

Skelton and Brotton Parish Council Village Warden

Skelton and Brotton Parish Council have employed a full-time Village Warden for a number of years.

Initially, a vehicle was hired for his use from Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council. After careful consideration, Parish Council Members agreed to purchase a van.

The van has been modified to provide an internal cage (for security reasons) and a roof rack. Lettering on the vehicle ensures that residents know it belongs to Skelton and Brotton Parish Council Warden. The Warden is responsible for organising repair, maintenance and servicing for the van.

Storage for tools and equipment was secured with the assistance of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

As the Warden often works in isolated places, on his own, a mobile phone is essential for his use.

The Warden's tasks are numerous and varied. He has been trained in pest control (for our allotments only) and also in play area inspections as we have two recreational areas, with play equipment, which are the responsibility of this council. He maintains the relevant written documentation when carrying out this work.

Much of his work is carried out on the allotments with path strimming, clearance work and fence repair. He knows all the allotment tenants and they contact him with concerns and queries.

Materials, equipment and work etc are carried out in consultation with the Parish Council Members and Clerk.

In conjunction with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council the Warden strims and clears a number of footpaths in our area. He assists with organising hanging baskets and planting-up planters in the Spring/Summer.

At Christmas time he is involved with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council street lighting team in organising Christmas Trees and festive lights in Skelton and Brotton.

The Warden assists with small scale repair and maintenance works at our Civic Hall and helps with many other tasks at the request of the Parish Council.

In order to keep Parish Councillors fully informed, the Warden attends Allotment/Environment Committee Meetings to give a report on his work and to suggest repairs/improvements to be considered by our Members. Essential qualities for this work are a sense of humour, good common sense and an ability to communicate with everyone.