

Report to COUNCIL

Members Annual Reports 2020

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Executive Summary

As part of the ongoing work to strengthen accountability to local people and their role as a Councillor in a co-operative borough, Elected Members are asked to produce an annual report presenting factual information of their work in the community over the last 12 months.

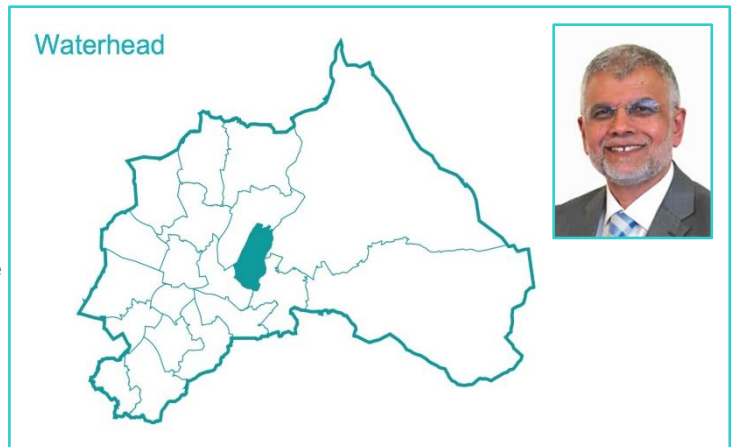
Individual reports include ward priorities, work in the community in particular during Covid-19 pandemic and contact information.

The Reports are also available to view under Councillors' section on Oldham Council's website.

Cllr Riaz Ahmad – Waterhead Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Ward priorities are aligned with the Council priorities which are to make the ward clean, green and safe place for the residents.
- With COVID 19, we have worked hard with the Council to ensure that the residents have access to good health and food provision, children's education is maintained and the Council services respond quickly to the changed circumstances.



Work in the community

I have been busy with the casework and my work is supported by the other councilors and the excellent District team who deal with the cases on almost immediate basis. Dealing with the casework is the most satisfying part of being a Councillor.

I and other ward councilors are continually working on clean ups in the areas where it is required, road safety and future planning.

Our councilor's budget has been spent on supporting the following services

- Citizens Advice bureau
- Environmental schemes
- Grit bins
- Footpaths and bridleways
- Food parcels for the needy
- Local clean ups

COUNCIL

I chair the Overview, Performance and Value for money Scrutiny committee which monitors council's finances, human resources and performances. It plays a huge part in ensuring that any expenditure provides value for money, capital project are fully justified and affordable, staff performance and attendance is of good /high standard and council is achieving its targets and public expectation. It regularly calls Chief Officers and Cabinet Members to answer any areas of poor performance.

I am also a leading member of the Audit Committee which provides a system of control over Council finances, income and expenditure, capital and revenue. It ensures that the finances are fully safeguarded and expended in a justifiable and transparent manner.

I have attended a number of training sessions on Finance, Audit, Safeguarding, Prevent and other similar subjects

MAJOR AIMS FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS

- To support the residents from the COVID 19 impact and help with the recovery process.
- To provide means of health improvement.
- To improve the education offer in the Ward
- To make the Ward a clean, green and safe place
- To ensure that all public services work together for the benefit of the residents i.e. Police, Council, NHS, Housing and voluntary sector

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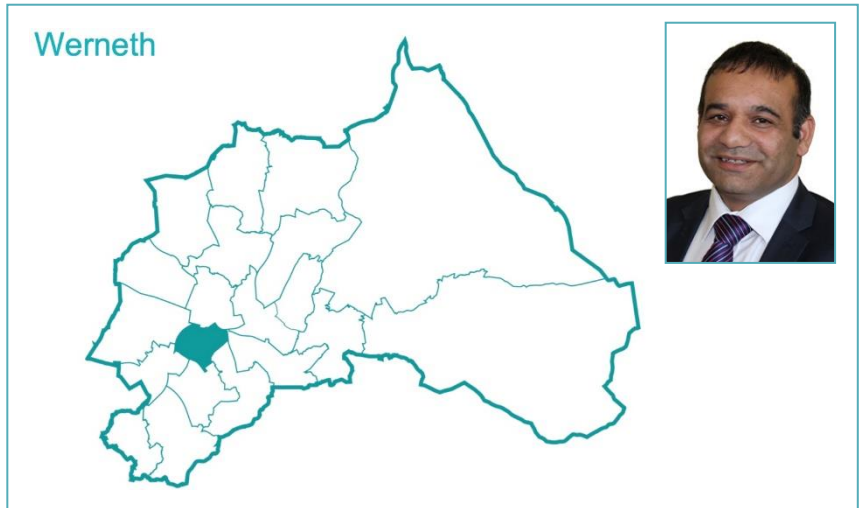
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Cllr Shoab Akhtar – Werneth

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Environment
- Highways
- Education
- Health and Well-being
- Harford Mill Site



Work in the community

- Hartford Mill demolition has been completed
- Various roads across the ward have been resurface such as, Frederick St and Werneth Hall Rd (partially)
- Working with ASRA to address issues around phase 1 & 2 of Suthers St development
- Working with Oak Chase Mill residents to address the issues around the open space and ASB
- Working with residents to address parking issues on Primrose Bank
- Werneth Cricket club – provided supporting letter for a funding bid
- Keepmoat have started the second phase in Primrose Bank and Suthers St
- Arranged for various alleyway clearances
- Covid door knocking
- **Funding the following projects through the cllrs budget;**
 - WFCDP – Toy Library
 - St Thomas School – Forest area
 - Grit Bins - Newport St, St Thomas Circle
 - Kashmir Cricket Club
 - Glodwick Dynamos FC (£3960 requested)
 - Indian Association
 - WFCDP - Electricity charges for pitch lights
 - CAB Neighbourhood advice - over the phone

Participation on outside bodies and partnerships

Details of participation in groups and bodies attended as a representative of the Council;

- Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee
- Board member of Sixth Form College
- Director of Oldham Enterprise Trust
- Planning Committee
- Oldham West District Partnership
- Primrose Community Centre

The Council has been at the frontline in responding to the Covid19 pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now rolling out the vaccinations.

Throughout 2020 it also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time.

In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems they would like my assistance with.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, particularly on social media, and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted.

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Cllr Ginny Alexander – St James Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Pot holes
- Fly tipping
- Anti social behavior
- Isolation
- Parking
- Dog fouling
- Creating new jobs



Work in the community

- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills”
- Raised concerns about speeding on various roads throughout the ward,
- Worked with the local community centre with food packages for vulnerable and elderly during national COVID-19 lockdown
- Dealt with Fly tipping problems looking at ways to change mind set on how to combat this problem
- Visiting sites and locations when safe to do so regarding problems that have arisen

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Cllr Mohon Ali – Chadderton North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Community Cohesion
- Creating new jobs



Work in the community

- Raised concerns about speeding on Burnley Lane, from Elk Mill roundabout to Millbrow leading to the installation of traffic splitter islands, helping to promote lower traffic speeds and encourage better driver behaviors.
- Worked with the local community and supplied huge donations to the foodbank, that is supporting the vulnerable.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems

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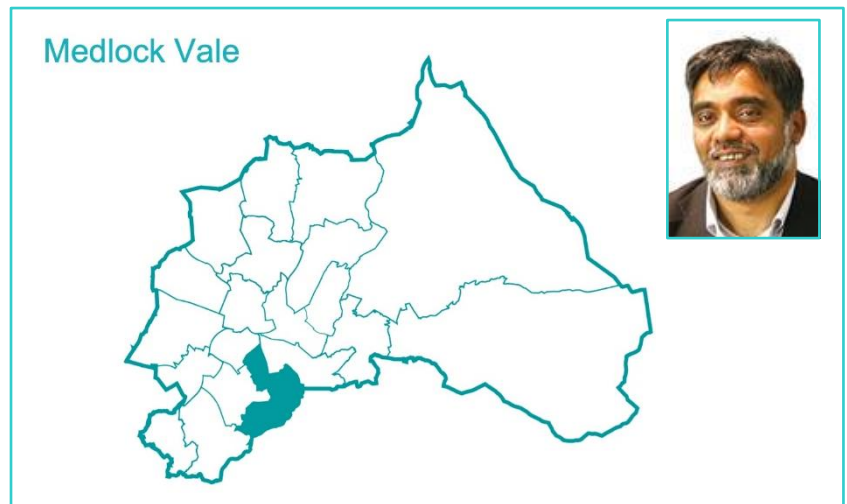
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Cllr Mohammad Alyas – Medlock Vale Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Housing and Tackling Health inequalities
- Environmental improvements
- Tackling Antisocial Behaviour



Work in the community

I have supported the following organisations/groups/Services

- REEL Fitton Hill Food Club
- CAB Advice Surgeries
- Glodwick Dynamos (Werneth)
- Saheli Women's Group-Building Relationships
- Grit Bins (Gainsborough Ave, Keb Lane)
- Indian Associations
- Kashmir Cricket Club

I Was Elected as Medlock Vale Councilor in 2019 and represent on the following:

- Member of Health Scrutiny Committee
- Member CGN (Community Groups Network)
- Board Member: For Housing Association

Meetings attended

- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- 100% attendance at ward meetings and District partnership meetings
- Attended "safeguarding" training.
- Worked with the police to tackle Anti-social behaviour
- Raised concerns about speeding on Fredrick Street
- Worked with individuals and families (through case work) to help raise and in most cases resolve their issues

With Covid – 19, national restrictions & lockdowns, it has been a difficult year. We prioritized emergency help and support for our residents in collaboration with other organisations and agencies. This meant that some of the 'normal' casework took longer than expected.

Ward surgeries haven't been allowed throughout the year and we are looking forward to regular ward surgeries as soon as it is safe and we are allowed to.

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Cllr Sam Al-hamdani – Saddleworth West & Lees Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Coronavirus response
- Speeding and traffic issues
- Environmental health and waste



Work in the community

- Shadow cabinet member for Housing and Homelessness. Member of the cross-party environmental group, Oldham Music Service (Music Awards) and Oldham Economic Development Board at Oldham Council. Substitute member of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Substitute member of planning committee, performance and value for money committee, and traffic regulation order panel at Oldham Council.
- Board member of Oldham Coliseum and Oldham Credit Union.
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Participated in the cross-party boundary review group, and on the response to Planning for the Future
- Moved successful Council Motions on Ancient Woodlands, making street harassment a crime, tackling litter, preventing modern slums in Oldham, and urban meadows and bee corridors. Successfully revised the Council Motion on Planning for the Future.
- Questions asked to Full Council on the national Home Office-sponsored Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), business support ahead of the customs changes after departure from the EU, emergency funding for walking and cycling support under coronavirus, antibody testing, equality objectives, reporting from the independent investigation into CSE, the impact of Covid on social housing, and the environmental impact of the development of Saddeworth School, among others.
- Other work directly addressed to the council has covered Equalities Objectives (currently 15 months overdue), revisions of the Council's employment practice and communications strategy in response to the independent investigation into CSE, identifying sites with potential environmental contamination for review, review of the PFI contract with EOn for street lighting, review of the Council's approach to alley gating and environmental health, Assets of Community Value, tree planting programmes among others.

Highways/works

- Pothole repairs across the ward, including identifying extensive road issues in need of greater repair ahead of next year's creation of the 2022–25 plan for resurfacing.
- Agreement of the introduction of a new 20mph limit on Den Lane in Springhead, as part of the introduction of more 20mph speed limits across the district where appropriate.
- Part of the team discussions to address the traffic issues around the schools in Medlock Way, including getting a clear analysis of traffic levels inside and outside school times, introducing additional signage for the schools, and bidding in for funding to introduce traffic reduction schemes across the area.
- Reserved funding from 2019–20 and 2020–21 councillor budgets to reintroduce a VAS on Rhodes Hill.
- Pursuing appropriate weight restrictions for specific streets in the neighbourhood.
- Work underway to introduce double yellow lines in limited locations to address road safety issues.
- Addressing incomplete repairs and works in response to residents' issues
- Roads surveys undertaken in multiple locations across the ward (Under Lane, Cooper Street and Medlock Way) to identify specific traffic patterns and issues

Parks and public environment

- Organised clearance of fallen trees on Medlock Way and Old Street
- Advice and support for residents on overhanging trees, including working with neighbours where trees are on private residences
- Delivered overdue work on Philimore Street in Lees, to repair and reinstate the wall adjacent to the graveyard
- Identifying Japanese Knotweed for treatment on private and public locations
- Tracking works done by infrastructure contractors and ensuring reinstatement of public space to original levels
- Ensured graffiti is cleared from various public domain sites, including substations, fences, and public buildings
- Organised repairs to bridges on Thornley Brook, Medlock Way, and on steps from new Academy to Old Street.
- Replacement of unsafe fencing between Oldham Road and linear path

- Organised reinforcement work to retaining wall on Cooper Street (outstanding since 1990s)
- New handrail and cleared path for residents in supported housing and Old Mill House and Hood Square
- Installation of new warning signs on dog fouling in multiple locations across the ward.
- Reporting and follow-up on fly-tipping at sites across the ward

Housing, planning and enforcement

- Supporting residents with applications to social housing (including organising specific support for residents without internet access during lockdown).
- Support for residents with issues around homelessness, and those in long term temporary accommodation.
- Supporting residents to ensure their views are heard as part of the planning process. Particularly during the first lockdown, resolving a number of issues when public notifications on applications were not providing residents with sufficient time to respond. Similar problems have also been identified during the introduction of the new IT systems in the planning department. Have ensured that the planning department have extended deadlines to ensure residents have had sufficient time to respond.
- Specific support for the campaigns on Knowls Lane and Stonebreaks, where there are significant implications for local infrastructure, including transport, healthcare and education.
- Multiple support for residents on enforcement issues, including around conservations areas, health and safety during construction, breaches of planning conditions or restrictions.
- Support for residents with complex applications, including listed buildings, work in conservation areas, and with solar power installation.

