

Good afternoon everyone my name is David Clacy. Thank you all so much for coming here today to help bring Holly's Foundation day to life. Before I say anything else I must thank the members of the Foundation. Shelley Harding, Alli Banham, Tina Williams, Councillor Bob Massey and the daring and brave lady that started it all Sue Colvill. I need to thank other people too such as those who have attended the meetings; Louise Cornwell, Ione Saunders, Tracey Bond and also those who have collected tickets and stood outside Asda selling tickets for today.

You have, along with this town, shown such compassion and emotion as well as an unbelievable generosity of spirit. I have met new people and had strangers crying in my arms as Holly's passing has touched them.

I have also spoken to so many parents and grandparents in this town over the last few weeks, and many of them have shared with me their concerns for the young ones in their families. It is my hope that after we have set up a restful area under Holly's tree at Radar hill I will be attempting to help address the stress in our children.

It is my belief that the more anxiety we can remove from the narrow shoulders of those we love, the more they can turn their attention to becoming happier young people. I believe that their emotional wellbeing is linked directly to some areas of mobile phone usage, targets set by government at schools and a growing inability to communicate effectively with us, their parents; and their teachers and colleagues. It is my contention that they need instruction to cope with things that we find difficult enough to deal with as adults. Maybe they need to understand stress, how it manifests itself and how to recognise and deal with it. With help I will be setting up workshops, which will use demonstrations, activities and a little fun along the way to help our children learn to open up and communicate far more effectively with us. It will be a trial and with your co-operation and attendance, we as a town can see if we can set in place a new way to help youngsters growing up in an ever more technical and baffling world.

I have said so many times that my daughter was lively and bubbly and full of a generosity of spirit, and as far from the events of the 20<sup>th</sup> November last year as I'm sure you feel your children are right now.

This foundation will first set up an area around Holly's tree for you all to enjoy. I would like to set up two oak benches, made in a style to reflect the natural beauty on the hill. I hope that we will plant some bulbs, and there is talk of a

donation of some small trees to give the area colour throughout the year ahead. If you have never been up the Hill, then I advise you to do so, the view is stunning. To the west you can watch the sunset and see as far as the cranes that lie on the south bank of the Thames in Kent. There is a hawk that flies around and yesterday I saw a beautiful white owl arguing with a couple of magpies. In contrast to the natural country area the modern buildings that make up our town have a beauty of their own. It's fun to try and find your own house camouflaged in the red bricks and glass when you're up there. Soon you will be able to sit and relax up there on a nice bench or two.

Please feel free to come and talk to me today, and any of the members of the foundation and discuss what-ever you feel is on your mind. We can work together on the things I've mentioned in the same spirit, that you have helped this town, to come this far.

Your money that you have donated, will be returned to you in a peaceful reflective area on Radar Hill and I hope some less stressed children. All of this work that has been done and that will be done would count for nothing if it was not for you all attending today, and your contributions to this cause. Thank you all for coming and everything you have done so far whether you have given time or money, whether you are an individual or a business. My daughter Holly would be amazed at your help, love and compassion. To me she was worth every penny spent multiplied by every tear that's been shed. Thank you and let's start the day happy and as we mean to go on.