

Ladies and gentlemen, I am writing to you as Chairman-elect of Selby District Council and would be grateful if you could put this communication before your parish or town councils for your next meeting.

I will become Chairman of Selby District Council on Tuesday, May 13th, and like my predecessors, will be raising monies for my chosen charities.

They will be St Leonard's Hospice, where my mother spent 4 weeks just before her death; York against Cancer, as my sister died from cancer last June and was my consort in my role as Vice-Chairman. Lastly, Selby District Vision, partly, as a former manager of Sherburn Library, we provided special books or a home book service which aided the partially sighted.

I hope that you will agree with me that these are worthy, local charities to support.

However, I am **not** asking any council for a financial contribution but would ask if you could act as a conduit to your parishioners to inform them of what I am trying to do. This could be done by putting my information on your website, if you have one, or by putting in your village newsletters or even your social media groups. We have one in Cawood, where I live, called Cawood Folk and it is very successful.

I am looking for sponsors for the year, donations at any time, prizes for raffles, tombolas and especially people willing to organise events for my charities. In return I am more than happy to be present at events (if available) and during my year of office I am more than happy to promote any good cause or charity within the District, again if I am available. I want to do this in memory of my sister, Melanie, my consort, but who we lost last June.

If, for example, just one coffee morning could be organised in each Parish or Town Council, I believe I could raise over £5,000. That would be superb.

I am attaching a poster for my first event, organised by my Vice Chairman (to be) Richard Sweeting, to be held at the Riley Smith Hall on Saturday, May 17th.

I would like to be able to contact you all on a regular basis with news on what I'm doing and events that will be occurring.

Thank you.

John Cattanach