Business grants and coronavirus support

- Support for businesses including: resolving issues around business rates that were preventing grants being issued, following up to ensure payments come on time, resolving issues around eligibility and payment.
- Providing information on grants and support for community groups, including specific funding for making Springhead Community Centre coronavirus safe.
- Working with GMCA to get guidance issued around care homes visits, and support for residents to enable them to meet with relatives under lockdown.
- Providing support and information around use of sporting facilities and parks.
- Ensuring supported collections for waste in place for residents where needed

Drainage and flooding issues

- Specific support for residents with issues around drainage, particularly where there has been water ingress into individual houses
- Identification of responsibility for flooding issues between owners, United Utilities, the Council, and the Environmental Agency to ensure the appropriate response can be taken

Crime and antisocial behaviour

- Liaison with the community safety officer and local police to identify specific locations for anti-social behaviour and get appropriate police involvement
- Promoting Neighbourhood Watch activities, including identifying any crime hotspots and distributing targeted information on safety and recommendations from Neighbourhood Watch.

Funded work

- Grit bins (fill on request)
- Support for Christmas Lights
- Support the provision of district trees
- Summer/winter planting
- Lees Park Growing Hub
- Springhead Community Centre
- Bench and junction of Under Lane and Thornley Lane

It is not possible to record all casework here, in particular where there are issues around confidentiality. Some casework has been specifically excluded, and others included deliberately in summary to ensure privacy confidentiality is respected. Others have been included in summary to minimise the length of the report.

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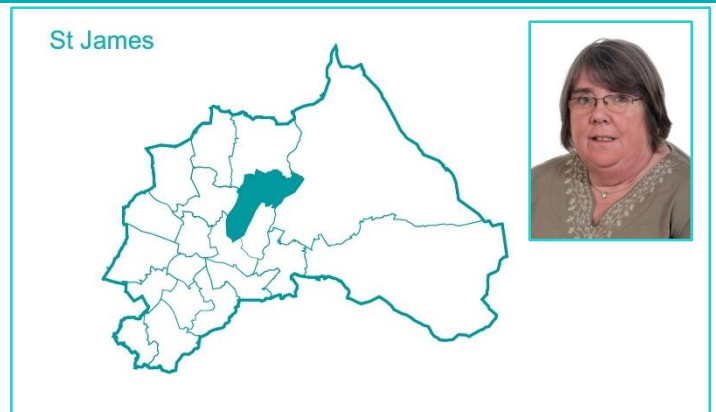
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Cllr Cath Ball – St James Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Dog fouling and litter
- Supporting and working alongside residents
- Try and reduce Anti-Social behavior.



Work in the Council and Community

- Member of LGA Councillors Forum, Health & Wellbeing Board
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” amongst other things
- Trustee of the Sholver and Moorside Community Team.
- Member of Friends of Stoneleigh Park.
- Vice chair of Governors of St Therasas Primary School Derker.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems (not very good at setting up a Teams meeting)
- Deputy Cabinet member covering Covid recovery and Poverty.
- Member of the Poverty Steering Group, and the Oldham Advisory and Equality Group
- Lead on the Armed Forces.
- Working with residents on the Oldham Remembers group. Here I have put together a list of soldiers’ names from World War One who are missing from our municipal war memorials, (2,500). I am now working on a similar list for those of the second world war. The WW1 names are now found in the Garden of the Forgotten in the Parish Church grounds.
- Council representative on ACE Charity. This is a charity specializing in AAC and Assisive Technology acecentre.org.uk
- With my poverty work I have had frequent contact with many Oldham groups who have been busy supporting our residents over the last 12 months, other regional and national groups.
- Member of Oldham Poverty Agenda group
- Oldham Foodbank – I do one half day session a week as a driver.
- Working alongside the Children’s society on our Crisis support work, liaising with colleagues in Tower Hamlets, Swansea and Norfolk.
- Working alongside PAG regarding the Poverty Truth Commission. Attending PTC conferences.
- Setting up an access to advice group, which is now a subgroup of the Poverty Agenda group
- Working alongside the Greater Manchester Poverty Group, attending their conferences and training sessions.
- Working on an Action Plan to help support and improve residents in Poverty.
- Supporting other groups like Reel, the Ancora Project, boxes of Hope, Family Action, some

churches and Mosques, First Choice homes and their Bread and Butter Project.

- Working with the Food Solutions Group, the Food Partnership Group and the Food Security Group

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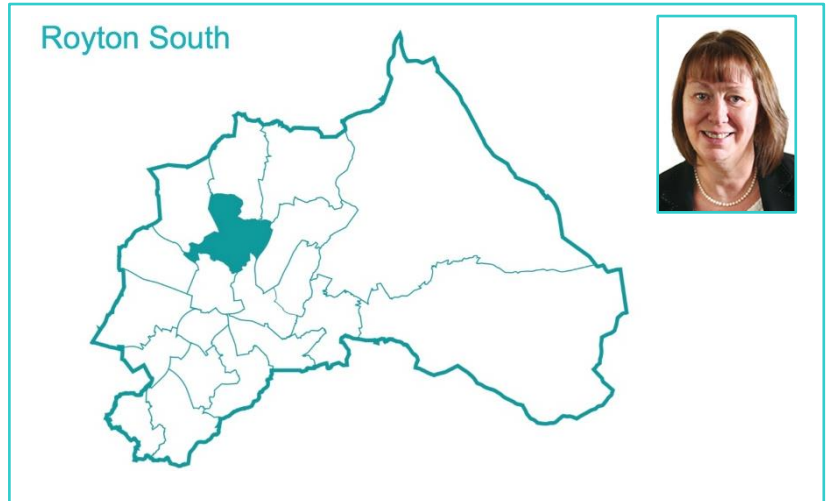
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Cllr Marie Bashforth – Royton South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- We continue to work towards the renovation of Royton Town Hall and the Library. The project is ongoing, and is progressing, to inspire the next phase of the regeneration of Royton Town Centre through the renovation of the Town Hall and creating a brand-new fit for purpose library.
- Work with private and public sector partners to support the growth and development of District Centre and be part of the Mayor's Town Centre Challenge. Growth and development of Royton centre is as always, a priority.
- Building on our unique heritage and working with partners to make Royton a thriving place to live, work and socialise and promoting volunteering opportunities and community organisations so residents can get involved in the community and do their bit.
- Provide opportunities in Royton for residents to take control and improve their own health for example through support to local sports and park clubs. Also, to increase the use of our outdoor spaces.



Work in the community

- Personal Casework directed to me from residents
- Meeting with residents one to one or in larger groups and meetings has not been possible over the past year. So, communication has been mainly by telephone and email.

Along with this work I am also involved in;

- Attending 'Teams' meetings between the staff and owners of a local children's care home and the residents who live close to the home. We arranged these meeting because at one time neighbours of the children's home did have some major issues around anti-social behavior. However, through sustained conversation and listening during these regular meetings and also an understanding with the company involved, and how they intend to use the home going forward, we are now experiencing a much calmer time. Anti-social behavior has lessened greatly and the company are communicating on a weekly basis directly with their close neighbours and local councilors. Some further anti-social behaviour issues occurred during the past year and so a number of 'Teams' meetings were held, to support the residents. The owners of the home are now considering the use of the property going forward.
- Support residents whilst work is taking place in their immediate area due to private land development to ensure all planning criteria is being followed and when this is not happening to ensure we act on their behalf to correct any breaches of the planning conditions put in place.

Work Undertaken in my role of Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

The Health and Wellbeing Board

This board comprises of health and social care commissioners and other local leaders such as care providers, housing providers, the police and the community and voluntary sectors who all have a vital role in tackling health inequalities in the borough.

Chairing the Learning Disability Partnership Board – my work as Chair of this Board continues on the and the meetings have been held regularly via 'Teams' meetings. A lot of positive and valuable work has taken place by council members, council officers, members of the public who use this service and all related partners. This board brings together a valuable group of people, working to make Oldham a better place to live for people with learning disabilities. Holding to account professional bodies, to account for improving the design and delivery of services for people with learning disabilities. To ensure money is spent on good quality services and to be consulted and involved with regard to plans or changes that will affect everyone with a learning disability or their carers.

Some of the projects and work pathways I have been involved in include;

- **Implementation of The Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy** - To progress implementation of the key commitments of this strategy and to ensure it starts to make a difference to people's lives, all GM localities were asked to work with their local Learning Disability Partnerships Boards to seek active participation and a commitment to action. In addition, a 100-day Challenge was launched to encourage local and GM level organisations to make positive changes to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities, particularly around the area of employment and health.

I have been leading on 'Early Support for Children and Young People' as part of this Strategy – our Actions have been;

- Action 1: Engaging with the published written statement of action in relation to SEND for children and young people following the recent Ofsted/CQC inspection, and subsequent action and implementation plans.
 - Action 2: Support the implementation of the Oldham Joint Autism Strategy 2016 - 2019.
 - Action 3: Development of a Joint Commissioning Strategy children and adults through CAMHS
 - Action 4: Increase take up of health checks - now offered age 14+ joint approach with adults
- **Transforming Care Agenda - Transforming Care Approach**
 - Transforming care is all about improving health and care services so that more people with learning disabilities and/or autism can live in the community, with the right support, close to home and have the same opportunities as anyone else.
 - **The programme of work will ensure that families are:**
 - Getting the support they need to live long and healthy lives
 - Being treated with the same dignity and respect
 - Having a home within their community
 - Being able to develop and maintain relationships and getting the support they need to have a healthy, safe and fulfilling life

The Domestic Violence Partnership – These meetings have continued and are carried out via 'Teams' meetings.

Tackling domestic violence and abuse is a priority and the purpose of this partnership is to ensure and work towards a coordinated response from all partners including the Police, the MASH Team, Social Services and all voluntary organisations.

These are a selection of the projects I have been involved in over the last two years through meetings and discussions.

- **Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Partnership** – Discuss and action any outcomes or feedback from this Partnership.
 - **Discuss up to date Data and Feedback from MARAC** - This a (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) Safeguarding Victims of Domestic Abuse.
 - **Project Choice** This is a project to work with referral of honour-based violence (HBV) victims and to offer support.
 - **Strive Project** -The STRIVE initiative is a partnership with Greater Manchester Police. STRIVE is an intensive project which recruits local volunteers to attend homes where the police have attended but no crime has been logged. The volunteers then support individuals, couples and families, signposting them to further support. This intervention supports local community relationships and ensures people who would potentially not receive any support, have access to the help they need.
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MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Protecting our green spaces
- A safe and clean community
- Excellent and accessible leisure services
- Thriving businesses



Work in the community

I have pledged my full and active opposition to any detrimental development in Royton and will continue to use my experience to oppose anything which is against the interests of Royton's people. At the same time, I will never hesitate to use my considerable experience to the benefit of Royton and its people.

I am a grass roots councillor who has a long record of helping many individual Royton people; and have always been involved Royton's excellent community groups. I am very proud to be a founder member and the first Chair of the Royton Royal British Legion branch and to be the President of the Royton Veterans Bowling Club. I have been involved with bringing a number of interesting and well attended car shows to Heyside and with the help of a local Roytoner, instigated the former Royton Real Food Market.

Amongst the many groups I have supported are local sporting clubs, Scouts, Brownies, Royton Local History Society the Heyside Neighbourhood Council and I am fully involved in the Royton Christmas and summer events.

Amongst the many ward issues dealt with on a regular basis are: -

- Anti-social behaviour.
- Dog fouling.
- Alleyway clean ups.
- Dealing with utility Companies.
- Council tax problems and queries.
- Issues relating to ground rent.
- Allotments.
- Noise from clubs and pubs.
- Abandoned vehicles.
- Speeding problems.
- Homelessness.
- Fly tipping.
- Vandalism in our parks.
- Underage drinking.
- Planning and licensing issues.
- Parking problems.
- Street lighting.
- Home adaptations for disabilities.
- School placements.
- Bus routes and fares.

I am a member of Royton Executive Committee and Community Forum, and currently serve as Chair of the MioCare Group.

Over the years I have served Royton and the Council on:-

- Oldham Planning Committee, both as a member and many years as Chair.
- Traffic Regulations Order Panel, again both as a member and as Chair.
- Oldham Licencing Committee.
- Commons Registration Committee.
- Oldham Distress Fund Trustee.
- Royton Sick and Needy Trustee.
- Appeals Committee.
- Greater Manchester Geological Unit.
- Oldham Children’s Holiday Home Management Committee.
- Parking Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Adjudication Joint Committee.
- Oldham Credit Union.
- Greater Manchester Geological Unit.
- Greater Manchester Police Authority
- Deputy Cabinet Member with responsibility for Oldham’s link to the Crime and Police Commissioner.

I have always had an excellent attendance record at official council meetings, ward surgeries and meeting with local people.

The emergence of the Covid 19 pandemic was like nothing we have had to deal with before which has and still is dominating everything we do. Oldham Council and all councillors including myself have been at the frontline in responding to the pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centers and now rolling out the virus.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time.

In Royton I have had to scale back and completely stop face to face interaction, but the amount of casework has remained constant and I, like everyone else, have had to adapt and make sure I am available more than ever by e-mail or telephone.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible and am looking forward to being able to personally meet with the people of Royton again soon.

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Cllr Norman Briggs – Failsworth East Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- I am the Chair of Trustees and a keen supporter of Oldham Cancer Support Centre which is based in Failsworth.
- As I have always said that “As long as I am a Councillor, my number one and overriding priority is - and always will be – representing the people of Failsworth, through my ward work, I will always work hard and to the best of my endeavors for them.
- I am very concerned about our environment, especially our Air Quality and the effects of Pollution on our residents, and I am currently a member of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Project.



Work in the community

I believe my priority is to the people of Failsworth who have a problem that I can help them with. I have dealt with many and varying issues including housing repairs & allocations, housing development, education & school placement, highway & pavement problems, care & health issues and Policing issues.

