

# Members Annual Reports 2021

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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 under Councillors' section on the Oldham Council's website.

# Cllr Sahr Abid – Medlock Vale Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Fly tipping
- Antisocial behavior
- Road Safety

## Training completed

- Casework and Advocacy
- Barnados training Module 1 – A Child First: Understanding child sexual abuse and keeping the child at the centre
- Barnados training Module 2 - A Child First- Recovery journey and lifelong impact- providing effective help
- Safeguarding adults and children



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## Work in the community

The pandemic has impacted the way the council and Councillor's work.

During the pandemic I have represented Medlock Vale via phone, Teams, meetings and more recently in person where I can voice my opinions and raise issues concerning my area.

On being elected I promised the community of Medlock Vale I would clean the alleys and in general would improve the cleanliness of the area, which I am happy to say the work is still on going and many alleys/areas have been cleaned. The issues of Medlock Vale are very personal to me as I reside within the area and see issues which need addressing straight away as they also affect me.

Some of the issues and concerns discussed with residents were crime and antisocial behavior. This was addressed by organizing a meeting with the police to help build a relationship between the community and police and increasing police visibility in the area. Residents now feel more confident to raise issues with the police and want to help in reducing these issues.

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## Surgeries

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# Cllr Riaz Ahmed – 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 continuing to impact communities, 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.



## MY TRAINING

I have attended several training sessions on Finance, Audit, Safeguarding, Prevent, Environment, Planning, and other similar subjects

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## Work in the community

I have been busy with the casework and my work is supported by the other councillors 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 councillors are continually working on clean ups in the areas where it is required, road safety and future planning.

Our councillor'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
- Public Health

## COUNCIL

I chair the Performance, Overview and 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 projects are fully justified and affordable, staff performance and attendance is of good high standard and council is meeting 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.

## MAJOR AIMS FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS

To keep the ward clean, combat fly tipping and empower community to take ownership of their environment

- To support the residents from the COVID 19 impact and help with the recovery process.
- To provide means of health improvement and improve public health.
- To improve the education, offer in the Ward
- 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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## SURGERIES

Face to face Ward Surgeries are back, are held in different parts of the ward regularly and are advertised regularly. I can also be contacted by phone or email for any issues or problems.

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# Cllr Shoab Akhtar – Werneth Ward

## MY WARD PRIORITIES

### Environment

- Highways
- Education
- Health and Well-being
- Hartford Mill Site
- Music room in Werneth Park



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## Work in the community

- Hartford Mill demolition is almost complete.
- Various roads across the ward have been resurfaced
- Working with ASRA to address issues around phase 1 & 2 of Suthers development.
- Working with residents to address parking issues on Primrose Bank.
- Keepmoat second phase in Primrose Bank and Suthers St is completed just environmental work needs to be completed.
- Don't Trash Oldham campaign to be carried out in Werneth in March .
- Covid door knocking.
- Tudor St pitch surface replacement funding bid has been submitted, however Council contribution is confirmed

## Funded the following projects through the Councilor's budget.

- Children's Celebration Appeal
- Coppice United
- Grit Bins - Newport St, St Thomas Circle
- Glodwick Dynamos FC
- Healthy Ageing, Indian Association
- WFCDP - Electricity charges for pitch lights

## Participation on outside bodies and partnerships

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

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

## Achievements as Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise

- The Council secured £210,418 for 2021/22 from the Government's Welcome Back Fund to support the safe and successful re-opening of high streets from Covid restrictions

- Free parking from 3pm at the Market Car Park is being introduced to boost footfall later on in the day from the 1st April 2022
- To date a total of £8,293,000 of Additional Restrictions Grant Funding has been spent and approx.. 600 businesses have been supported
- Oldham In Place Partnership (OIPP) secured a share of £8.225m (circa £2m for Oldham) as part of a GM Local Access Partnership bid to Access and Big Society Capital that supports the development of social and co-operative enterprises.
- Get Oldham Working (GOW) secured £3.5m Restart Contract to support citizens back into work currently at 104% of target for entry into employment.
- GOW secured National Careers Service extension offering free information, advice, and guidance.
- JE:TS (Job Entry: Targeted Support) programme continued into 2022 with 246 job starts (110% of target).
- Working Wardrobe project secured through partnership working with Registered Providers of Social Housing – Launch date late March 2022.
- Youth Hub launched October 2022 - targeting support for 19–24-year-old in partnership with Job Centre Plus. Agreement to expand provision with JCP as part of our new Youth Employment programme.
- New Children Looked After engagement programme launched in January 2022 - currently engaged with 52 care leavers, 5 have progressed into employment, apprenticeship, or training.

