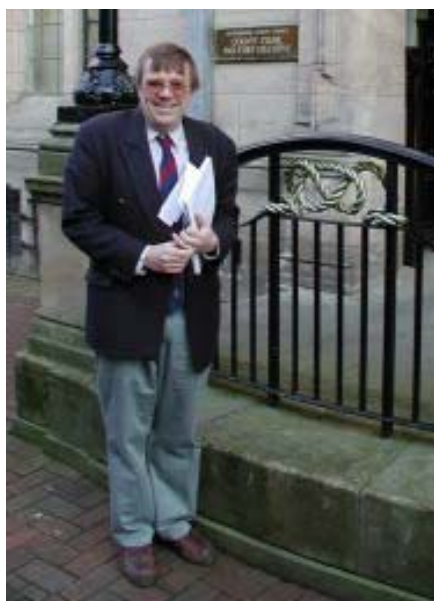


# Thank You!



**Barry Stamp attending his first meeting of the County Council as the new Councillor for Gnosall Division**

**BARRY STAMP** would like to say a big thank you to everyone who braved the bad weather to vote in the recent Gnosall County Council By-election. As you are no doubt aware, Barry was elected to serve as your County Councillor. The final votes were as follows:-

<b>Barry Stamp</b>	<b>1273 (49.2%)</b>
Conservative	1134 (43.8%)
Labour	172 (6.6%)

"It is a great honour that so many local people have put their trust in me at these elections. The late Cyril Jones worked tirelessly for this area for many years - I now hope I can continue this work in the same vein. Since being elected I have already had a number of meetings with senior County Council officers to discuss matters of concern to local residents. I will of course be reporting back to you on the outcome of these meetings through regular editions of Focus on Gnosall Division," said **Barry Stamp**.

## Good news for Back Lane, Haughton

Within days of being elected to the County Council, **Barry Stamp** met with senior officers in the County Highways Department to talk about a number of outstanding road repair matters in Church Eaton Ward. High on his list was the poor state of Back Lane, Haughton. **Barry** is pleased to report that money has been allocated in this year's budget to get this road repaired. It means that pot holes will be filled and then a new surface laid along nearly the whole length of Back Lane and for a small part of Dale Lane. If you want more information, please give **Barry** a ring on 822723



**Barry Stamp inspecting the poor state of Back Lane**

## Local Members' Initiative Scheme



As a County Councillor, **Barry Stamp** has £8000 which he can ask the Council to allocate to community projects in Gnosall Division. He has already recommended that some money be given to Ranton Village Hall to help with their major refurbishment programme, and that some is given to Stafford Churches Audio Magazine to help purchase a tape copying machine to support the group's community work in and around Gnosall. If you would like more information about this "Local Members' Initiative Scheme" or would like an application form please give **Barry** a ring.

**Problem? Grumbles? Idea? Information?**  
**Give Cllr BARRY STAMP a ring on 822723**

## Bradley Traffic Problems

**Barry Stamp** is pleased to report that he recently meet with Cllr. John Wakefield - the County Council Leader of Development Services - and a senior officer from the Highways Department to discuss the problems of traffic in and around Bradley. Everyone agreed that something must be done, but also admitted that an answer to the problem would not be easy to find. However, it was agreed that the long awaited County Council's report on the problem would be given a high priority, and that once this was finalised not only would the Parish Council be consulted on its findings, but also a wider public consultation would take place in the Village. If you want more information, give **Barry a ring on 822723**.



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## County Council agrees to close homes for the elderly

Just how secure is the future of County Council care for the elderly? Recently the Labour run



Council decided to close four of its homes for the elderly, including two in Stafford - Westhorpe and the Laurels. The closures are to come into effect by 2007.

This will leave the County Council running just 19 homes. The reason given for these closures was that the homes do not meet the standards laid down by the National Care Standards Commission and the need to reduce unit costs. In other words closing these homes will save the Council money, but will it give a better service to the elderly?

**Liberal Democrats working for  
Church Eaton Ward 24 Hours a Day**

## Burnt-Out Cars

Burnt-out and abandoned cars are becoming a bit of a problem in Church Eaton Ward. Over the past few weeks, two have turned up in the Little Onn / Marston area. Once **Barry Stamp** was made aware of the problem he notified the Borough Council's Environmental Health Department and Staffordshire Police. It is clear that joy riders find this area a convenient spot to get rid of their unwanted cars, as they have little chance of being seen. However unless they live nearby and can walk home, they must have another vehicle handy in which to make their escape. If you see anything suspicious please ring Gnosall Police on 822222 or of course just dial 999!



## News in brief

**Barry Stamp** has asked the County Council to:-

- carry out much needed road repairs on the Little Onn to Marston road
- review the flooding problems in the area near to the old railway bridge at Shutt Heath
- investigate the bad drainage and flooding near the village gateway at Bradley

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