- I have provided funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau, for Failsworth.
- I have met with Failsworth Group Practice Doctors with regards to residents' concerns over appointments.
- As Chair of the Licensing Committee, I have introduced a pioneering ongoing NVQ Qualification for all taxi drivers, to raise quality and standards for taxi users. We are also currently working on the introduction of CCTV in taxis and restricting taxis from other authorities operating within Oldham.
- I am a member of the Labour Party, Labour Animal Welfare Society, The Co-op Party, Unite the Union, Oldham Cancer Support (Chair of Trustees), The Humane Society, The League Against Cruel Sports, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), International Federation for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and Millstream Animal Shelter.
- I am the Chair of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Panel; I also sit on the Standards Committee and Clayton Playing Fields Committee. I am also a substitute on the Petitioners Panel, and Traffic Regulation Order Panel.
- The outside bodies that I sit on are Pennine Acute NHS Trust Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Pennine NHS Trust (Mental Health), Pennine Acute Trust Governor, Greater Manchester Combined Authorities, Statutory Functions Committee and GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee. I also attend Failsworth Pub Watch meetings.
- I have received Training on Child & Adult Safeguarding, Corporate Parenting, Licensing & Enforcement, & Codes of Conduct.

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Cllr Barbara Brownridge – Chadderton North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Community safety
- Post Covid-19 recovery
- Highway safety



Work in the community

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Throughout 2020 it also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time.

In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have been able to deal with case work via email and phone calls.

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Cllr Pam Byrne – Saddleworth North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Securing Road Safety Schemes
- Helping Business in COVID19
- Protecting the Green Belt

Saddleworth North



Work in the community

- Liaising with residents about the New Saddleworth School
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” amongst other things
- Supporting Local Businesses with COVID 19 Grant Applications
- Supporting residents with Planning Application Concerns
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems
- Attending all COVID 19 Briefing to keep abreast with information
- Attended Governors meetings and Supporting Saddleworth School Staff. Especially with cakes.

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Cllr Amanda Chadderton – Royton South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Highways improvements
- Investing in green spaces
- Supporting local businesses



Work in the community

The past year has been a year like nothing we have ever experienced before. My Councillor role and the work that entails has radically altered from how I have worked in previous years. I also took two months off at the end of 2020 for maternity leave.

The Council has been at the frontline in responding to the Covid19 pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now rolling out the vaccine.

Throughout 2020 it also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have continued to attend, albeit virtually, a range of meetings such as Full Council, Cabinet, Domestic Abuse Partnership Board and Oldham Advisory Group on Covid 19.

In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems they would like my assistance with. Whilst ward work has been scaled back, some of the things I have prioritised have been:

- Supported local residents in dealing with ongoing anti-social behaviour issues
- Campaigned to replace the zebra crossing in the centre of Royton with a pelican crossing
- Bid for Greater Manchester funding to transform the centre of Royton
- Supported and invested in the proposed Royton Growing Hub in Royton Park
- Launched Royton Connect campaign to improve links to and from Royton and make Royton centre more accessible for walking and cycling

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, via telephone, email and social media, and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted.

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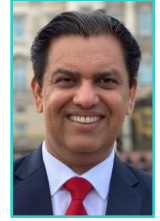
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Cllr Zahid Chauhan – Alexandra Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Tackling health inequalities
- Campaigning for vulnerable groups
- Rogue landlords
- Anti-social behavior

Alexandra



Work in the community

I have worked hard to represent the residents of Alexandra Ward since election in 2013. I regularly speak and campaign on local and national media on behalf of the residents of Alexandra Ward.

My ward colleagues and I are working towards a cooperative borough, implementing the key labour administration visions in Oldham and our ward.

Working cooperatively with residents I have helped with a variety of issues – fly tipping, anti-social behavior, alley gating, bad landlords, traffic measures on high risk roads and missed bin collections.

I have communicated with residents by telephone, twitter and email during the COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems. I have kept in touch with the local community as much as possible and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted. Please do contact me with any problems or council related issues. You can also read more about my work and campaigning on my website.

Some of the recent projects which my ward colleagues and I approved for our ward are Greenhill – Christmas Activities, Glodwick Cricket Club – work with young people, Grace Fitness Activities and Xanadu Dance Troup – Support of Activities.

I regularly campaign for vulnerable groups in our society and we were able to hold the first COVID vaccination clinic for people who are homeless here in Oldham. Something which I am incredibly proud of our borough for.

The Council has been at the frontline in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now rolling out the vaccination.

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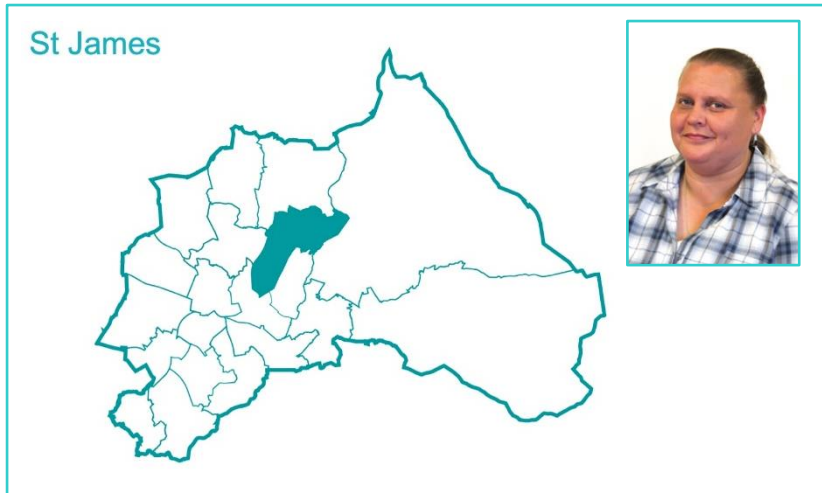
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Cllr Angela Cosgrove – St James Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Community engagement
- Parks and open spaces
- ASB & Crime reduction
- Youth and family services
- Highways and Traffic concerns



Work in the community

- Member of Licensing, substitute for Planning, member of the Health Scrutiny
- Secretary of The Friends of Stoneleigh Park, Member of Oldhams Poverty Action Group and Stoneleigh Park bowling teams
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills”, Licensing safeguarding, Planning training
- Campaigned and supported residents with planning concerns throughout the ward.
- Working with the Police, FCHO and community Safety on residents’ concerns around ASB and crime
- During Lockdown and Covid restrictions I have volunteered at Stoneleigh Park community growing hub providing food and support to residents, helped isolated families and older member of the community access shopping, at Christmas we supported families with presents and hampers for older members of the community.
- My daily exercise has been casework walkabouts around where I live, so that issues could be still raised to the council. I have also worked with the door to door Covid engagement teams out in the communities of my ward, supporting residents on the doorstep in these difficult months, but also giving some hope that residents were not alone.
- My mobile phone has been busy with residents calling for support/help and I have tried to get any and all information around Covid out into the community on social media, as I manage several community FB pages.
- This next few month I will be supporting a funded digital project with Ambition for Age for the older members of the community, so that they can keep in touch with family and friends until it is safe to meet together again.

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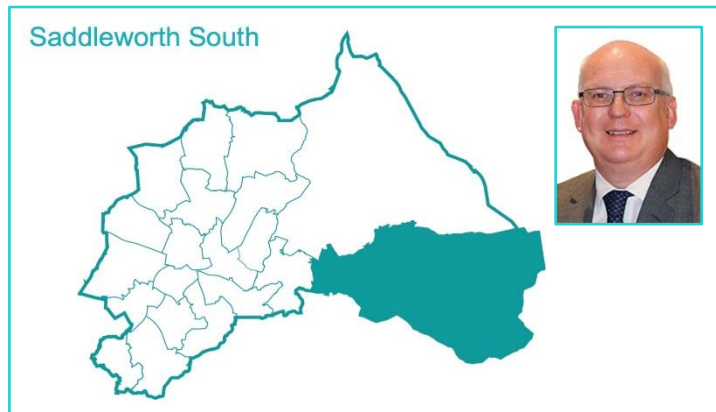
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Cllr Jamie Curley – Saddleworth South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road Safety
- Protecting Greenspaces
- Creating new jobs
- Protecting the environment



Work in the community

- Member of Overview and Scrutiny Board
- Member of Saddleworth Traffic and Transport Committee and Environment Committee
- Member of Saddleworth District Partnership and Saddleworth Parish Council
- Co-ordinated and co-wrote Saddleworth response to TfGM consultation on Bus provision
- Worked with residents and Green Belt groups on responses to GMSF proposals
- Wrote response to Boundary Commission ward restructuring proposals
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Worked with range of agencies and stakeholders to manage problems arising from visitor numbers at Dovestone Reservoir. This resulted in providing funding for Marshalls, redesigning parking restrictions with Highways team to manage excessive parking issues around Greenfield and ensuring enforcement of restrictions.
- Coordinating youth element of Wellifest for hopeful 2021 event
- Provided targeted funding for local groups and projects including Bright Futures School, Saddleworth Mental Health Group, Saddleworth Gardening Projects and SSYCA.
- Worked on a number of environmental issues from tree planting and protection to flood defences and wild planting areas
- Worked with highways to implement road safety measures around the ward
- Served on board of satellite Centre
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” and
- Raised concerns about speeding trunk roads through the ward and worked with Highways team on monitoring and safety provision
- Worked with the local community to provide clothing deliveries for homeless during Covid 19 lockdown
- Worked on a wide range of casework with residents ranging from planning issues, land/access disputes, dog fouling, council tax, parking and environmental concerns
- Continued to work with residents’ groups to liaise on community issues and raise concerns with relevant OMBC Officers and local Policing Team
- Continued to work with SPC Chairman’s Charity committee to raise and distribute funds to local groups

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Cllr Peter Davis – Failsworth West Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- To complete the boardwalk on Somerset Fields to enable pupils walking to school to experience a better environment to get their day off to a good start.
- Traffic scheme approved by residents on Alder Road
- Traffic Scheme agreed and approved on Propps Hall Drive
- Restart Litter picks after lockdown
- Renew my commitment to support residents of Failsworth West with any casework that is brought to my attention
- Commit to restart Local Councilor's
- Surgeries in the community

Failsworth West



Work in the community

- Contributed to and supported the funding of the renovation to Failsworth Cenotaph.
- Supported the Failsworth Christmas Lights
- Supported the construction of a road barrier at the end of Ogden Road working with local Police who asked for support after describing the area as a cut through for drivers of stolen cars.
- Funded local bins for grit in numerous locations across Failsworth West to allow residents to keep pathways safe from snow and ice.
- Supported the Citizens Advise Bureau with my allowance.
- Took part in tree planting schemes around Failsworth
- Supported the planting of trees on Somerset Fields
- Volunteer with Street Angels including supporting the rough sleepers community throughout the Covid Pandemic.
- Supporting food hunger throughout the borough
- Supported Oldham residents with the Music award Scheme.

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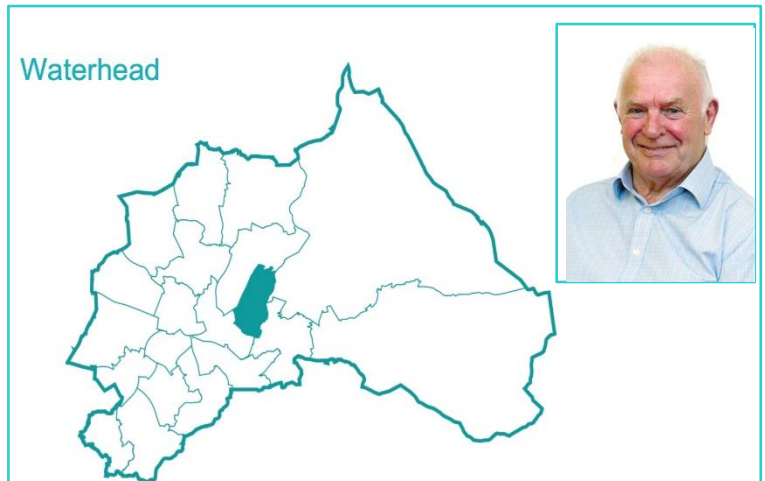
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Cllr Peter Dean – Waterhead Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

These are based on the Covid situation at the present time.

- To provide all residents with appropriate health provision
- To make sure nobody goes without food
- Make sure children have the best provision possible
- Make sure Council services are able to respond to the changing situations



Work in the community

Over the last year I have been able to respond and take action on over 500 residents' issues. It's been a wonderful experience to support and work with many voluntary and community organisations, who have been outstanding in the support they have given to many residents.

- I have used my personal budget to support the following -
 - Advice provided by CAB
 - Funded three residents' environment schemes
 - Provided extra grit bins
 - Extra work on footpaths and bridleways
 - Food parcels for people in need
 - Christmas gifts for children in need
 - Funded and supported local clean ups
- Work to bring in extra resources for major landscape schemes and play areas in the Ward
- I have worked with Council District team on many issues that have improved the area

Council Work

- I have 100% record of attending Council meetings
- I Chair the Oldhams Planning Committee
- I am a member of the Finance Committee
- I have attended a number of training events including one on Safeguarding.

Major Aims this Year.

- To support residents in recovering from the effects of the Covid outbreak
- To provide street fitness equipment
- To improve the educational offer for children and young people
- To create a cleaner greener place to live
- To get all local public services working together for the benefit of residents including Police, Health, Housing Providers and all Council services

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Cllr Sean Fielding – Failsworth West Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Support local community groups
- Improve road safety
- Tackle fly tipping and littering



Work in the community

- Sponsored a “Local Improvement Fund” bid for the refurbishment of Failsworth Cenotaph.
- Secured funding from the “Local Improvement Fund” for traffic calming on Alder Road.
- Met with Failsworth Group Practice Doctors surgery to improve appointment booking.
- Secured funding for the resurfacing of Samuel Street, Springfield Close and Princess Street.
- Part funded the provision of Citizens Advice Bureau services for Failsworth.
- Negotiated the protection of green belt sites in Failsworth and Woodhouses with Andy Burnham.
- Saved the Failsworth-Ashton bus which was threatened with withdrawal.
- Agreed the closure of Crime Lane to tackle fly tipping.
- Organised a drop in event with Virgin Media who were undertaking utility works in the area.
- Campaigned for gating schemes to prevent access to property commonly fly tipped.
- Volunteered at Oldham food bank during the pandemic and delivered food parcels.
- Volunteered as a marshal at the Failsworth vaccination centre.
- Arranged for the service and repair of the Failsworth Pole clocktower.
- Represented Oldham on TV and radio during negotiations over funding for covid restrictions.
- Governor at a local primary school.
- Active Member of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee.
- Member of the Local Government Association City Regions board.
- Spoken at a range of conferences representing Oldham and Greater Manchester.