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# Cllr Ginny Alexander – St James Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Road safety
- Potholes
- Fly tipping
- Anti-social behaviour
- Isolation
- Parking
- Dog fouling
- Creating new jobs



## Work in the community

- Supported residents on various issues i.e., environmental, housing, road safety, council tax, parking, and planning
- Raised concerns about speeding on various roads throughout the ward.
- Worked with the local communities with food packages for vulnerable, elderly and children in the school holidays
- Dealt with Fly tipping problems looking at ways to change mind set on how to combat this problem.
- Regular litter picks
- Visiting sites and locations when safe to do so regarding problems that have arisen.

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.

Throughout 2020/21 it also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillor's worked.

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 also have held my ward surgeries

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, particularly on social media.

In December 2020 we planted a Christmas tree and had a light switch on it was good to see the community come together as this has not been done in St James before.

This will be a regular event every year.

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## Cllr Sam Al-Hamdani – Saddleworth West and Lees Ward

### My Ward priorities

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

### Training completed

- Equality and diversity training
- Cyber security and governance
- Trauma-led response to abuse (Survivor's Trust)
- Barnardo's training
- Safeguarding
- LGA Next Generation
- Introduction to MyHR
- Enforcement issues in the Ward
- Casework and advocacy skills
- Personal safety for councillors



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### 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 Saddleworth 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 Phillimore 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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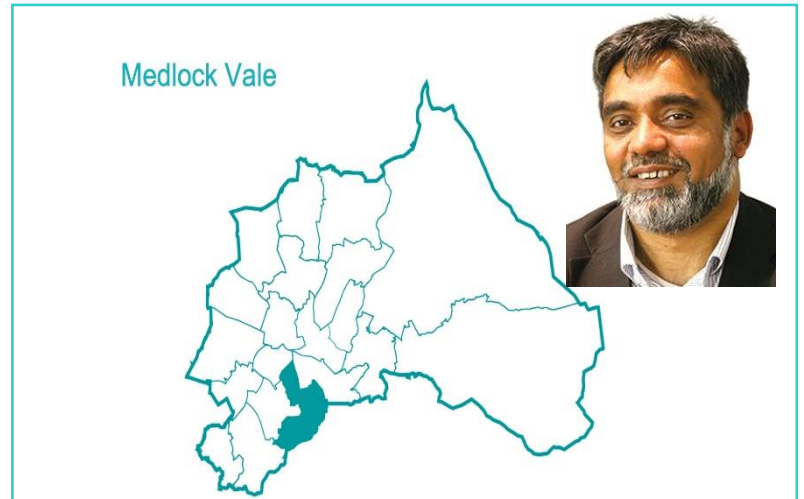
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# Cllr Mohammed Alyas – Medlock Vale Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Housing
- Tackling
- Health inequalities
- Environmental improvements
- Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour



## Training Completed

- Adult Safeguarding
- Planning and Planning enforcement
- Public speaking
- Advocacy & Casework
- Procurement/Business support

## Work in the Community

In 2020/21/22, I have represented Medlock Vale and OMBC on the following:

- South Oldham District Lead
- Member of Policy and Overview Scrutiny Committee
- Member CGN (Community Groups Network)
- Member of Audit committee
- Member of GM Waste and Recycling committee
- Member of For Housing 'Fitton Hill Community Voice'

