

Cllr Barbara Jones -Williams
2024 Annual Parish report

I have represented Martley Ward on Malvern Hills District Council for 29 years; I feel very privileged and proud to do so. Following the recent District Council elections, and changes to ward boundaries, I have great pleasure in attending the extended parishes of Broadwas and Cotheridge also Knightwick and Doddenham parish councils

I was elected as Chairman for Malvern Hills District Council 2023/24 and have obviously had a busy year, I would like to thank those who attended my Civic Service at St Mary Magdalene Church Broadwas, I think you will all agree it was a lovely day, also in attendance was, Deputy-Lord Lefttenat Sir Nicholas Lechmere, Charles Moyle, High Sheriff of Worcester who read one of the lessons, also Dame Harriett Baldwin MP who kindly read the other lesson. the service was led by Revd.'s Anne Potter and Jennifer Whittaker, we also had a local Choir. as we were celebrating 50 years since MHDC was created, I was pleased to welcome as many former Chairmans as possible.

I have continued to deal with every day issues within my ward, I hope to continue as Rural Champion, I am vice chairman of Martley Old Grammar school foundation, which supports and give grants to students in further education who has a connection with Martley, also the two schools and pre-school.

In the past year the SWDPR timetable has slipped behind yet again, for the fourth year, with a far greater risk of speculative development in our villages due to a question surrounding the five-year land supply following a Planning Inspector's decision on the MHDC, we have already felt the effect of this in our own ward.

There have been various grants launched by MHDC we have been successful in securing £75K (from two grants of £25k and £50K) for the Pavilion on Martley playing fields, which is now under construction.

My Ward grant for 2023/24 I gave to Knightwick PC towards a new notice board, this year 2024/25 the grant has been increased to £1K

I have very much enjoyed working with the parish councils and our County Councillor and look forward to continuing to do so.

Best wishes,

Barbara