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Cllr Elaine Garry – Failsworth West Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Support local community groups
- Improve road safety
- Tackle fly tipping and littering



Work in the community

- Supported funding for traffic calming on Alder Road
- Campaigned to save the Failsworth to Ashton bus
- Supported funding for the resurfacing of Samuel Street, Springfield Close and Princess Street
- Volunteered to help at the Oldham foodbank
- Donated food for Oldham foodbank
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems
- Part funded the provision of the Citizens Advice Bureau for Failsworth
- Supported the covid doorstep track and trace team across Failsworth
- Supported the covid doorstep engagement team across Failsworth
- Supported the improvements at Failsworth Cenotaph
- Member of Business Watch
- Member of Pub Watch
- Attended community clean ups across Failsworth
- Support the Mayor's charity events
- Work with GMP to make Failsworth a safer place to live

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Cllr Chris Goodwin – Chadderton South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Environmental Improvements
- Social Isolation
- Tackling Deprivation



Work in the community

The Council has been at the frontline in responding to the Covid19 pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now rolling out the virus. Myself and colleagues have been telephoning the most vulnerable in our wards to ensure they are well and they are aware of the assistance that is available to them.

Throughout 2020 the pandemic also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time.

In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems they would like my assistance with. During 2020 I have assisted over 200 of our residents with personal issues who have contacted me via phone, email or social media.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, particularly on social media, and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted.

For the past year I have been acting as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Education. In this role I have been working with officers to ensure the children within Oldham are provided with a good education despite the difficulties with children not being able to attend school normally. I have also been tasked to ensure that in Oldham we have a sufficient number of school places for our children in future years which will see the expansion of some schools and also the opening of new schools.

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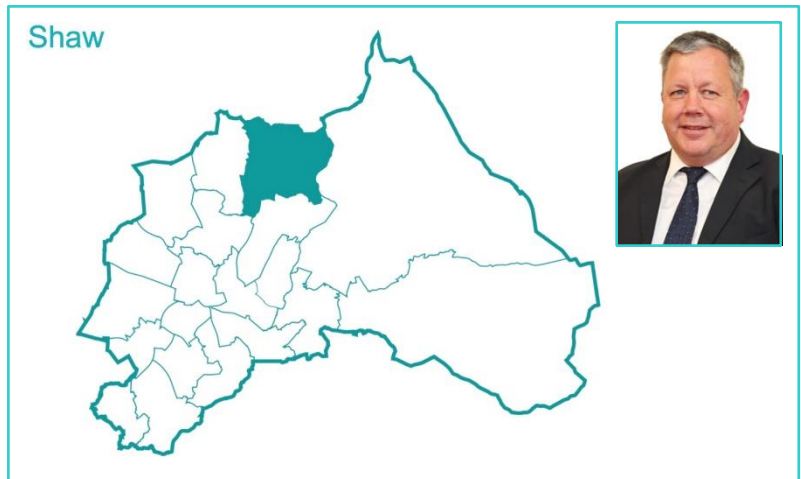
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Cllr Chris Gloster – Shaw Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting residents and businesses throughout Covid-19
- New Health Centre for Shaw
- Protecting Green Belt/Spaces
- Listening and engaging with residents
- Environmental Improvements
- Local Policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways and speeding traffic



Work in the community

My annual report needs to firstly reflect my sincere thanks to our NHS, Key Workers and the whole of the community for stepping up in our hour of need, I know this view is shared by my ward colleagues. Covid 19 continues to impact on our daily lives in 2021 and although there appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel, we are not there yet, and we will continue to support our brilliant community who on the whole have stepped up to the challenge to beat this terrible pandemic and build Shaw back better.

The dynamics of being a ward councillor have changed significantly for me, and my colleagues this year. We have been presented with problems no-one has ever experienced before and have had to rise to the challenge. During the first lockdown a lot of my time was spent delivering prescriptions and food parcels to those people in need, their gratefulness in a stepped back conversation at the doorstep was heartwarming.

As lockdown continued, I became involved with residents who became desperate due to health, financial and other worries due to being unable to work, or where their business have been closed and they could not afford to continue. Overall, I have been able to make life a little easier for them by guiding them to appropriate help, and I have worked with numerous businesses assisting them with the business grant scheme. I have gained a lot of satisfaction helping residents and business owners who have simply been entitled to nothing by working closely with them to obtain discretionary grants and other funding where possible.

Despite lockdown, day to day council work remains unabated along with new problems that on occasions have not been heard of before. I have kept in contact with residents by email, phone, social media and Twitter as well as a greatly increased use of Microsoft Teams and Twitter as well as delivering questionnaires to residents who have then been able to respond with their concerns, that are always addressed and resolved if possible.

I am a member of the committees below where business as usual still needs to take place and I retain my 100% record for attendance at full council meetings. Additionally, as Deputy Leader of the Opposition at one stage I was attending Daily Gold meetings every day for several weeks as the impact of Covid 19 was taking effect and as a Council we needed to work together to safeguard our citizens.

- [Audit Committee](#)
- [Charitable Trust Committee](#) (Substitute)
- [Clayton Playing Fields](#)
- [Council](#)
- [Licensing Committee](#)
- [Licensing Driver Panel](#)
- [Petitioners' Panel](#)
- [Traffic Regulation Order Panel](#)

Last year I again attended both Adult and Children's Safeguarding Training required as part of my role as councillor and corporate parent. I am a school governor at Crompton House School and have been fully involved with the effects of Covid 19 on school life and have championed ensuring that pupils have had access to learning tools whilst needing to work from home.

- I support residents with housing repairs, rehousing, neighbour disputes, healthcare complaints, council bins and rubbish removal, dog waste and new street litter or grit bins.
- As the former Shaw and Crompton Police Inspector, I continue to work closely with our local Police, the District Partnership, Parish Council, residents and businesses of Shaw to resolve the problem of anti-social behaviour. This work remains an on-going battle to ensure that residents have a safe place to live.
- Along with my colleagues, I continue to challenge the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, and its successor, working to achieve the best outcome possible for residents' homes, jobs, and the environment by opposing the appalling loss of our green spaces. Brownfield First!
- I have worked with residents to ensure that we maintain adequate bus services in Shaw and Crompton to meet the needs of residents particularly in the current Covid 19 climate with many forms of transport restricted
- I continue to be the lead Councillor in Shaw dealing with the aftermath of the St Paul's Church roof collapse. This is an uphill battle complicated by a restrictive attitude of Historic England who are happy to obstruct demolition of this site but incapable of providing anything other than words to remediate the problem that has so far cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to reduce to a pile of rubble. Covid 19 has not helped in letting this eyesore stagnate.
- Along with my colleagues I formally object to planning applications if I believe they are inappropriate or not a benefit to residents, new council rules and proposed Tory Planning Law changes do not help.
- I continue to drive the campaigns forward for a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton and from these campaigns I am hopeful of a positive update soon.
- I constantly deal with issues surrounding speeding vehicles, Buckstones Road and Crompton Way are two examples, and I have had some success in getting the relevant authorities to look at education, engineering and enforcement solutions to deal with this problem.
- I work with the Highways Department to have the potholes, blocked grids and poor footpaths resurfaced or repaired.
- I regularly pursue complaints of fly tipping around Shaw, even more so during Lockdown and the temporary closure of the municipal tip and I work very closely with the Environmental Health Department on this matter.
- Along with my ward colleagues and in my role as Ward Councillor, I meet regularly with local groups, ensuring that our most asset, our countryside, remains well looked after and ecologically sustainable. I continue to ensure that this area is maintained and safe to use by all. Most recently we have been instrumental in agreeing a new dog sign that will hopefully be introduced by the start of the nesting season.
- I continue to work with residents and a variety of agencies for a resolution to on-going flooding problems, primarily in the areas of Dunwood Park, Grains Road, Beal Lane.

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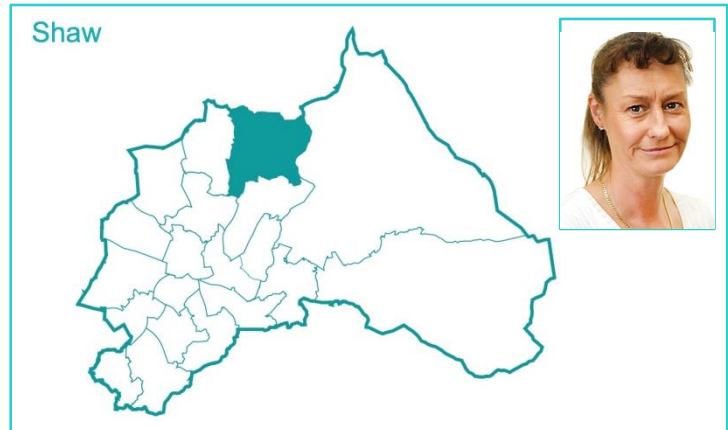
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Cllr Hazel Gloster – Shaw Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting residents and businesses throughout Covid-19
- New Health Centre for Shaw
- Protecting Green Belt/Spaces
- Litter, Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling
- Listening and engaging with residents
- Environmental Improvements
- Local Policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways and speeding traffic



Work in the community

Throughout 2020 the Covid-19 Pandemic has made us all view life very differently. We have all had to make changes, sacrifice our family and friendship connections and work very differently. The Community of Shaw has once again stepped up to the challenge by supporting our neighbours, shopping local to sustain our small businesses and in most cases, following the lockdown guidance to protect our NHS and save lives. Unfortunately, many have lost loved ones to Coronavirus and my deepest condolences are with all that have suffered a bereavement this year. I have truly been inspired by the way our residents have stepped up to the challenges we faced and my sincere Thanks goes out to our Key Workers, NHS and Emergency Services for the dedication they have shown to us all throughout this dreadful time.

Although the ways we have been working have changed dramatically, with far more emphasis being placed on telephone and electronic communications, the issues faced have remained very similar to previous years but with far more emphasis on our Community. Throughout the year I have continued to work hard for my residents offering support, advice and guidance to help meet their needs and resolve their issues where possible.

I have continued to demand Better for Shaw by: -

- Continuing to campaign for a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton.
- Supporting Businesses through their applications for the available Business Grants.
- I have worked with residents to overcome issues around school attendance and home schooling, together with issues around free school meals and access to appropriate information technology.
- I have liaised with Council departments such as Environmental Health, Waste and Highways to resolve incidences of Fly Tipping, Dog Fouling and missed rubbish collections to keep our communities clean.
- I have worked closely with our Education colleagues to ensure our teachers; support staff and parents are supported appropriately. I meet with them regularly to keep abreast of any issues our education providers are facing together with discussing potential resolutions.
- I have maintained a close link with our Children's Services colleagues, who have faced a significant increase in cases of domestic abuse, significant injuries to children and safeguarding cases across the Borough and within my ward.
- I am a member of the Cross Party Climate Change group which is working to achieve a more sustainable future for our next generations.
- I have continued to raise concerns about our highways and footways, fixing potholes, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are programmed for replacement where required.
- I have continued to work with key partners such as First Choice Homes and Guinness to resolve housing issues and ensure people feel safe and warm in their homes.
- I have worked with the police to install automatic number plate recognition cameras to tackle crime in Shaw together with our Youth services team to tackle Anti-social Behaviour.

- I have attended Full Oldham Council meetings, asking ward and cabinet questions together with submissions of motions to influence future policy decisions.
- I have campaigned to increase access to changing places across our Borough, a campaign which Tesco have now signed up to and use within their television adverts.
- I have attended training on Safeguarding Children's & Adults and Social Media amongst others
- I have attended Shaw & Crompton Parish Council meetings and served on the Environment Committee working with The Friends of Crompton Moor to improve and enhance the beautiful nature we are so lucky to have on our doorstep.
- I have also kept in touch with some of our more elderly residents by telephone to ensure they are warm, comfortable and have enough food to keep them as healthy as possible.

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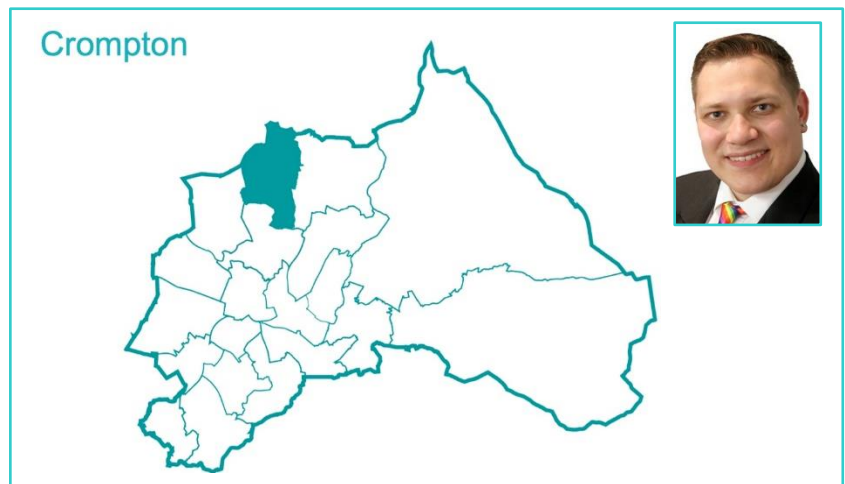
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Cllr Louie Hamblett – Crompton Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting residents and local businesses through COVID-19
- Listening to residents
- Environmental issues
- Championing highway and footpath issues
- Protecting Greenbelt and OPOL
- New Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton
- Demanding better for Crompton
- Working all year round not just at election time.
- Highway improvements which includes footpaths and safety
- Tackling Dog Fouling
- Mental Health and Keeping Fit



Work in the community

- Demanding better for Crompton.
- Working with and supporting our amazing GM Health and Social care colleagues.
- Working with our fantastic Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Team to deliver services and aspirations to Shaw and Crompton wards.
- Working with Oldham Council's amazing staff, from the Chief Executive to Directors and Officers to deliver services for Crompton. Thank you for all your hard work I really appreciate everything each and every one does to make sure Crompton and Oldham is a great place to live, work and enjoy 😊
- Knocking on doors all year round not just at election time and ensuring regular newsletters are delivered to every household in the ward.
- Provide regular updates on Twitter and Facebook
- Working with partners such as MIO (Made In Oldham) care, Oldham Cares, First Choice Homes Oldham, Greater Manchester Police and Shaw and Crompton Parish Council.
- Worked alongside ward colleagues to bring together the "I Love Crompton" campaign – banners are on lampposts around the ward, together with stickers on bins to remind residents to pick up after their dog and remember to put their own rubbish in it.
- Attended all Full Oldham Council meetings; have asked questions, made observations and asked questions on minutes as well as submitted motions to influence policy and procedures.
- I am the Shadow Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, which I really enjoy as it gives me the opportunity to hold the administration to account while also offering other alternatives.
- Attended the mandatory training on "Safeguarding – Children and Adults" – "Appeals Home to school Transport Committee"
- Continue to campaign to get a Health Centre for the residents of Shaw and Crompton. Continuing to sort local environmental issues such as dog fouling, litter and fly tipping
- I continue to raise concerns about the state of the roads and working to fix potholes, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are part of a programmed works plan for replacement or treatment.
- Supporting community groups such as High Crompton Park Friends Group and Home watch

Groups.