I have supported the following organisations/groups/Services

- REEL CIC
- Fitton Hill Bulldogs
- Fitton Hill Skate park works
- Bardsley community and Playing Fields Assoc for remembrance Sunday
- Glodwick Dynamos (Werneth)
- Saheli Women's Group-Building Relationships
- Grit Bins (Gainsborough Ave, Keb Lane)
- GreenHill Community Sports and Recreation CIC
- South Asian Women's CIC
- Indian Associations
- Kashmir Cricket Club
- GMP week of Action in Fitton Hill
- Git Bins, Play Streets, ATC – Hadfield St, and Gainsborough Ave, Streetlighting

## Meetings attended

100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings

## Work on ward issues

- Worked with community groups, and local community members to submit three 'Local Improvement Fund' bids. Unfortunately, only one of these (renovation of Fitton Hill Bulldogs' club house was successful.
- Helped Fitton Hill Bulldogs to submit bids to Viridor and High Sherriff's fund and decision on these is imminent.
- Worked with the police to tackle Anti-social behavior
- Working with Madina Masjid in Coppice to install a streetlight and establish a youth club.
- Following residents' concerns, worked with police to raise and fund speeding issues on Hadfield St
- Helped establish a women's group in Hathershaw
- Regularly spoke to residents, and posted messages on social media encouraging testing for Covid 19, and taking up of vaccination
- Worked with Census team to raise awareness of Census 21 within the BME and Eastern European communities and received recognition as a 'Census Champion'.
- Led on community litter picking sessions
- Worked with many individuals and families (through case work) to help raise and in most cases resolve their issues

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## Surgeries

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# Cllr Mohon Ali– Chadderton North Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Road Improvements
- Clean Streets
- Safe Environment



## Work in the community

- Improved road safety at Burnley Lane from Elk Mill Roundabout to Mills Hill train Station. Ward Councillors worked with highway engineers to design a road scheme that improves driver behaviour.
- Secured funding to improve road safety in Burnley Lane, From Elk Mill roundabout to Garforth Street
- Organized community workshops to encourage recycling and arranged trips for younger people to visit recycling facilities to see how it all works.
- Undertook several door knocking sessions to support residents to deal with the Covid Crisis.
- Organized a meeting between a major employer and local people to encourage people to take advantage of opportunities.
- Worked with community groups to transform alleyways into growing hubs.
- Organized several community clean ups in the area and arranged funding of security gates at Laburnum Avenue, Chadderton
- Worked with police to tackle anti-social behaviour in the Chadderton North area.
- Supported and led on several community initiatives to improve Educational Performances, literacy and ensure our Children are school ready from an early age.
- Developed and supported several community organizations, helping them grow and become self-sufficient.
- Held surgeries each month at Chadderton Wellbeing Centre, meeting residents to tackle a range of problems.

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## Surgeries

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# Cllr Dave Arnott - Royton North Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour
- Action on fly tipping and littering
- Protection of our green spaces
- Improvements and repairs to our roads and pavements
- Improvements to local social, leisure and sports facilities
- Support for local charities and initiatives
- Support for veterans
- A fair deal for Royton from council funding



## Training Completed

- Planning Committee Members Training
- Licensing Members Training
- Safeguarding Members Training
- CIPFA Audit Committee Training

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## Work in the community

Planned and secured funding from LIF for improvements and upgrades in Dogford Park.

Secured funding and completion of repairs to Irk Valley pathway.

Coordinated and funded street poppies and Armed Services flags for Remembrance Day service

Grant funding for RBL 100 Project and Royton Cricket Club.

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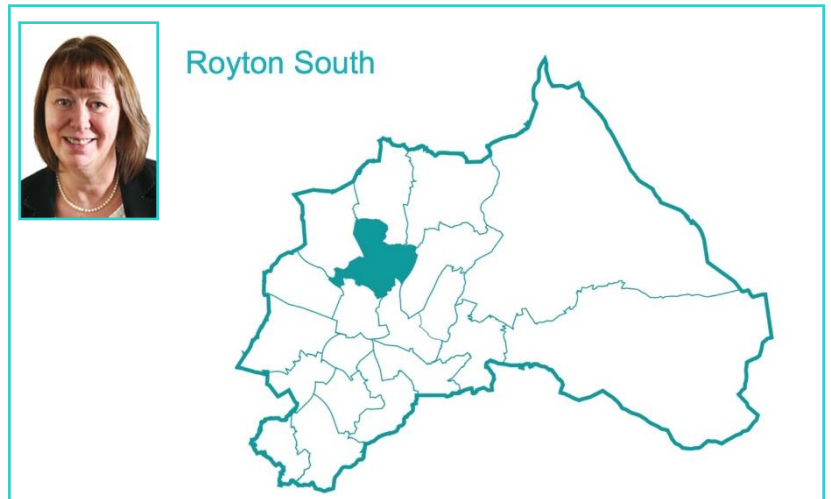
# Cllr Marie Bashforth - Royton South Ward

