



**RELAXED:** Jo Phillips is given a massage by Debby Felgate, of Virgin Atlantic, at the Know Your Neighbour event

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## It's a right royal get-together for Manor business

EVERYTHING from motorbikes to gingerbread makers was on show at a business event last Thursday.

Businesses large and small from the district – such as Virgin Atlantic and P&H Motorcycles – got together to exhibit at the Sandman Signature Hotel, in Tinsley Lane South.

The Know Your Neighbour event was a chance for Manor Royal businesses to find out about each other and what services and products they provide.

More than 200 businessmen and women representing 100 companies were at the event, where they could also hear about the progress of the Manor Royal Business Improvement District (BID), a group which is looking to enhance the industrial estate for all its businesses.

Its executive director Steve Sawyer said: "Manor Royal is undergoing a bit of a renaissance with the BID and we are already starting to see the benefits, including a dedicated website for Manor Royal businesses, a quarterly magazine, access to free and reduced-rate services and some significant capital investment."

He added: "Crawley relies on the businesses of Manor Royal for a significant proportion of its wealth, employment and jobs – and there is huge potential for the BID to deliver improvements."



**PARTY TIME:** A special event will take place in June to celebrate Goffs Park's 60th anniversary

## Goffs Park's friends plan happy birthday

A SPECIAL celebration is taking place to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Crawley's oldest park.

Crawley Borough Council has awarded a £600 grant to The Friends of Goffs Park, which will be used to fund the event for the park.

The bash, to be held on Sunday, June 8, will also see the group celebrate ten years as an association.

The Friends of Goffs Park is a voluntary organisation set up to help preserve, develop and improve the park, in Southgate.

### Celebration

Event organiser Janet Roskilly said: "We are planning a big celebration.

"The event will be free to attend and there will be a play bus for children."

The council awards community grants to local not-for-profit organisations to help with projects, services and events for Crawley residents.

# Councillor with the worst attendance says planning meetings were 'pointless'

## 'I am a one-man band. I can't overturn anything' says Tory

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THE councillor with the worst attendance record on Crawley Borough Council has said he stopped attending certain meetings - as they were a "logic-free zone".

It was revealed last week that Keith Brockwell, a Conservative member for Pound Hill North, had attended just ten of 18 possible meetings between May and November 2013.

The reason, Cllr Brockwell explained this week, was that he stopped attending development control committee meetings, where major planning applications are approved or rejected.

He said: "The main reason we have been hitting a problem is that I am no longer attending development control meetings, of which there are quite a large number. I have been rather unhappy with some of the decisions made there, and I no longer regard it as a useful system."

Cllr Brockwell added that he would

be more than happy to talk to people living in Pound Hill North about his attendance figures.

He said: "If they care to discuss them I would be totally prepared to do so. In fact I would willingly give them the reason; I consider development control to be a logic-free zone."

Cllr Brockwell admitted that the views of his constituents may not have been represented as well as they might have been.

### Overturn

But he said of the meetings: "I am a one-man band. I can't overturn anything.

"I got one vote in development control against the rest, who willy-nilly accepted anything the (council) officers (who make recommendations) put before them."

Cllr Brockwell also accepted that such an attitude was defeatist.

But he said he does represent residents' views on other issues – including attending meetings regarding Gatwick Airport – outside of his work



**BEST RECORD:** Chris Mullins



**WORST STATS:** Keith Brockwell

for the council. He added: "Now that I have been taken off the development control committee and replaced, that will cease to count against me."

Nine councillors of 37 went to all the meetings they were down to attend.

Among them was Gossops Green Labour councillor Chris Mullins, who said: "When you run for public office it's a responsibility, and we have a duty to represent the people who put us into that job."

## How many meetings did your councillor attend?

Key: Councillor/Possible meetings attended/Actual meetings attended/Percentage

Marion Ayling (Bewbush, Labour)	8	8	100%	Vanessa Cumper (West Green, Conservatives)	8	8	100%	Colin Moffatt (Broadfield South, Labour)	18	16	89%
Keith Blake (Gossops Green, Conservatives)	14	13	93%	Duncan Crow (Furnace Green, Conservatives)	18	17	94%	Chris Mullins (Gossops Green, Labour)	8	8	100%
Sally Blake (Pound Hill North, Conservatives)	26	22	85%	Claire Denman (Pound Hill South & Worth, Conservatives)	23	15	65%	Chris Oxlade (Ifield, Labour)	10	7	70%
Howard Bloom (Southgate, Conservatives)	13	12	92%	John Denman (Ifield, Conservatives)	19	15	79%	Duncan Peck (Maidenbower, Conservatives)	7	5	71%
Nigel Boxall (Tilgate, Conservatives)	10	10	100%	Carol Eade (Furnace Green, Conservatives)	17	14	82%	Brian Quinn (Broadfield North, Labour)	9	8	89%
Keith Brockwell (Pound Hill North, Conservatives)	18	10	56%	Ian Irvine (Broadfield North, Labour)	21	20	95%	Alan Quirk (Broadfield South, Conservatives)	19	19	100%
Brenda Burgess (Three Bridges, Conservative)	21	19	90%	Michael Jones (Bewbush, Labour)	10	10	100%	David Shreeves (Langley Green, Labour)	15	14	93%
Bob Burgess (Three Bridges, Conservatives)	18	15	83%	Stephen Joyce (Langley Green, Labour)	19	19	100%	Brenda Smith (Langley Green, Labour)	11	8	73%
Lee Burke (Pound Hill South & Worth, Conservatives)	18	17	94%	Peter Lamb (Northgate, Labour)	11	11	100%	Peter Smith (Ifield, Labour)	21	19	90%
Richard Burrett (Pound Hill North, Conservatives)	14	14	100%	Bob Lanzer (Pound Hill South & Worth (Conservatives)	20	15	75%	Geraint Thomas (Northgate, Labour)	24	21	88%
Chris Cheshire (Bewbush, Labour)	15	11	73%	Colin Lloyd (Tilgate, Labour)	17	16	94%	Ken Trussell (Maidenbower, Conservatives)	18	17	94%
				Liam Marshall-Ascough (Southgate, Conservatives)	16	10	63%	Lenny Walker (Maidenbower, Conservatives)	11	8	73%
								Bill Ward (West Green, Labour)	22	21	95%
								Karl Williamson (Southgate, UKIP)	7	4	57%

# Ignored

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