- Member of MIO (Made In Oldham) Care appointed by the Council – thoroughly enjoyed participating in the meetings as board member, Attend Health Scrutiny Board where I can observe Oldham and GM wide health plans plus adding in my own suggestions, I also sit on many other outside GM Health related bodies.
- In addition I offer 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'.
- Continue to Support the High Crompton Park Friends, together we have achieved a trim trail.
- My colleagues are committed to providing more AEDs in the ward of Crompton, the latest device has been installed at Fir Lane Methodist Church.
- Continue to support local residents by providing a refill for the grit bins that we have bought them, when the area does not meet the Council's criteria
- Continue to report faulty Street Lighting columns.
- Safeguarding land as well as saving Council money by introducing Wildflower Meadow Schemes at sites in Crompton ward.
- My colleagues are committed to providing AEDs in the ward of Crompton.
- Worked with Parish Colleagues to install VE and VJ memorial benches.
- Working to achieve poppies to project on Crompton War Memorial.
- Working with tenders for the High Crompton Park to provide a Community Café.
- Working with Council Officers to safeguard a car park in High Crompton to ensure residents continue to have free parking.
- Established and continue to support the Homewatch schemes in Crompton, I continue to work with my colleague Cllrs Williamson and Murphy. We have already established and support two and will work with other areas to set up more.
- Support the Autism Strategy and now chairing the Autism Way Forward Board in the future.
- Attending the newly formed Oldham Pride Committee
- Supporting community groups.
- Delivered the project of Love Where You Live banners showing the message of no dog fouling and no litter fitted to columns at gateways such as Shaw Road – (location - Shaw Road nr Albion Gardens Close) with more banners in other areas.
- Just under 5000 dog fouling leaflets enough for each household delivered by Crompton Councillors and Liberal Democrat volunteers to each house in the ward.
- Deliver homewatch literature safety and security advice delivered to every house in Crompton personally funded by Diane, Dave and myself also delivered by volunteers with our regular Focus Newsletter.
- Councillors wrote to TfGM to ask for a meeting to save the 403 bus service, and request a review of the decision as a compromise, we managed to get TfGM to take away the element of the proposal that had the least impact, rather than the Crompton side as was planned, as such the 403 service has been saved.
- Lancashire Day was on 27 November 2020 and this year the Lancashire flag was flown in High Crompton Park.

Your Crompton Liberal Democrat Councillors would like to say a massive thanks to our NHS, Care and Support staff, Key workers and the whole Community for stepping up in our time of need. We are far from out of the woods yet and it's definitely not business as usual, but we have been inspired by the resilience of the community.

Despite the lockdown, work still carries on for your local Liberal Democrat Councillors Diane Williamson, Dave Murphy and Louie Hamblett.

Issues for the community have taken on a whole new dynamic.

As local Councillors, residents have contacted us with issues that are slightly more complex than normal.

We are telephoning residents to make sure they are safe and well and have supported local businesses who have contacted us about the business grant schemes.

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Cllr Fazlul Haque – Chadderton North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Litter
- Community cohesion
- ASB

Chadderton North



Work in the community

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In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems they would like my assistance with.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, particularly on social media, and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted.

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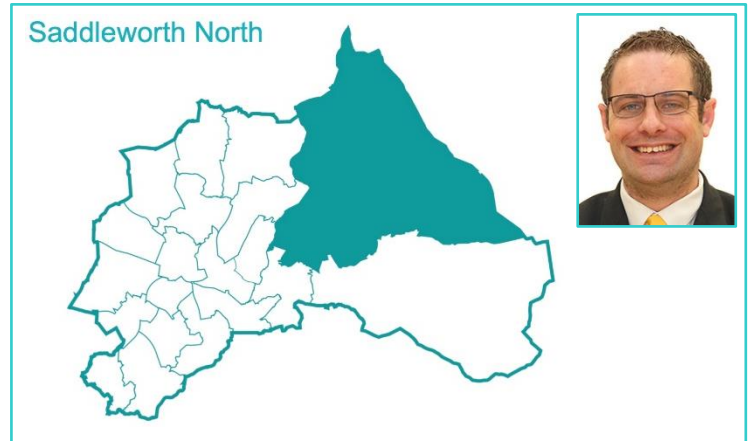
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Cllr Garth Harkness – Saddleworth North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting residents through the COVID pandemic
- A new health centre for Saddleworth
- Tackling speeding and road safety
- Protecting green spaces and protecting the environment
- Making things better- will continue to bring forward proposals to every council meeting like tackling speeding, dog fouling, creating a green infrastructure and improving footpaths



Work in the community

The last year has been incredibly challenging for all/ Your Liberal Democrat councillors have been busier than ever during the coronavirus crisis. On top of their normal work, now mainly online, our local team has been busy pitching in to support the community, answering a host of queries from residents and businesses, and Lib Dem volunteers have collected prescriptions and shopping, as have so many wonderful local people. Our priority was to telephone residents who may be vulnerable or isolated, to ensure that they have the support they need.

In response to what people told me, I produced a contact list of sources of information, advice and help. It went to every home in the ward and is on my website. It has been well received and I hope people continue to find it useful. And, of course, please contact me if you need more help

I wrote to a number of businesses in Saddleworth who had gone above and beyond to keep people going throughout these challenging times. I have attended many briefings on COVID and scrutinized the response locally.

Local residents and community associations have made me proud to represent Saddleworth. The community really has come together and helped each other out

In addition to the work around the COVID pandemic work as a ward councilor has continued on key priorities that residents have said are important to them. We have reflected these issues in motions we have put to council.

I have worked on road safety, protecting the green belt and green spaces, fly tipping, protecting the environment, campaigning for a new health centre

Other examples are:

- 20 MPH speed limit campaign
 - Campaigning for improvements to bus and rail services
 - Declaring a climate change emergency and pushing for a greener borough
 - Fighting for appropriate development that protects the green spaces and greenbelt and pushing for brownfield first
 - Positive Steps Board Member
 - Planning Committee
 - Attended Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money
 - Full Council meetings
 - Shadow Cabinet Member for Employment where I meet with officers and scrutinizes the portfolio
 - School Governor at Diggle School
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Cllr Jenny Harrison – Alexandra Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Improve educational outcomes and employment
- Work for a clean, green and safe environment
- Reduce social isolation
- Improve health and wellbeing of Alexandra residents
- Work with voluntary and faith groups to support and involve their communities in making a positive difference.



Work in the community

The Council has been at the frontline in responding to the Covid19 pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now rolling out the vaccine. I have volunteered with the Doorstep Teams, checking on the welfare of residents, ensuring that everyone understands the Covid guidance. I've also helped with the provision and distribution of food for families in need of extra support, especially during the school holidays.

Throughout 2020 it also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time. As well as council meetings, I've been able to remain in close touch with the Alexandra Parks Junior School, where I'm Vice Chair of Governors, through virtual meetings of the full governing body and sub committees and informal meetings with the Senior Management Team. I've also supported, through virtual meetings, various charity groups such as Reel CIC and projects such as the Age UK/Public Health Nutrition and Hydration initiative.

In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems they would like my assistance with. Alexandra residents contact me regularly and I've been able to deal with a wide range of issues for them including fly tipping, getting appropriate benefits, housing problems, neighbour problems and much more.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, particularly on social media, and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted.

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Cllr Stephen Hewitt – Saddleworth West and Lees Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Conservation
- Saving the Countryside
- Dog fouling
- Creating new jobs
- Community
- Fly tipping
- Youth Provision
- Rising Crime

Saddleworth West
and Lees



Work in the community

- Member of LGA Councillors Forum, Health & Wellbeing Board
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” amongst other things
- Raised concerns about speeding/parking at St Edwards and Lees and Hey Primary Schools leading to working with Sir Chris Boardman and the cycling and walking team at GM Level
- Worked with the local community centre with food packages for vulnerable and elderly during national COVID-19 lockdown
- NHS Covid 19 Volunteer
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems
- Father Christmas at St Edwards RC in Lees
- Fought a major housing development and took the council to Judicial Review as the main claimant
- Worked with SOV Community members providing and delivering a Christmas present to every elderly resident in social housing in the local area plus others
- Attended all mandatory training

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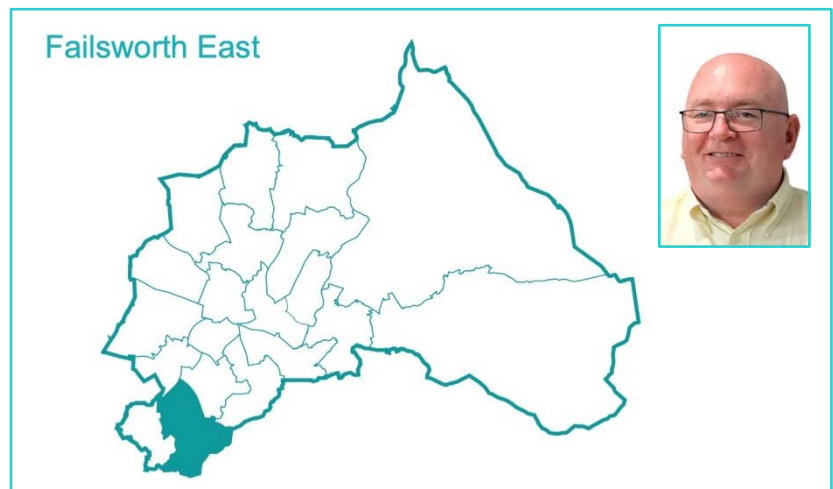
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Cllr Brian Hobin – Failsworth East Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Cleaner streets
- Community cohesion
- To be visible and available for all constituents in the Failsworth area.



Work in the community

- At the onset of the National Lockdown I helped to establish a local Food Hub. For 22 weeks I then managed a distribution network by volunteers that provided over 2000 doorstep deliveries of groceries to the most vulnerable and isolated in the community.
- Worked with local businesses to ensure vital supplies reached the people that needed them. Worked with a local 'Chippy' to provide over 120 Fish & Chip suppers.
- Supported the Failsworth Walking Group enabling First Aid Training.
- Proudly accepted the position of Chairman of the local Sea Cadets where I will work to engage the youth in our area in this fantastic facility.
- Continued to push for Failsworth War Memorial repairs, which have now begun to fully refurbish the site.
- Worked with local businesses to secure sponsorship of defibrillators so that all schools within the Failsworth area now have a unit.
- Continue to Work to facilitate the restoration of Willow Park pond. Pushing for the work stalled due to lockdown.
- Support M35 Save Our Greenbelt group to fight building houses on the precious greenbelt land in the area.
- Contributed to refurbishment of St Johns Mission Hall.
- Maintained membership of The Failsworth Carnival committee, working with them to organise future annual events
- Supported numerous local community events, including Litter picks in Failsworth and Daisy Nook.
- Involved in working with local businesses in supporting the local Pubwatch scheme, supporting the establishment of the local Shopwatch scheme and attending and contributing towards their monthly meetings.
- I hold two regular surgeries per month.
- I am a member of the Audit committee and have sat on a council appeals panel.

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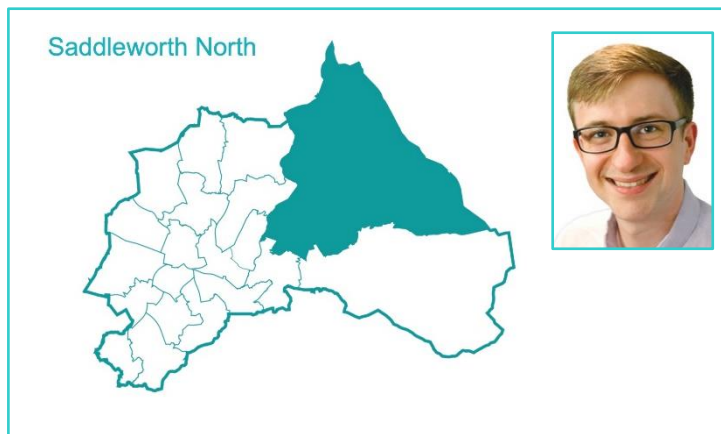
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Cllr George Hulme – Saddleworth North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Green Saddleworth
- Public Transport
- Road Safety



Work in the community

- Deputy Cabinet Member for Low Carbon and member of the Planning & Greater Manchester Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- Attended 100% of Oldham Council meetings and attended all required training.
- Worked with residents and the Council on meeting our targets for carbon neutrality, 2025 for the Council and 2030 for Oldham, through Oldham's Green New Deal.
- On the planning committee, continued my record of not voting for any development in the greenbelt.
- During the pandemic, I volunteered at the Food Bank to help deliver food to residents across the borough and helped organise donations from the local Labour party to the food bank.
- Supported the campaign to re-regulate of the bus network in Greater and worked on solutions to increase capacity on buses for school students from Saddleworth affected by the Government rules around social distancing.
- Supported schemes to improve road safety and the introduction of 20Mph zones in Saddleworth North
- Campaigned for rural broadband improvements, an ongoing issue that has been exacerbated by so many working from home.
- Supported residents by phone and email to deal with problems raised by the Covid-19 pandemic as well as other issues. This including assisting residents on a wide range of queries ranging from universal credit to pot holes to planning to flooding.