## My Ward priorities

My primary role is to represent Royton South

Ward and the people who live here. To respond to resident's queries and investigate their concerns. Listening to residents and then representing their views on council.

**Communication** with residents by telephone or email, always a top priority.



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**Surgeries** - Due to the Pandemic the bigger face to face meetings with residents have not been possible over the past two years, but we are putting these back into place now and looking towards setting up surgeries again.

**Street Surgeries** - Along with face-to-face surgeries, we are going to start up our street surgeries again, which always worked well and means we can get to speak to the residents who want to talk to and tell us their issues.

**Royton Town Hall and Library** - We continue to work towards the renovation of Royton Town Hall and the Library. The project is ongoing and is progressing. In fact, some of the more structural work will be starting in mid-March this year. Which is exciting. The Town Hall should remain the Hub of the town for residents and should be accessible and usable for everyone. This will include a fit for purpose library, that everyone can use in all sorts of different ways.

**Growth and Development of Royton Centre** - We are working with private and public sector partners to support that growth and development.

**Building on our unique heritage** - wanting to make Royton a thriving place to live, work and socialise. We are promoting volunteering opportunities so residents can get involved in the community and do their bit.

**Outdoor Spaces** - We also want to increase the use of our outdoor spaces; we have some lovely parks and walking trails. And these spaces provide an opportunity for residents to take control and improve their health. There are local sports and park clubs to be used, so promoting these activities is important.

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## 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.

- Supporting 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.
- Providing a bridge between residents and the council.
- Being an advocate for local residents and signposting them to the right people at the council.
- Keeping residents informed about the issues that affect them.
- Don't Trash Oldham - attending regular Litter Picks around the area.

As much as I did come into this local political role to be here for local residents, over the years it has become clear to me that by taking on more 'council based' roles I can actually do more for our residents in Royton. Everything I become involved in, invariably comes back to my work and life in Royton.

The roles I have taken, have involved work that is borough wide, remembering that Royton is part of the borough, and that all the subjects and areas that are covered and improved mean that the whole of the borough benefit from decisions made and improvements made to all the services involved in that role, this would include Royton and Royton residents.

**Adaptations Panel (When face to face meetings were possible) - Allocating funding from the Better Care Fund**, we looked at applications from families who had family members in hospital or other care facilities, but who, with the right adaptations to the family home could be cared for in their own home and so be with their families.

Our aim was to approve the applications where possible, grant the funding and arrange for support for the work to be carried out. We scrutinised all applications to make sure the funding was being spent in the correct way.

## **I am on the Licensing Committee**

### **Chair of the Learning Disability Partnership Board (2018 – 2020)**

This board works to make Oldham a better place to live for people who have a learning disability and supports their families

Such as

- Is there the support individuals need to live long and healthy lives?
- Are individuals being treated with dignity and respect
- Are they able to live at home with family or independently but with the right support? And be close to their families and friends.
- And are they able to maintain relationships and get the support they need to have a healthy, safe and fulfilling life

The Board challenges professional bodies, to improve the delivery of services to the people and families who need them.

Ensures money is spent on good quality services and the Board is consulted and involved with regard to plans or changes that will affect everyone with a learning disability or their carers.

### **The Domestic Violence Partnership**

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.

This Partnership undertook a lot of work, which over the years has helped to bring forward a bigger awareness of the dreadful issue of domestic violence in our communities.

Such as;

### **White Ribbon Accreditation**

The White Ribbon is there to promote the message of respect and leading by example.

White Ribbon status is an official accreditation and highlights our commitment to ending violence against women. This accreditation is now in place and a number of our councillors have become White Ribbon champions.

