

## **Scole Annual Meeting 20-4-10 District Councillor Report**

At South Norfolk Council I am on the Environmental health and Leisure, Planning and Housing overview and Scrutiny committee's. Also I am on the Licensing and homeless panel. And often sit on the Grants and Loans Panel. I represent the council on Waveney valley SNAPs and of course I am the Young Peoples Champion which keeps me very busy.

I have represented the council at many events such as the opening of Whitlingham Low wire course, the official launch of SNYA radio and many play days, such as the successful one in Diss last week where we had hundreds of children turn up for free play on the park. In Brooke, last summer holidays we had over 600 youngsters turn up. It was great that Scole received funding for their new play Equipment which was officially opened last Saturday.

Across South Norfolk we have secured funding of £282,000 for six new play areas to be built in the next 12 months

The affordable housing scheme has got planning permission to go ahead and I look forward to seeing it built for local people.

During the last year South Norfolk continues to perform well according to the Audit Commission "improving the quality of life for local people." We live within our means by delivering a balanced budget and keeping council tax down to a 0% increase for the second time in three years.

Our benefits team won the national team of the year award for their quality of work for example, new benefit applications being processed in three days.

We also publish our Link magazine 3 times a year. This is full of information, keeping residents informed and on the back page a list of contacts including free phone numbers for various services such as fly tipping.

Looking to the future South Norfolk are working with Breckland District Council on shared services to improve on efficiency. We already have some staff working on joint posts and we have had joint meetings with Breckland members.

Jenny