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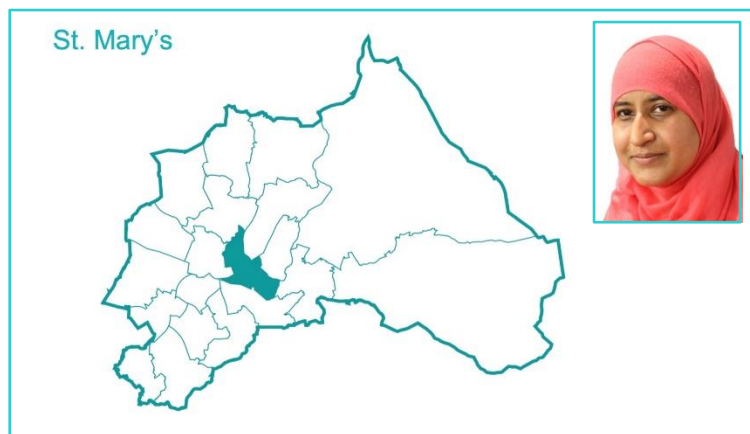
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CLlr Nyla Ibrahim – St Marys Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Highways
- Health & Wellbeing
- Environment



Work in the community

I am aware that the last 12 months has created many challenges for us all and Covid regulations has forced us to find new ways of working.

Therefore, this year's report is an acknowledgement that while we have not been able to fulfil some of our normal roles; like monthly ward surgeries etc. combined with our inability to progress community initiatives, such as litter picks or other events, this does not mean that we haven't been busy supporting our residents and communities through these difficult times.

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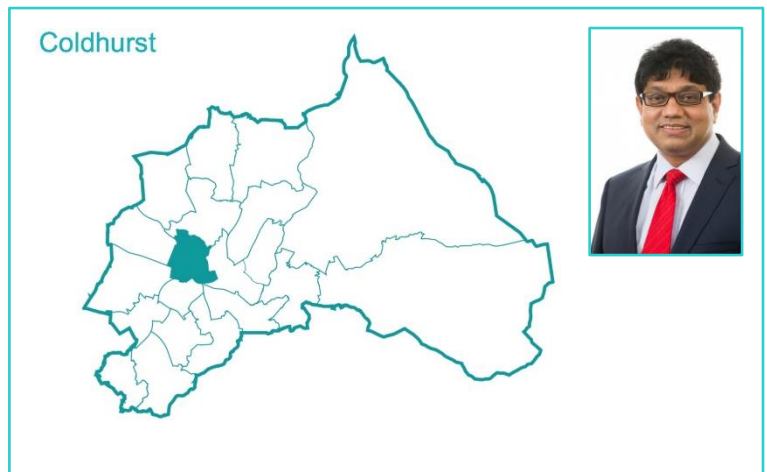
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Clr Abdul Jabbar – Coldhurst Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Campaigning against littering
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Raising awareness of green issues and tackle climate change
- Supporting residents with Covid-19 Grants
- Supporting independent local Businesses



Work in the community

- Secured funding for resurfacing of Highfield Street, Neville Street, Ellen Street, Garforth Street and Martha Street
- Sponsored a local improvement fund bid for creating a pocket park at Martha Street and Ripon Street
- Campaigning to raise awareness of how to stop the spread of Covid-19 including social media and TV broadcasts in different languages
- Campaigning to increase take up of Covid-19 vaccine and a pop-up centre in Coldhurst
- Campaigned strongly against litter dropping in various parts of Coldhurst
- Worked with the Police and other partner agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour in various locations.
- Campaigning to raise awareness on all green issues including using renewable technology to produce clean electricity
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams / Zoom during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems.
- Supporting residents in Oldham on grants available during Covid pandemic.
- Secured funding for additional swings at Widdop Street pocket park
- Installed CCTV camera at the corner of Davies Street to prevent flytipping.

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Cllr Elizabeth Jacques – Failsworth East Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Dog fouling
- Decent homes and places to live, work and play



Work in the community

- Failsworth and Hollinwood District Lead.
- On the committee's for Planning and Overview and Scrutiny and participate in the Poverty task and finish group. Provide challenge and scrutiny where necessary.
- Worked at Oldham Foodbank during the first lock down and supporting residents in all wards by picking food parcels or delivering to recipients. Shopped and provided meals for some elderly residents.
- Listened to and acted on resident concerns on road safety, local health services and housing issues.
- Consulted residents on local issues to ensure decision making had a positive effect on the community.
- Participated in the 'Save the Ashton Bus' campaign with the outcome that the bus service was saved!
- Lobbied to save the Greenbelt in and around Woodhouses.
- 100% attendance at meetings.
- Attended training on "Safeguarding", "Casework & Advocacy Skills" amongst other things.

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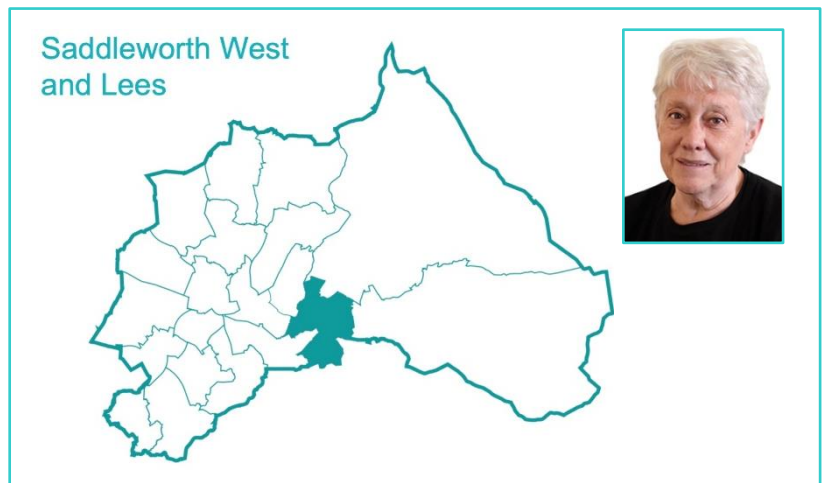
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Cllr Valerie Leach – Saddleworth West and Lees Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- A strong voice for Saddleworth West and Lees
- Revitalisation of Lees village
- Improved sports and other amenities for young people in the ward



Work in the community

Throughout 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors have worked. The Council has proactively responded, distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now rolling out the vaccination programme.

All Council meetings – of the full Council, interactions with council staff, training sessions - have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have actively participated in them all so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time.

I have responded by telephone and by email to requests from members of the community for information or for help and I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible. I look forward to becoming more active personally again when restrictions are finally lifted.

- The Lees, Springhead and Grotton Business Hub has continued actively to support local small businesses. I continue to support the Hub.
- The scheme to improve the central Lees village area with funding from the Local Investment Fund started work early in 2021. Fellow Councillor Hewitt and I allocated extra funding for the scheme to provide additional green amenity for the area.
- To reduce the unhealthy impact on children of air pollution, I met again with council officers and heads of Hey with Zion and St Edwards primary schools to plan for the introduction of a scheme to cut down the amount of traffic close to the schools. The scheme will be funded by OMBC and Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
- I provided additional support for the Lees Park Eco Centre and Growing Hub which provides training and facilities for residents, with a special focus on working with children and young people.
- I continued to work with the Springhead Football Club in its efforts to improve the pitch and the club's facilities.
- Early in 2020, I was appointed Deputy Cabinet Member for children and young people, with special responsibility for early childhood development. The focus will be to support families in improving outcomes for infants and young children in their early years.

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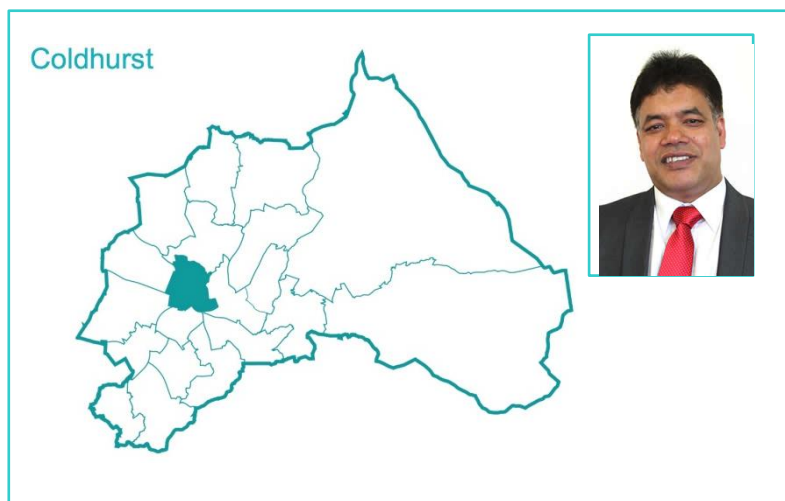
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Cllr Abdul Malik – Coldhurst Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Campaigning against littering
- Tackling anti-social behavior
- Advocating for play areas for children
- Supporting better quality housing and employment
- Supporting residents with Covid-19 Grants



Work in the community

- Member of Oldham West District Executive
- Member of the Licensing Committee
- Member of Planning Committee
- Member of Positive Steps board
- Campaigned strongly against litter dropping in various parts of Coldhurst
- Worked with the Police and other partner agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour in various locations.
- Regular attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems.
- Supporting and signposting businesses in Oldham on grants available during Covid pandemic.

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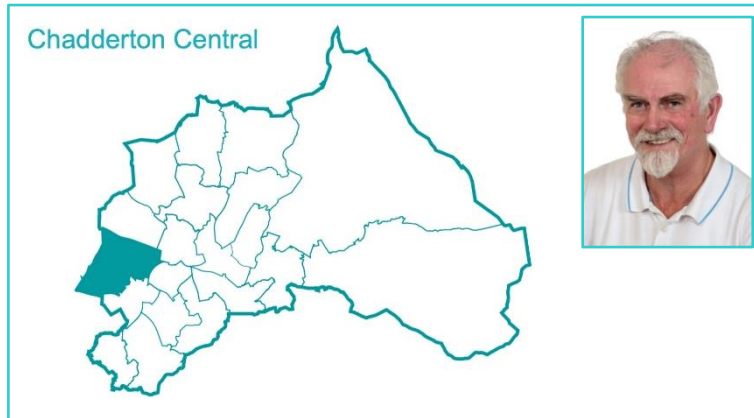
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Cllr Colin McLaren – Chadderton Central Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Promoting Health and Wellbeing
- Community Safety
- Preserving our Heritage



Work in the community

- Member of Chadderton District Executive
- Chair or Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Vice Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee, Member of Licensing Committee, Member of GMCA Audit Committee, Member of GMCA Corporate Issues and Reform Scrutiny Committee, Member of Peak District National Park Authority, Trustee of Chadderton Together, Director of Chadderton Together (2019) Ltd, Director of Chadderton Building Preservation Trust Ltd, Member of Chadderton Community Benefit Society, Trustee of Crossley Community Association, Trustee of Peak District National Park Foundation, Vice President of Chadderton Historical and Heritage Society, Governor of The Radclyffe School, Trustee of Moston and District Sports and Youth Club.
- Continued to support various voluntary groups and organisations working to access the grant system to fund activities within the local community.
- Regular attendance at Oldham Council and Committee meetings.
- Continued to work with Oldham Council Officers and Greater Manchester Police to tackle anti social behaviour at Foxdenton Park and other locations leading to a reported reduction of incidents.
- Continued to work with individual residents and community groups on issues relating to Foxdenton Hall and Park, Agnes Robinson Pocket Park and the Crossley Estate.
- Supported individual residents on various issues including environmental matters, housing, road safety, council tax and parking issues.
- Held surgeries each month at the Crossley Community centre, Mills Hill Primary School or Kingfisher Community Special School until March 2020.
- Since March 2020, the Council has been at the forefront in responding to the Covid 19 pandemic including distributing emergency food, providing vital social care, running test centres and now rolling out the vaccine. All meetings have been held virtually and accessed by telephone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent the ward during this difficult time. Although it has been difficult to get out and about on occasions, I have still been available by email or telephone for anyone to contact if they had any problems with which they required assistance. I have kept in touch with community groups as much as possible but look forward to becoming more visibly active in the area again when the restrictions are finally lifted.