**Chair of the Health and Well Being Board (2020 to 2022)** - Something I wanted to do, as wanted to have more say and input on how our Health and Well Being Services are commissioned and delivery throughout the borough.

The Board brings together a large group of people and is always very well attended. We have GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Care Providers, Housing Providers, the police, community residents and the voluntary sectors.

Our biggest and most recent work is around the very clear and worrying health inequalities in our borough. In order to help us with this work we want to involve more people in our meetings. Leadership of the council have the final say on how services are commissioned and how they are delivered, so their input would be valuable.

Everyone involved with this Board have a vital role into looking at why we have these inequalities, what they can lead to, and what can be done to bring about positive changes.

### **Health Inequalities - What are the five main causes of health inequalities?**

**There is ample evidence that social factors,**

- Education
- Health service provision (GPs, hospital services)
- Employment status
- Income level
- Gender and ethnicity
- And housing, is it good quality housing?
- Financial situations and debt management

The Board considers services offered and are they delivered well.

GP services, Housing, Early Start and nursery services, Pharmacy coverage and access, Antenatal services, Smoking cessation services, Dental services, and accessibility.

Health Inequalities can lead to.

Heart disease, Hypertension, Stroke, Heart failure, Diabetes, Cancer, Liver disease, mental health issues and respiratory disease.

These facts show how important work around health inequalities is, due to wide range of areas and illnesses health inequalities affect.

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**Surgeries** – Face to face surgeries are planned and will commence as soon as possible. Until then residents can contact me telephone and email.

I will ensure to be available to help and

support our community in this way. Also active on Facebook and keep in contact with residents through all local neighborhood pages on Facebook.

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# Cllr Steven Bashforth – Royton South Ward

## 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.

Currently my official council appointments are:-

- Chair of the MioCare Group.
- District Lead for Royton, Shaw and Crompton.
- Chair of the Oldham Armed Forces Partnership.

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 centres and now rolling out the virus.

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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## Surgeries

Back soon!

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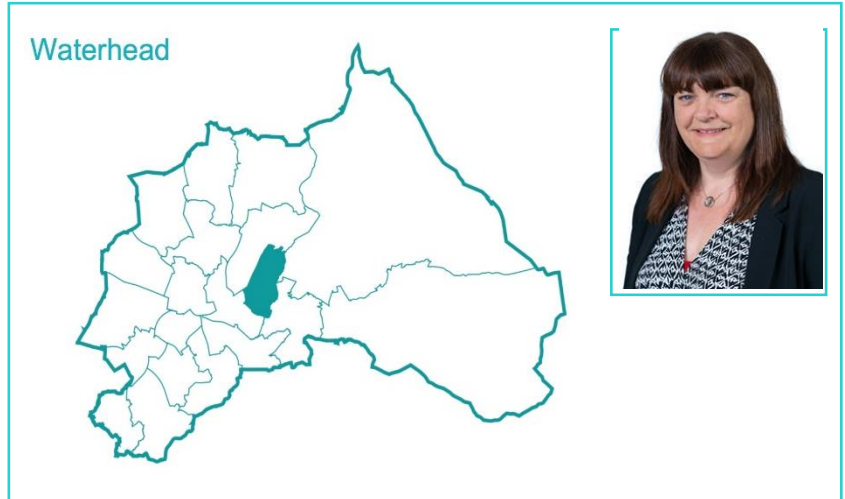
# Cllr Ros Birch – Waterhead Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Tackling health inequalities
- Tackling Anti-social behavior
- Safe & clean communities
- Safer highways

## Training completed

- Barnardo's Safeguarding training Module 4
- Highways Regulations and Law
- Public Speaking Skills
- Emergency Planning Members Briefing
- Barnardo's Safeguarding Training - Module 3
- Barnardo's Safeguarding Training - Module 2
- Casework & Advocacy Skills
- Personal Safety
- Effective Scrutiny
- Digital Transformation Briefing
- Planning Enforcement
- Safeguarding
- Members Induction



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## Work in the community

During my first year as Ward Councillor for Waterhead, I have supported the following groups/organisations/services:

- Waterhead Warriors RLFC under 13 Girls Team
- NEON Hub
- Sholver, Moorside & Watersheddings Flower Show

It has been difficult to fully engage with residents and community groups due to the continuation of Covid-19 restrictions. Emergency support and assistance has been prioritised; working with partner agencies and council employees to engage with hard-to-reach groups. This meant that some of the 'usual' casework has taken longer than usual to deal with.

