

# Cllr Diane Williamson – Crompton Ward 2019-20

## My Ward priorities

Demanding better for Crompton  
New Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton  
Protecting Greenbelt and OPOL  
Engaging with residents  
Environmental Issues  
Championing highway and footpath issues  
Tackling Dog Fouling



## Work in the community

- As District Lead, I work closely with the Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Team, delivering services to the wards of Shaw and Crompton. I Chair the Community Forum meetings where members of the public are able to ask for items to be on the agenda, question Councillors and the police. I have made the meetings informal rather than rigid to allow the meeting to flow in a freer way – residents enjoy our meetings and I was recently praised by a resident for chairing a tense meeting where residents were raising concerns about burglary and crime
- A number of campaigns, which have rolled into one, is the “Love Where You Live” campaign in Crompton ward, has seen over the last 3 years 15,000 dog fouling leaflets hand delivered to every house in the ward (every year). We have banners installed at various locations around the ward, which identifies the different areas of our lovely ward. High Crompton, Crompton and Shaw. Myself and my colleagues have been praised by residents for doing this and want more banners in the inner parts of the ward. We are hoping to extend the campaign to the bins in the ward, which would remind residents to pick up after their dogs with the slogan” Bag It and Bin It”
- Together with my five colleagues in Shaw and Crompton we hold ward surgeries, where members residents can come along and speak me, confidentially, and without interruption about sometimes their very personal issues which they cannot put into an email
- I continue, along with my colleagues are campaigning for a new Health Centre in Shaw for the people of Shaw and Crompton. As the District Lead, I have written to both GP Practices in Crompton Health Centre, requesting a meeting to discuss what they envisage for a new Health Centre and whether they want to be part of this fantastic journey when it comes to fruition. I have still not heard from them, despite three letters
- I have had meetings with partners:
  - First Choice Homes Oldham – about housing issues
  - Greater Manchester Police – crime issues
  - Transport for Greater Manchester – trying to save 403 bus service; Travelsafe and issues relating to conductors on trams
  - Highways Officers – to explain what roads are the ones that need doing for example the ones the residents keep telling us about
- As Shadow Cabinet Member for Policing and Social Justice I have the opportunity to ask questions to senior offices in the Council, and hold the Administration to account
- Member of Hopwood Trust appointed by the Council – continue to support them with their fundraising events and attend their meetings, plus general support for Crompton Cricket, Crompton Bowling Clubs, and Crompton Football Club – where we have used our ward budget to purchased football kits with the message ‘Love Crompton’ to inspire the next generation of young people to ‘Love Where They Live’.

- There are a number of events and groups which happen in Shaw and Crompton and I am pleased to support these through funding or time:
  - Shaw and Crompton Events Group who host the Christmas Lights Event in Shaw town centre
  - Two Homewatch Schemes
  - St George's Day event
  - Tour of Britain
  - High Crompton Park Friends Group
  - Holocaust Memorial Day Service at Crompton War Memorial
- After many years of trying to get the right lights installed on the four big trees on the Big Lamp Roundabout, we have managed to get some Event lighting on it so that we can celebrate the nation's saints and other events like Holocaust Memorial Day and St David's Day
- A part of an initiative to make sure the ward has access to AEDs (defibrillators) we have funded a number in Crompton Ward – the last one has been put up on Fir Lane Methodist Church Chapel. These AEDs are life-saving pieces of equipment and the locations chosen are for areas where there is a clear need.
- Some of the funding projects that myself and my colleagues support are:
- I am very proud to have supported Crompton FC by funding football shirts for the Rainbows and Butterflies team
- A scheme in place to protect High Crompton Post Office from ram raiders – (location junction of Thornham Road/Rochdale Road)
  - Funded guard rails to ensure highway safety at High Crompton Post Office.
  - Supporting residents close to the new second entrance following planning approval at Crompton Gate.
- Working with faith organisations such as Holy Trinity Church, St Andrew's High Crompton and Fir Lane Methodist Church
- Supporting new School builds at Royton and Crompton and Crompton House Schools
- I have also made sure that Crompton ward puts in bids to the new Local Improvement Fund. This is the fund where wards can bid in for large projects rather than have their own funds. We have already secured funding for a Trim Trail in High Crompton Park and in the second stage of bidding to fix the clock in Holy Trinity Church.

As a Crompton Councillor I am proud to represent this lovely part of Oldham and I continue to work hard, all year round.

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## Surgeries

7:30pm to 8:30pm every Thursday at Shaw Lifelong Centre.

No appointment necessary