

# Standing up for Ellacombe

Over the past four years, together we have made real progress in helping to make Ellacombe a better place. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you, and look forward to achieving more of the same in the next four years. Some of the causes I have championed for you have been extremely close to my heart; others have been the changes that YOU said you wanted to see.

Throughout the four years, one of my main aims has been to be completely open and honest with you. I hope you will agree that I have done this, too: you know exactly where I stand on issues that are important to all of us as we go about our everyday lives.

Here are some of my highlights.

*Julien*

**Julien Parrott, Councillor for Ellacombe Ward, March 2011**

## LAW & ORDER

**Castle Gardens:** supported local residents, working closely with the Ellacombe neighbourhood beat manager to achieve a dispersal order so that drunks and drug users cannot congregate in our park.

**Fearless opposition to drugs:** outspoken in my condemnation of drug dealers, a scourge on our society.

**Poor police performance:** I have been the only councillor to publicly challenge Torbay's poor police performance.

**Community safety:** total and uncompromising opposition to mayor's plans to switch off street lights and stop monitoring of CCTV.

**Road safety:** supported calls for new crossings at Ellacombe School and Quinta Road.

**Making Ellacombe a safer place:** Worked closely with beat managers, acted as liaison between residents who would rather not get involved, for whatever reason, and police.

## ENVIRONMENT

**Recycling point:** delivered Ellacombe's only recycling

station, liaising between the council, residents and the private landowner.

**Grot and graffiti:** arranged removal of unsightly graffiti, and toured Ellacombe with council grot busters, pointing out areas that residents had identified, later tidied up.

**Waste and recycling:** helped residents during the difficult transition to new recycling

### A message from Jen

I think this list of some of the things that Julien has achieved over the past four years as your councillor is really impressive. I know that he will continue to do sterling work on your behalf, and I know that I will be able to help him achieve even more for Ellacombe.

And I know that I, too, could be a good councillor for Ellacombe. I am passionate about the area. I was born here, I grew up here, I went to school here and I have raised my family here.

I work in Brixham as a coastguard officer at the Maritime Rescue Centre, a job I have loved for all of the 14 years I have served.

system, dealing with hundreds of calls and visitors.

**Storm drains/flooding:** arranged cleaning of storm drains under Ellacombe Park, reducing local flooding.

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**Governor of Ellacombe School:** since 2007.

**Torbay Children's Champion:**

I was appointed champion for staying healthy in 2009, and added the role of champion for staying safe in July 2010.

**Visits to Bay schools:** I wrote to every school in the Bay, and visited all those who accepted my offer, talking to over 3,000 of Torbay's young people.

**Young people's involvement in politics:** I am a long term supporter of the annual Torbay elections for the UK Youth

I know that Julien has earned a reputation for being honest and outspoken. I intend to be as much, too, should you choose me to be your councillor.

I look forward to telling you more about myself and my views in the forthcoming issues of our newsletter, Standing up for Ellacombe. For Julien and me, this is not just a title, but it is a way of life.

In the meantime, if there are any specific issues you would like to talk to me about, please feel free to contact me (details are on the back of this newsletter).

With best wishes,

*Jen*

**Jen Walsh, Torbay UKIP**

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Parliament, and enjoy the cut and thrust of the annual debates with students.

**Children in care:** I am chairman of the Torbay Parenting Group, responsible for the care of hundreds of Torbay children, some in care, some with foster parents and some with their own parents, but subject to care orders. There are also a small number in juvenile detention.

**Young people's newspaper:** I worked with the editor of the Herald Express to publish a regular newspaper written by and for Torbay's young people. The first issue is due out in mid-March 2011.

## PARKING

**Residents parking:** I fought for the introduction of a parking scheme in line with the majority of residents' wishes. Despite opposition from the mayor's cabinet.

## HOUSING

**Better conditions:** I have tirelessly championed better conditions for tenants in private rented accommodation, and promoted discussions with local private landlords.

**Housing for single men:** I have consistently and persistently put the case for a better deal for single men in terms of social housing.

## ACCESSIBILITY & COMMUNICATIONS

**Just call in or drop in:** I am told I am the most visible and accessible councillor in Torbay. I am around up to 10 hours per day, six days a week. And if I am

not there, there will be someone to help or take a message, or even point you in the right direction at the council. Contrast this with the limited contact available for some other councillors, who only operate a once-a-month surgery system.

**Website:** I am still the only Torbay councillor with a personal website recording views on all issues of interest to residents. I keep it updated on a regular basis, and all information is archived.

**Annual report:** each year, I publish an annual report, which I deliver throughout the ward, and publish on my website.

## VALUE FOR MONEY

**Allowances:** on election, I undertook not to take ANY rise in allowance. One rise has so far been voted through, which I voted against and which I have not taken.

**Slashing unnecessary council costs:** I led the campaign to get rid of the council chairman's Jag and other money wasting associated with the role.

**Wasting time and money at council meetings:** I spoke out against the massive waste of taxpayers' money and time over a simple variation of the lease at Churston Golf Course.

## REGENERATION

**Ellacombe Community Hall:** I and other volunteers worked in partnership with our vicar to redecorate our community hall.

**Local development:** I spoke out against the obstructions

and objections that seem to torpedo every new proposal in the Bay, regardless of merit, for much-needed affordable housing and regeneration.

**Rock Walk:** I consistently supported the work to renew Rock Walk, now an elegant landmark on Torquay seafront.

**Inappropriate development at Babbacombe:** I spoke out against the totally unacceptable proposal to develop part of Babbacombe Downs.

## JOBS & EMPLOYMENT

**National Minimum Wage:** I have done considerable work on putting the spotlight on Bay employers breaking the law by not paying at least national minimum wage to staff.

**Employment conditions:** I have done a lot of work in highlighting poor employment conditions in some parts of the Bay's hotel/tourist industry

## INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

This is the part of my role that I value the most.

Over the past four years, I have helped, guided and supported many hundreds of residents in solving urgent matters.

For the most part, and in line with my personal charter, I hope to have also provided information to enable them to resolve issues for themselves in the future, empowering them to take control of their own lives.

My thanks also go out to all those Torbay Council staff who have helped me in my work.