Face-to-face Ward Surgeries were able to take place again from October 2021 and have taken place on a monthly basis since this time.

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## Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries take place on the first Saturday of each month between 10am – 11am at either ViP Cabin – Waterhead Park, NEON Hub or St Barnabas Church Hall. Please contact me

for details.

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# Councillor 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
- 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.
- 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 and ability for them”.



## Training:

- Training on Child & Adult Safeguarding,
- Corporate Parenting, Health, Greater Manchester Devolution, Personal Safety, Appeals & Codes of Conduct.

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## Work in the community:

- I believe my first 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 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.
  - The Council Committees I currently sit on are, the Clayton Playing Fields Committee & the Audit Committee. I am also a substitute on the Petitioners Panel, and Traffic Regulation Order Panel.
  - The outside bodies that I sit on are, Transport for Greater Manchester Committee also Transport for Greater Manchester Metrolink & Rail Sub-Committee, Greater Manchester Combined Authorities, Statutory Functions Committee and GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee. I am also a Pennine NHS Trust Governor.
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## Surgeries:

Due to Covid 19, I am currently not holding any surgeries. Hopefully I will be resuming them soon and they will be held at Failsworth Town Hall, between 10am - 11am, on the last Saturday of each month.

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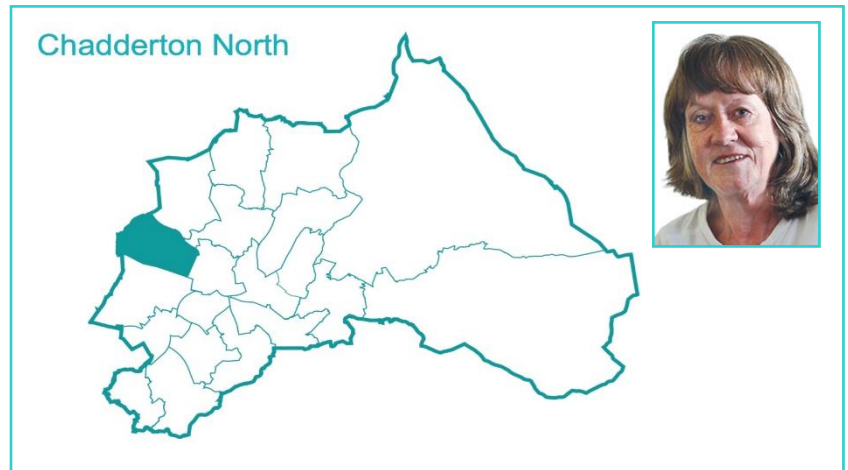
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# Cllr Barbara Brownridge – Chadderton North Ward

## MY WARD PRIORITIES

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Road safety



## Work in the community

- Member of GM Planning Housing and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Member of Oldham Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Planning Committee; TRO Panel; Cultural Partnership Board; Northern Roots Board; Executive Oversight Committee of Co-operative Councils Network
- Trustee Oldham Coliseum
- Chair of Chadderton and Werneth district. Attendance at Chadderton Homewatch when possible full attendance at Council

Due to the pandemic physical meetings have been limited but ward surgeries have now started again at 3pm on Thursday in the Wellbeing Centre. I have been actively involved in the work to establish the New Chadderton Partnership which will be instrumental in preparing a local plan for Chadderton.

The three ward councillors were successful in bidding for funds to install traffic calming to the eastern side of Burnley Lane and I have worked with the new Volkswagen garage to secure alley gating on that side of Burnley Lane to prevent fly tipping.

The Chadderton councillors have also succeeded in bidding for money to review the health of the town centre and have recently appointed consultants to undertake an assessment.

I am continuing to work with police and partners to deal with ongoing ASB particularly at St Mark's Court.

