

# News Release

## **Council Leader pays tribute to Ken and Freda Walker**

Bolsover District Council Leader, Steve Fritchley has said the entire community in Langwith Junction is shocked about the incidents over the weekend.

Former councillor and Honorary Alderman, Ken Walker and his wife Freda Walker were attacked whilst they were at their home. The Police were called to the property on Saturday (15 January) morning and Freda was pronounced dead at the scene. Ken is currently in a critical condition in hospital.

Steve said, "This is shocking news. It is terrible when something like this happens, but it really hits home when it happens on your doorstep and to someone you know.

"It's very upsetting and I was quite angry over the weekend. Ken and Freda were in their own home, a place where everyone deserves to be and feel safe, only to be attacked and ultimately bringing Freda's life to a premature end.

"We have heard many people say '*oh Ken and Freda, what a lovely couple*' and they really were. This has sent shockwaves through the local community.

"I worked alongside Ken for many years on both the District and Town Council. Ken's dedication and service to the public was an example to all. He always wanted to help people, do his best for the local community and he admirably represented the authority as chair for ten years, promoting the Council and district to whoever he could.

"Freda was lovely. Always wanting to help people, always had the time of day to say '*hello*' and speak to them as they walked past. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and the local community.

“Ken retired from being a District Councillor in 2019 and just when they should both be enjoying their twilight years together, this terrible incident has happened and our thoughts are with Ken and his family.”

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