

Philip Lawrence

Philip Lawrence, a well respected character in the village, died on Thursday 12 October aged 66, following emergency heart surgery. From his early youth in Slough until his death he was actively involved in the Scout Movement. He was an engineer with Caterpillar engines and did important work for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. He leaves his two children, June and Andrew, and a grandson, Alexi.

Alan Routledge writes on behalf of the Scouts

Phil could often be seen walking round or on his bike. He took a very keen and supportive interest in anything and everything to do with village life, whether to do with youth, traffic, village events or planning. His first thoughts were always to give people a chance and to maintain a way of life he had been able to enjoy.

Phil had been involved in Scouting in Flackwell Heath for over 20 years - being Group Scout Leader from 1984 to 2000, then Group Secretary following his 'retirement'. In that time a large number of Scouts have benefited from his skills, his compassion, his understanding and his knowledge

Thankfully, last year we are able to go some way towards recognizing Phil's contribution to Scouting when he was presented with a long-service award by The Lord Lieutenant of Bucks at the St. George's Day Parade. It was of course typical of Phil that he was as happy with a silly gift we made up for him as with a formal recognition of his contribution, but I know he was pleased to receive the acknowledgement.

David Onslow, Chairman, of the FH Residents Association writes:

It was with much sadness that we heard that Phil Lawrence had passed away. Phil was such a decent and respected member of the community. He had been an active member of our Police and Traffic Group for several years and latterly became our Police Issues spokesman. Phil will be sadly missed by all