I am actively involved with the proposed pilot works to improve pedestrian access and safety on Victoria St and Garforth St and environs

I have secured agreement for traffic calming to be installed in the cemetery to address persistent problems of speeding.

Following the clean-up of the ward as part of the Don't Trash Oldham scheme I have taken part in litter picks in all three Chadderton wards.

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## SURGERIES

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# Cllr Pam Byrne – Saddleworth North Ward

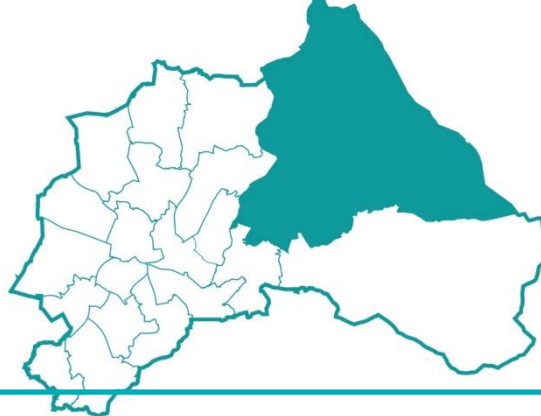
## My Ward priorities

- Securing Road Safety Schemes
- Helping Business in COVID19
- Protecting the Green Belt and
- Integrity of the Villages

## Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Advocacy Skills
- Chairing Skills
- Planning for Emergencies

Saddleworth North



## Work in the community

- Liaising with residents about the progress of the new Saddleworth School
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Supporting Local Businesses with COVID 19 Grant Applications
- Supporting residents with Planning Application Concerns. and Enforcements.
- Negotiated land for gardens for residents in Delph
- Supported Community Groups with financial assistance for their events from my Councillor's allowance. Also, local groups for equipment and sited convenient benches.
- 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 and Pupils.
- Recently Awarded the Queens Award for Community Service to Saddleworth Whit Friday

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## Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries are usually held on the third Saturday of the month at the Delph Methodist Hall 10.30 to 11.30am

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# Cllr Amanda Chadderton – Royton South Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Don't Trash Oldham/Royton
- Investing in green spaces
- Supporting local businesses



Last May I was elected to represent Royton South for the third time. To continue to represent the area I was brought up in and went to school in, remains the greatest privilege. Thank you to everyone who voted for and put their faith in me. Last May, I was also elected to the position of Deputy Leader of Oldham Council and given the Cabinet responsibility of Neighbourhoods.

The past year has been a combination of continuing to deal with the pandemic and the fallout out for local business and our residents, to the focusing on borough wide activity as part of my role as Deputy Leader and beginning to see the realization of some of our long-term ambitions for Royton.

As part of my role as Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, I launched the Don't Trash Oldham initiative. The state of the town and the amount of rubbish and dumping of waste we have seen over recent years was the biggest issue raised with me in the lead up to the local elections and this was true of nearly every other ward in Oldham. Don't Trash Oldham is a commitment to clean every street, road, and alleyway in Oldham over 10 months on a ward-by-ward basis. But it is a wider commitment to become a resident focused council, putting residents at the heart of everything we do and reprioritising our focus on the things that they say matter to them.

As a ward Councillor I continue to deal with casework on an almost daily basis, we hold regular litter picks and get involved in community events. This year in Royton, we have finally seen the work begin on Royton Town Hall. We have been campaigning for this since I got elected and secured the funding some time ago but crucially last year we secured a timetable for works to begin and this has now started. There will be £2.4M investment in Royton Town Hall and Library, this will include the demolition of the rear extension and the creation of a public space. We will bring back to life some of the buildings original features but make it accessible to all Roytoners and a genuine community hub.

This year I have been successful in a bid to the Local Improvement Fund to tackle speeding on Salmon Fields, I have also secured funding from Greater Manchester and combined this will mean £40,000 spent on traffic calming measures. This will also coincide with the introduction of a crossing at the old railway tracks as it crosses Salmon Fields, this area is being opening up to attract more cyclists and walker.

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# Cllr Zahid Chauhan – Alexandra Ward

## My Ward priorities

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

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 behaviour, alley gating, bad landlords, traffic measures on high-risk roads and missed bin collections.

