



# Torrige and West Devon Constituency Association

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### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE UKIP COUNCILLOR ALAN WHITTLE

Tributes have been paid to a serving Torrige District Councillor who sadly passed away on the evening of Thursday 6th April.

**Alan Whittle** was Ward member for Hartland & Bradworthy. Elected in May 2015 he was the Lead Member for the Environment, sat on the Council's External Overview and Scrutiny Committee and was also a member of the Leadership team. Educated in Stoke-on-Trent Alan previously worked at Lisi Aerospace and then the Belfry Golf Resort in Warwickshire before moving to Devon and standing for Councillor.

Alongside Alan's interest in Politics, Statistics, IT and Music he was also passionate about the Environment and the Community. Amongst his many achievements he will be especially remembered for his dedication in working closely with community organisations and in his lead Councillor role in engineering the transfer of the Kenwith Valley Nature Reserve and County Wildlife Site to a community management group. The site is already being improved under a new 5 year agreement to enhance the habitat for wildlife while at the same time creating better access and facilities for visitors to enjoy this unique corner of Bideford.

**Councillor Jane Whittaker - Leader of Torrige District Council said:**

"Alan was a very active member of our Councillor family. He took on the role of Lead Member for the Environment at the beginning of this Council's term and was hugely involved in this role, working diligently for residents not only in his Ward but for residents across the whole of Torrige. I was greatly saddened to hear of his death and his considerable contribution to our Council will be very much missed."

**Councillor Robin Julian said:**

"I have known Alan as a colleague and friend for many, many years. He was a lead member for an environmental committee and was conscientious in his role as a District Councillor. He was on numerous committees always doing his utmost to help his community in Bradworthy, Meddon, Welcome and Hartland and would often visit his constituents in an effort to resolve a problem. He was a great asset to my team and myself and was always welcomed at my home where our friendship grew and we spent a lot of time discussing the communities problems.

On behalf of all his colleagues from UKIP Torridge District and beyond, we send our condolences to his wife and family. He will be very much missed by everyone."

**Councillor Peter Le-Maistre said:**

"Alan was a delightful and caring colleague and I am really sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts are with his family at this sad time"

**Jenny Wallace - Head of Paid Service at Torridge said:**

"Alan was a pleasure to work with. He tackled his role with great enthusiasm and his position was always fully supported by comprehensive research. I'm sad that we have lost such a dedicated and effective Councillor."

**Janet Williams - Environmental Health & Community Safety Manager:** "Councillor Whittle was passionate about the environment and about the district and it was a pleasure to work with such a gentleman. He'll be greatly missed."

**Jane Vanstone - from the Friends of Kenwith group said:**

"We are very sad to hear of Alan's passing. We owe a great deal of thanks to Alan for his belief in the group and for all his hard work and support that he gave. A great man without whom the Kenwith project may never have got off the ground, he was a great believer in helping whoever he could."

**Andy Bell - UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve Co-ordinator said:**

"Councillor Whittle was a great believer in working with the community and getting all the information he could to help make a good decision. This was particularly true on environmental issues and Alan often liaised with us on catchment and water management, and local nature reserve management such as at Kenwith. At the same he would often bring useful information to us and we will always remember Alan for his diligence, enthusiasm and support for the Biosphere."

**Steve Picher - Chair, ND Coast AONB Partnership said:**

"We are all very sorry to hear of Alan Whittle's passing. He was an enthusiastic member of the AONB Partnership and played a full part in its work on behalf of the Council. We will be acknowledging his contribution on the AONB website. We would like to pass on our condolences to his colleagues and family."

Flags will be flown at half mast at Council buildings out of respect to Councillor Whittle.

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