questionnaires were hand-delivered by the council's community development staff to all the homes in the area asking residents what improvements they would like to see on the site. This led to the formation of the Friends of Saltwells Park group who worked closely with the council's landscapes department to draw up plans for the refurbishment of the park, which were agreed by local residents.



Funding of £31K was raised from the Freda Valentine Fund and £30K from the Middlesbrough College Marton Campus developers, Taylor Wimpey. Further funding was required to purchase equipment and this came from University Community Council who contributed £1872, Home Housing who contributed £1000, and the North Ormesby Neighbourhood Manager who contributed £2000 from his service budget. A successful application to Groundworks also realised the sum of £32,600 which financed two more swings, two additional benches and an extra rubbish bin, as well as the completion and painting of the perimeter fence and more tree planting.

The final touches to the recreation area are expected to be fully completed this autumn include a mosaic, which is being created by local children to decorate the entrance to the park.

### PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL, PANELS, COMMITTEES ETC

In 2007-2008 I was a member of and attended the following panels, committees etc: -

- Full Council (88%)
- Corporate Affairs Committee (57%)
- Licensing Committee (31%)
- Older Persons Partnership Board 6%
- Community Safety & Leisure Scrutiny Panel (86%)
- Economic Regeneration & Transport Scrutiny Panel (92%)

### PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL, OUTSIDE BODIES & OTHER

During 2007-2008 I was a member of the following outside bodies: -

- Middlesbrough Citizens Advice Bureau
- Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency
- Chemoxy Community Liaison Panel
- Tees Valley Environmental Protection Group
- Breckon Hill Primary School Governor
- Ward Surgeries

### WARD SURGERIES

For details of ward surgery dates and venues, please contact the Members Office on 01642 729695.

## FANCY A CHAT AND A CUPPA...?



We are organising a variety of initiatives and activities – So why not come along and join us? We organise regular coffee mornings, discussions and debates, walks-around-the-ward, trips, sporting, musical and social events. We also produce newsletters and a web site which is dedicated to University Ward. If you are interested in any of these activities or would like to start something new then please get in touch with us.

**For further details please contact:  
Councillor Habib Rehman on phone: 01642 644396 & 07773 089892**

## WE CAN ALL HELP TO KEEP THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TIDY

As your local Councillor, I have been receiving an increasing number of complaints about fly tipping, dog fouling and other environmental waste problems. The purpose of this letter, which we are delivering to all the houses in the area, is to set out the simple steps we can all take to help keep our neighbourhoods clean and tidy.

### Your Household Rubbish

Is collected on a designated day each week and except where there are communal bins, your rubbish should not be put out until the day of collection. You can get information about your waste collection day by calling 01642 726001 or 01642 726050 outside of business hours. Please ensure your waste is correctly bagged and tied. If you have a wheelie bin please ensure you put all your waste inside.

### Getting Rid of Bulky Waste (Junk Job)

Middlesbrough Council will collect bulky waste such as furniture and rubble free of charge, please ring 01642 726001 to arrange a junk job. Please remember it is against the law to give away your waste to someone else to take away without checking they are legally able to transport it. Illegal waste carriers often fly-tip their waste rather than pay the proper disposal costs, and you could end up paying the price. You can check who is registered and who is not by calling the Environment Agency on 08708-506506 and asking for details of 'registered waste carriers'



### Dog Fouling

Please pick up after your dog has fouled. Dog waste is unsightly and can spread disease. You can dispose of bagged dog dirt with your normal household waste, or you can use the special dog waste bins provided by Middlesbrough Council if there is one to hand. You can get poop scoop bags from the Council by calling our 726001 or 726050 outside normal business hours. It is against the law to let your dog foul and not clean up immediately afterwards. The maximum penalty for committing this offence, on summary of conviction by a court, is a fine of £1000. Alternatively, Enforcement Officers may issue a fixed penalty of £50. Please help your Council to keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy by following these simple steps. Together we can all make a real difference.

## USEFUL COUNCIL CONTACT NUMBERS

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| General Enquiries                   | 245432      | Social Services                       | 726004      |
| Street Wardens                      | 228500      | Housing Benefit                       | 726006      |
| Street Warden Text Msging           | 07919303088 | Neighbourhood Safety Team Text Msging | 07910037833 |
| After House Service – All Enquiries | 726050      | Council Tax/Business Rates            | 726007      |
| Environment Contact Centre          | 726001      | Consumer Advice                       | 728447      |
| Noise Nuisance                      | 726001      | Planning Queries                      | 729377      |
| Needles Hotline                     | 726002      | Tourist Information Centre            | 729700      |