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Cllr Eddie Moores – Chadderton Central Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Education/Training
- The environment
- Public Safety



Work in the community

- Cabinet Member - Children and Young People.
- Member - Health & Wellbeing Board, Commissioning Partnership Board & Regional Adoption Panel.
- Chair - Corporate Parenting Panel.
- Chair – Early Years Partnership.
- Governor - Mill Hill CPS (Chair), Blue Coat School (Chair), Radclyffe School & Christie Hospital Foundation Trust.
- Trustee – Oldham Enterprise Trust, Cranmer Education Trust, Henshaw Education Trust & Chadderton Together.
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” amongst other things
- Worked with Oldham Foodbank delivering food packages during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Communicated with residents and officers by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems

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Cllr Dave Murphy – Crompton Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting residents through COVID-19
- Listening to residents
- Environmental Issues
- Championing highway and footpath issues
- Protecting Greenbelt and OPOL
- New Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton
- Demanding better for Crompton
- Working all year round not just at Election time.
- Highway improvements which includes footpaths and safety
- Tackling Dog Fouling



Work in the community

- Demanding better for Crompton.
- Working with our fantastic Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Team to deliver services and aspirations to Shaw and Crompton wards.
- Working with Oldham Council's amazing staff from, Chief Executive, Directors and Officers to deliver services for Crompton. Thank you for all your hard work I really appreciate everything each and every one does to make sure Crompton and Oldham is a great place to live, work and enjoy 😊
- Knocking on doors all year round not just at election time (subject to restrictions).
- Updates on Twitter
- Working with partners such as First Choice Homes Oldham and Greater Manchester Police.
- Member of the Shaw and Crompton Community Forum where we have an informal approach to the meetings: members of the public can interject during the meeting.
- Worked alongside ward colleagues to bring together the "I Love Crompton" campaign – banners are on lampposts around the ward, together with stickers on bins to remind residents to pick up after their dog and remember to put their own rubbish in it.
- Attended all Full Oldham Council meetings and online meetings have asked questions, made observations and asked questions on minutes as well as submitted motions to influence policy and procedures.
- Attend ward surgeries, organised every week, on a rota basis with my five ward colleagues – this allows me to listen to residents concerns personally, rather than them trying to put it in an email unfortunately cancelled for now until further notice. Once restrictions allow we are experimenting with Street Surgeries.
- I am the Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Culture, which I really enjoy as it gives me the opportunity to hold to administration to account whilst also offering other alternatives.
- Continue to campaign to get a Health Centre for the residents of Shaw and Crompton.
- Continuing to sort local environmental issues such as dog fouling, litter and flytipping.
- Continues to raise concerns about the state of the roads and working to fix potholes, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are part of a programmed works plan for replacement or treatment.
- Supporting community groups.
- 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 purchase football kits with the message ‘Love Crompton’ to inspire the next generation of young people to ‘Love Where They Live’.

- Attended the Holocaust Remembrance Service at Crompton War Memorial.
- Support the High Crompton Park Friends together we have achieved a trim trail.
- My colleagues are committed to providing more AEDs in the ward of Crompton latest device has been installed at Fir Lane Methodist Church.
- Working to achieve poppies to project on Crompton War Memorial.
- Continue to support local residents by providing a refill for the grit bins that we have bought them, when the area does not meet the Council’s criteria
- Safeguarding land as well as saving Council money by introducing Wildflower Meadow Schemes at sites in Crompton ward.
- Working with Council Officers to safeguard a car park in High Crompton to ensure resident continue to have free parking.
- Established and continue to support the Homewatch schemes in Crompton, I continue to work with my colleague Cllr Williamson and Louie Hamblett we have already established and support two and will work with other areas to set up more.
- Homewatch literature safety and security advice delivered to every house in Crompton personally funded by Diane, Louie and myself and delivered by volunteers with our regular Focus Newsletter.
- Support the Children’s Champion Scheme and have a young person under my wing.
- Continue with the project of Love Where You Live banners showing the message of no dog fouling and no litter fitted to columns at gateways such as Shaw Road – (location - Shaw Road nr Albion Gardens Close) with more banners in other areas.
- Continue to Chair Flooding meetings with a project in Crompton working with partners such as United Utilities, Environment Agency and Oldham Council Officers – also cross party working with colleagues in Royton North and Royton South.
- Supporting residents close to the new second entrance following planning approval at Crompton Gate.
- Working with faith organisations such as Holy Trinity Church and St Paul’s Methodist Church.
- Working with Holy Trinity Church with the outcome to get the clock operational.
- Getting commitments by Oldham Council that The Link and other problematic roads are to be resurfaced.
- Replacement of streets signs that do not meet the Councils criteria, but we believe leaving them as they are make the ward look uncared for.
- Supporting residents on Denbigh Drive with guidance on consultation and a upcoming planning application.
- Supporting residents at Cowlshaw with planning application.
- Supported Officers from Mahdlo to find a location to do outreach to young people at Crompton Bowling Club.
- Working for a long-term solution to a problematic footpath between Surrey Avenue and Netherhouse Road.
- Continue to report faulty Street Lighting columns.

- Replacement of Shaw Road Alley Gates following Royton and Crompton School build.
- Supported residents through an unwanted planning application for a change of use to hot food takeaway.
- Double Yellow lines installed on Otmoor Way/Oldham Road following concerns about visibility.
- Requested Double Yellow Lines at the junction of Wood Street/Salisbury Street and when residents complained guided them through the process so their voices could be heard at the panel where the ultimate decision will be made.
- Safety Scheme introduced at Moor Street Play Park.
- Working to get Council owned land turned in to a car park for local residents. Which will stop the same piece of land being used as a dumping ground for the storage of uninsured, untaxed and vehicles without MOT tests.
- Councillors wrote to TfGM to ask for a meeting to save the 403 bus service, and request a review of the decision as a compromise, we managed to get TfGM to take away the element of the proposal that had the least impact, rather than the Crompton side as was planned as such the 403 service has been saved.
- Lancashire Day was on 27 November 2020 and this year the Lancashire flag was flown in High Crompton Park.
- Crompton War Memorial was quiet on Remembrance Sunday due to the pandemic, but the community remembered in other ways.
- We have ensured our young people have something to do in the school holidays by funding activities throughout Shaw and Crompton.
- Ensured our regular Focus Newsletter continues to be delivered to every house in Crompton informing residents of our work in the community.

Your Crompton Liberal Democrat Councillors would like to say a massive thanks to our NHS, Key workers and the whole Community for stepping up in our hour of need. We are far from out of the woods yet and its definitely not business as usual, but we have been inspired by the resilience of the community.

Despite the Lockdown, work still carries on for your local Liberal Democrat Councillors Diane Williamson, Dave Murphy and Louie Hamblett.

Issues for the community have taken on a whole new dynamic. As local Councillors, residents have contacted us with issues that are slightly more complex than normal.

We are telephoning residents to make sure they are safe and well and have supported local businesses who have contacted us about the business grant schemes,”.

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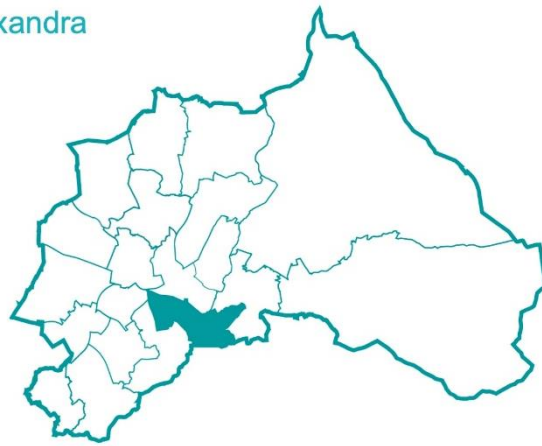
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Cllr Shaid Mushtaq – Alexandra Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Environmental issues
- Supporting community groups and residents.
- Improving educational outcomes

Alexandra



Work in the community

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Throughout 2020 it also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time.

In my ward I have not been able to get out and about because of Covid restrictions however I have continued to receive a lot of casework via email, telephone and WhatsApp, at times it has felt like a significant increase in casework which I very much welcome.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible including volunteering with the Food Bank and other community groups. I have helped with food donations to community groups and assisted with distribution of food parcels to residents and Easter eggs to care homes at Easter.

I look forward to becoming more physically active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted. In the meantime please feel free to contact me and my ward colleagues should you need assistance in any matter Covid related or otherwise.

Look after yourselves and each other, we will come through this together!

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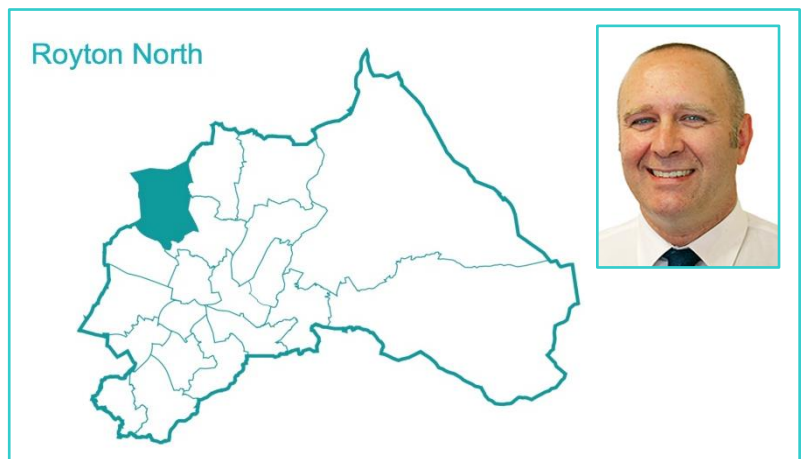
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Clr Clint Phythian – Royton North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Dog fouling
- Post Covid Recovery



Work in the community

- District Lead for Royton
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” amongst other things
- Raised concerns around speeding on Rochdale Road also worked with GMP on ASB issues and various crimes carried out in Royton
- Worked with the local community centre with food packages for vulnerable and elderly during national COVID-19 lockdown, helped during Easter time by delivering chocolate to elderly and vulnerable residents
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems
- Worked with various residents on Cecil Street who had issues with ASB. Tidied up the area, cut trees back, new fences erected and wild flowers planted. Also lighting put in place to deter future ASB
- Worked with United Utilities to secure compensation for Street Bridge being closed, this has helped to fund the Royton park growing hub
- Member of the Planning Committee
- Vice-Chair of PVFM

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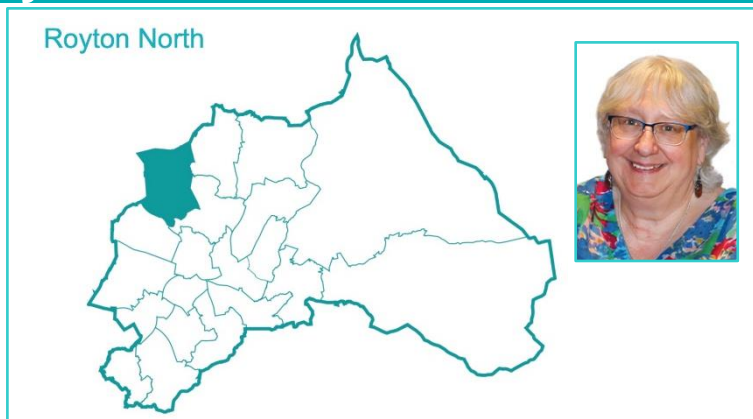
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Cllr Hannah Roberts – Royton North Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting Royton jobs & businesses
- Best start in life for Royton's children & young people
- Green Royton



Work in the community

- Cabinet Member for Housing; member of the Foster Panel and Corporate Parenting Panel
- Governor at Blackshaw Lane School & Trustee of Positive Steps Oldham
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Volunteered at the Food Bank to help deliver food to residents in Royton and across the borough
- Supported residents by phone and e mail to deal with problems raised by the Covid 19 pandemic
- Succeeded in protecting Thornham Old Road site as Greenbelt (taken out of the GMSF) – a major success and the result of work on the Town Centre plans and the Mills Strategy
- Negotiated community compensation from United Utilities following Streetbridge closures which will pay for new polytunnel at the Growing Hub in Royton Park
- Local spending: additional funding for shop front improvement grants secured; new lighting in Cecil Street & outside Band Club; planting in Cecil Street open space; extra CAB sessions; completing Growing Hub works; Christmas lights; filling locally supplied grit bins; new defibrillator case.
- Responded to individual complaints from residents including: postbox reinstated at Turk's Head; graffiti removal; missed bins; potholes; planning enforcement queries; public safety and enforcement of coronavirus restrictions; benches; dog fouling; litter and fly tipping; flooding; policing including burglaries and supporting Rochdale Road Slow Down campaign

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Cllr Arooj Shah – Chadderton South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Recovery from the Covid-19 Global Pandemic
- Support local community groups
- Providing good quality services to our residents



Work in the community

- 2020 and the start of 2021 has been difficult for all of us. The impact of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic has been incredibly changeling on many fronts. We have all seen the devastating impact it has had on us but what I am proud of how our communities have come together to ensure we do all we can to fight this virus.
- I continue to be incredibly grateful and proud to represent Chadderton South on Oldham Council. I have been accessible via my usual contact methods and via virtual ward surgeries. In addition, throughout the year, I have made a number of welfare calls to our most vulnerable residents within the ward.
- I have heavily participated in door to door engagement both within the ward and across the borough providing welfare checks for all our residents as we have continued to tackle Covid-19
- Agreed funding for a traffic survey for Owler Lane, Chadderton which will help to reduce issues for residents
- Providing opportunities for children within Chadderton South by agreeing funding for Fullcircle who have put together an Easter Bonnet making pack (craft materials) which will be delivered to children in South Chadderton a week or so before Easter asking them to create fabulous bonnets and post pictures of their finished masterpieces on social media
- Represented Oldham on TV and radio platforms throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that not only Oldham receives fair funding but to highlight the importance of inequalities in our Town which have exacerbated the impact of the pandemic on our communities
- In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic I quickly established and continue to chair an Advisory Board in Oldham to ensure all communities are represented as we build back better
- I have spoken at a range of conferences representing both Oldham and Greater Manchester
- Member of the GM Growth Company
- Member of the GMB Regional Equality Forum
- Member of the Local Government Association

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Cllr Graham Sheldon – Saddleworth South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Preserving Green space
- Creating new jobs
- Maintaining footpaths



Work in the community

- Leader of the Conservative Group Oldham MBC
- Member of the Audit Committee
- Member of the Licensing committee
- Member of Oldham planning Committee
- Worked with Highways to combat problems associated with parking at Dovestone reservoir.
- Highlighted flood problem areas in Greenfield and Grasscroft.
- Working with highways to reduce speed limits in the villages, this includes engaging with GM Police to deploy the new mobile speed camera.
- Taking forward residents' problems to various OMBC departments.
- Working with the Covid team to encourage a local vaccination hub for Saddleworth.
- Provided funds to repair the footpath, Church road to station Road Uppermill.
- Working with Gm Police to reduce anti-social behavior at Uppermill sports centre.

