

# Councillor Neill WATTS



# THANK YOU!

Newly elected local councillor Neill Watts has said a huge 'thank you' to everyone who voted for him in May.

Neill said, "It was really nice getting to speak to so many local residents over the election campaign and to hear about the important issues affecting us all here in the Cumnock and New Cumnock ward.

"I am extremely grateful to everyone in our local community who put their faith in me and elected me to East Ayrshire Council.

"As a local resident of Cumnock I care about the future of our community and my promise is to be an active and accessible councillor for everyone across Cumnock, New Cumnock and Ochiltree.



"I will be holding regular surgeries so anyone who wants to meet with me to discuss any local issues can do so easily, and I will make sure details of these are available on social media.

"I will keep you updated with regular newsletters and social media posts, and if I can ever be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details overleaf."



## NEILL ON THE BEAT ...

Recently Neill met with the new Police Inspector in Cumnock Jennifer McCulloch and PC Stevie Prendergast, joining them on patrol around Cumnock Town Centre and Woodroad Park where they discussed the Ayrshire Police Summer Campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour in the community.

Delivering on his pledge to tackle anti-social behaviour and littering, Neill raised concerns about a variety of issues including anti-social behaviour hotspots, shoplifting and

graffiti around our public spaces.

Neill said, "I am grateful to Jennifer and Stevie for giving me their time to raise concerns on behalf of our local community, but also to hear the issues facing local officers everyday.

"I am pleased to hear that there will be increased CCTV and foot patrols over the summer to help combat anti-social behaviour. Local residents can play their part too by calling 101 if they wish to report any issues or concerns."

# CLLR NEILL WATTS - OUT AND ABOUT ACROSS THE WARD

## Community Jubilee Tribute

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Neill attended the commemorative dedication to Cumnock Community Council's Jubilee Tree Sculpture. Commissioned by Cumnock Community Council and made by local craftsmen, it will be a lasting legacy to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee though the final site of the tree is yet to be decided.

Neill said, "I was delighted to attend the dedication of this beautiful tribute. The tree will be an asset to Cumnock for decades to come and I am proud of what has been achieved, having been involved in the planning of this project from start to finish."



## Cumnock Memory Garden

Neill attended the phase one completion viewing event of the new Cumnock Memory Garden, a wonderful new 'dementia friendly' space of peace and tranquillity led by Cumnock Action Plan. The centre piece is the new pink granite sculpture which pays tribute to the history of Cumnock, inspired by the stories and recollections of our senior residents.

Neill said, "The designs carved into the stone reveal details that we hope will spark fond memories and allow visitors, young and old, to reminisce about the past, while enjoying their visit to the garden. I congratulate the Cumnock Action Plan on the completion of phase one as the Memory Garden is a great asset for our community."



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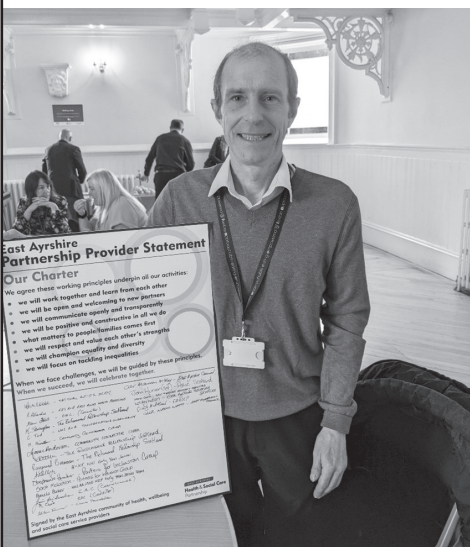
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## Health & social care charter

The launch and signing of the East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnerships Charter took place at Cumnock Town Hall in early July and Councillor Neill Watts was delighted to be in attendance. The Charter agrees the working principles which will underpin the activities of the EAHSCP.



Neill commented "It gave me great pleasure as a member of the East Ayrshire Integration Joint Board to support this important piece of work going forward, and was delighted to sign the charter along with others in the partnership."