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I do not hold ward surgeries

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Cllr Graham Shuttleworth – Chadderton South Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- To work with and for residents in order to achieve the best possible outcome for Chadderton South as a whole
- Continue to tackle fly tipping which blights our area
- To work with our partners who do so much to support others



Work in the community

- In what has been a year like no other I have worked as best as I can to maintain contact with residents
- I spoke with as many over 70 year-old residents in the last 12 months as I had contact details for, initially (2020) to ensure that they were aware of the support available via the local authority and in 2021 repeated that contact to discuss the vaccination system
- I have worked with our Third Sector partners, Full Circle, discussing and supporting their work with young people and this will continue throughout this year and during my remaining years in office
- Despite the fact that face-to-face contact has not been possible, this has not prevented open and honest communication with residents and their issues have been heard and dealt with as appropriate
- I have also continued to work with groups within the community as they have a vital role to play for so many of you
- Finally, an unrelated comment: please stay safe and well, take no chances with your health or those of your family. As Del wold say: "You know it makes sense!"

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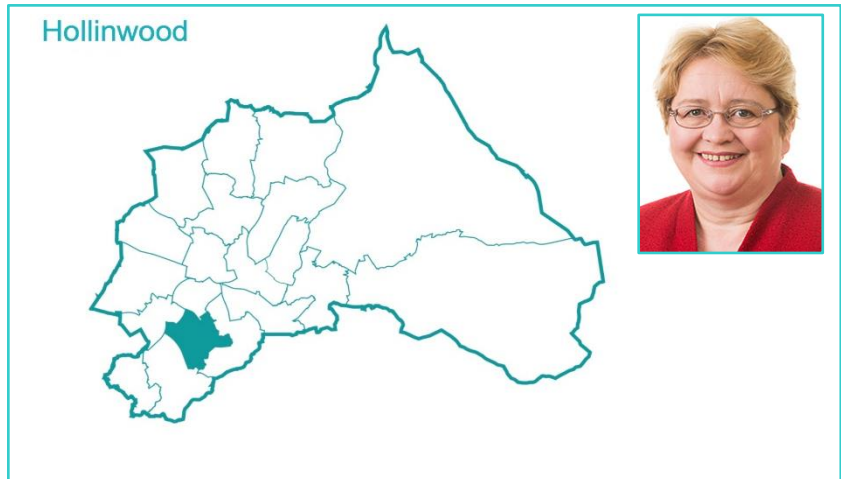
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Cllr Jean Stretton – Hollinwood Ward

Married with two grown up step-children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Brought up on Alt Estate, educated at Alt Infant and Primary, then Hathershaw Comprehensive. MBA from Bolton Institute (before it became Bolton University.)

I have lived in Hollinwood since 1989 and was first elected as a Labour Councillor for the Hollinwood Ward in 2003.



Work in the community

Over the last twelve months the Council has been at the frontline in responding to the Covid19 pandemic; including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and now supporting the roll-out of vaccines.

Throughout 2020 the pandemic has also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillors worked.

Instead of attending meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, all meetings have been held virtually, accessed via phone or laptop. I have undertaken training on using this technology so that I could continue to represent you throughout this difficult time. In the 2020/21 council year I have a 100% attendance rate at the full council meetings and at all of the council committees that I have been appointed to.

As well as learning about the new technology for virtual meetings I have also undertaken training on Safeguarding Children and Adults.

I have not been able to hold advice surgeries or meet people face to face but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems that they would like my assistance with.

In previous years I have used some of my ward councillor budget to support community groups and to fund activities for young people during school holidays. Community groups have not been meeting and the restrictions prevented school holiday activities. Hopefully, sometime in the coming year, community groups will be able to meet again and activities for young people can go ahead. I would welcome requests for funding as and when that happens.

For the last twelve months I have been Chair of Oldham's Health and Wellbeing Board. I also have continued as Chair of Oldham Credit Union. I am a governor at Limehurst Primary school and a member of the Oasis Hub, which supports Oasis Academy Oldham and Oasis Limeside primary school.

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Cllr Howard Sykes – Shaw Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Supporting residents and business through Covid-19
- New Health Centre for Shaw
- Protecting Green Belt/spaces
- Litter, fly-tipping and dog fouling
- Listening to residents
- Environmental improvements
- Local policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways and speeding traffic



Work in the community

Your Shaw Liberal Democrat Councillors would like to say a massive thanks to our NHS, Key Workers and the whole Community for stepping up in our hour of need. We are far from out of the woods yet and its definitely not business as usual, but we have been inspired by the resilience of the community.

This year throughout the Coronavirus epidemic I have continued to champion all issues for Shaw residents. I have embraced new ways of working to enable me to meet new needs and to offer the appropriate support to affected residents and communities.

- I work with the local community centre with food packages for the vulnerable and elderly during national lockdown.
- I liaise with Council departments on resident's behalf with regards to applications for the Small Business Grant Fund.
- I keep up to date with residents' concerns this may be by leaflet questionnaires or telephone campaigns.
- I keep communication open with residents I am contactable by email, telephone, Twitter, Facebook, my web site and Microsoft Teams. This allows me to manage a range of issues on behalf of residents such as, housing repairs, rehousing requests, neighbour disputes, school applications, healthcare complaints, council bins and rubbish removal, dog waste and new street litter or grit bins.
- I am a member of the LGA Councillors Forum, and the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board.
- I attended training on "Safeguarding", "Casework & Advocacy Skills".
- I am a governor at St Joseph's school and as a parent myself I strive for our children's right to receive an education appropriate to their needs.
- I continue to work closely with our local Police, the District Partnership, Parish Council, residents and businesses of Shaw to resolve the problem of anti-social behaviour. This work remains an on-going battle to ensure that residents have a safe place to live.
- I continue to challenge the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and its successor, and work to achieve the best outcome possible for residents' homes, jobs, and the environment by opposing the appalling loss of our green spaces. For further information about the work I do for this please refer to my website.
- I work with Transport for Greater Manchester resolving residents' issues about bus services or Metrolink. Additionally, I am a member of Greater Manchester Transport Committee here we are working to achieve a fully integrated, high capacity transport system.
- I formally object to planning applications if I believe they are inappropriate or not a benefit to residents. Most recently I have objected to Shaw Asda's recent request for 24-hour deliveries and the conversion of the Weaver's Answer PH. We work constructively with developers who wish to build new homes on the Very/Yodel site and elsewhere in Shaw.
- I continue to drive the campaign forward for a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton.
- I continue to request regular vehicle speed monitoring on roads such as Buckstones Road – with a view to the instalment of speed enforcement measures that can be taken to address and resolve these issues.
- I work with the Highways Department to have the potholes, blocked grids and poor footpaths resurfaced or repaired. Most recently following a great deal of negotiation the pavements along

Underwood Way were resurfaced – this was a five year plus battle.

- I regularly pursue complaints of fly tipping around Shaw and I work very closely with the Environmental Health Department on this matter. Most recently I organised the clearing of rubbish left outside the Former Weavers Answer Public House, Crompton Moor, Grains Road, Shaw Town Centre and Jubilee.
- As Chair of the Crompton Moor Users Group and in my role as Ward Councillor, I meet regularly with the group, working closely for this area of countryside that within our community remains very important. I continue to ensure that this area is maintained and safe to use by all. Most recently I have been instrumental in agreeing a new dog sign that will hopefully be introduced by the start of the nesting season. The Public Space Protection Order has recently been updated to provide more protection.
- I continue to work with residents and a variety of agencies for a resolution to on-going flooding problems, primarily in the areas of Dunwood Park, Woodend, Grains Road, Grains Bar, Jubilee.

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Cllr Elaine Taylor – Chadderton Central Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Post Covid-19 recovery
- Support local community groups
- Tackle fly tipping and littering
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Community safety

Chadderton Central



Work in the community

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In my ward I have had to scale back the amount of work I can do in the community due to not being able to get out and about, but I have still been available by e-mail or telephone for people to contact me if they have problems they would like my assistance with. I have supported individual residents on a range of welfare issues, including housing, access to benefits, school placements and I have continued to find new ways of working to keep the ward clean and tidy.

I am a Governor at the Radclyffe School and have worked closely with residents and my Ward colleagues to establish the Community Benefit Society.

I have kept in touch with local community groups and have continued to work with them to help them access the grants system to fund activities and I look forward to becoming more active in the area again when restrictions are finally lifted.

Committee Appointments

- Council
- Chadderton District Executive
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Audit Committee
- Local Negotiating Joint Committee
- Charitable Trust Committee (substitute)

Appointments to outside Bodies

- Community First (Chadderton) Ltd
- Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

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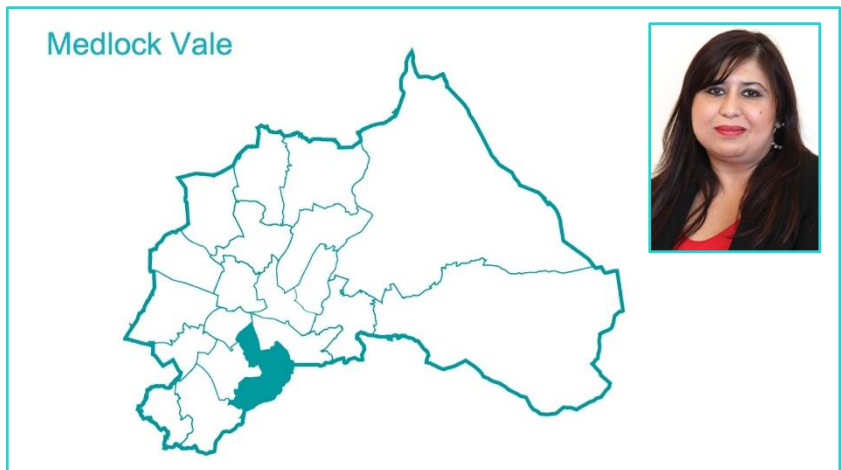
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Cllr Yasmin Toor – Medlock Vale Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Fly Tipping
- National Covid-19 Lockdown



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- Attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Member Overview & Scrutiny Board
- District Lead for West Oldham
- Lay Member for DL Committee
- Vice Chair – Royal Oldham Hospital League of Friends
- Chair- Heathcot Pre-School
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, amongst other things
- Raised concerns about speeding on Ashton Rd, Hollins Road near Hathershaw Technology College.
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6. Glodwick Dynamos FC
7. Indian Association
8. CAB Neighborhood advice
9. Saheli Women's Group - International Women's Day 2021
10. Saheli Women's Group - Stay Connected
11. Fitton Hill Half Term Street Play – REEL

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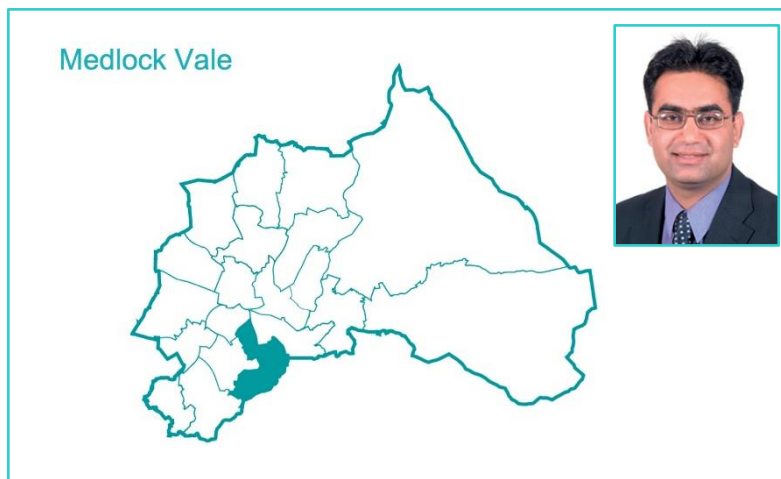
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Cllr Ateeque Ur-Rehman – Medlock Vale Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Road safety
- Covid-19 National Lockdown
- Fly Tipping/Anti-Social Behavior



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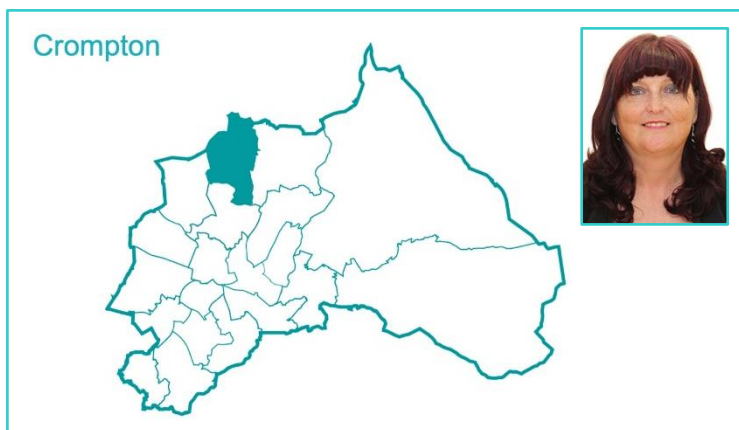
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Cllr Diane Williamson – Crompton Ward

MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Protecting the environment and the greenbelt
- Improving our highways and footpaths
- Improving health facilities
- Tackling the menace of dog fouling and litter



Work in the community

Shaw and Crompton is a special place and you've welcomed me as a fellow resident and as a Borough and Parish Councillor.

I have been listening to residents – despite COVID-19 – and previously my team and I have knocked on thousands of doors, speaking to you about your issues and concerns. The key priorities that come up are:

- protecting the environment and the greenbelt
- improving our highways and footpaths
- improving health facilities
- tackling the menace of dog fouling and litter

During this global pandemic, and the three national lockdowns, it has been a pleasure and a delight to speak to many of you, when I rang you just to check in and see whether you needed any assistance.

I'm realistic in what I can deliver. There is still so much more to be done and if re-elected, I will continue to demand better for **High Crompton, Shaw and Royton**. I pledge to listen and, with your support, will continue to be your true voice on Oldham council. Together we can achieve more.

PS. Don't let COVID-19 steal your vote – you can apply for a postal vote and still hand it in at the polling station on 6 May

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