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 rolling out the vaccination.

One of the services I am most proud of Oldham for providing, is the new mental health service for our residents. It has been an undeniably tough time during the COVID pandemic which has put a strain on many people's mental health. In the past year, we've received funding for 16 mental health projects that I'm excited to see get underway. These projects range from new online support that all our residents can access for free, more training of mental health first aiders, more early intervention for families in crisis, developing more local support groups, targeting those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and a host of other initiatives that I can't wait to see start making a real difference in people's lives.

These projects combined with what we're already doing such as social prescribing, working with schools, and supporting our own council staff shows our commitment to the importance of good mental wellbeing.

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## Surgeries

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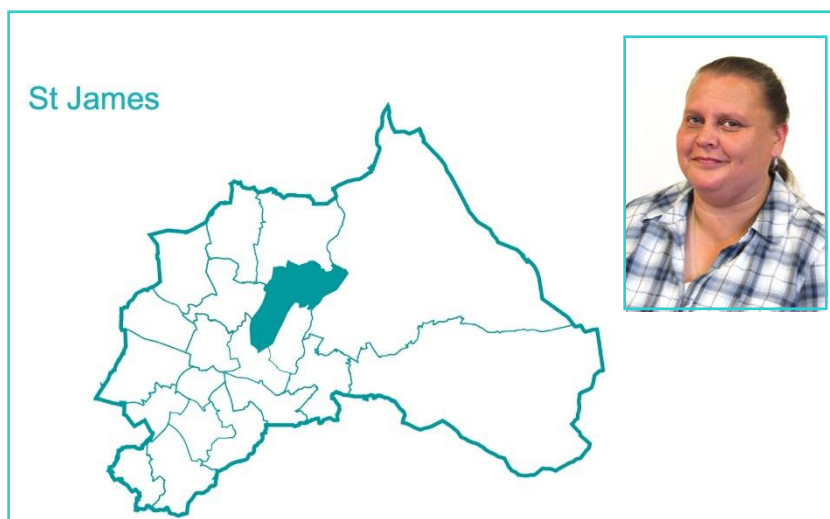
# Cllr Angela Cosgrove – St James Ward

## My Ward priorities

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

## Training completed

- Barnados Safeguarding modules
- Licensing safeguarding
- Enforcement



## Work in the community

- District Lead for the East Cluster, Vice Chair of Licensing committee, substitute for Planning, member of the Health Scrutiny.
- Secretary of The Friends of Stoneleigh Park, Member of Oldham's Poverty Action Group and Stoneleigh Park bowling teams
- Campaigned and supported residents with St James planning concerns throughout the ward.
- Working with the Police, FCHO and community Safety on residents' concerns around ASB and crime
- During the Covid pandemic 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 again we supported families with presents and hampers for older members of the community.
- I complete daily casework issues around where I live and monthly in the other communities within the St James ward, so that issues can be raised and to engage with residents. I have also worked with the door-to-door Covid engagement teams out in the communities of my ward, supporting residents on the doorstep during my street surgeries as well as completing monthly surgeries and walkabouts with FCHO.
- My mobile phone has been busy with residents calling for support/help and I have tried to get all information around Covid out into the community on social media, arrange local testing and vaccinations sessions as well as provision of Lateral Flow test in the ward. I manage several community FB pages as well as the St James Labour page to try and get information out to residents.
- This next year again I will be supporting local families during the school's holidays by volunteering my time to help with the provision of food and activities in Stoneleigh Park.

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## Surgeries

Monthly street surgeries and joint monthly surgeries with FCHO and GMP.

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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 Parish Council
- Represented residents on planning committee submissions
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings
- Worked with range of agencies and stakeholders to manage problems arising from visitor numbers at Dovestone and manage excessive parking issues around Greenfield and ensuring enforcement of restrictions.
- Worked with organisers and assisted with Saddleworth Show
- Worked on Whit Friday Committee and Autumn Leaves Brass Band contests.
- Provided funds for Christmas Illuminations in Ward.
- Liaised with council officers on tree clearance and environmental improvements at various sites around ward
- Provided funds for remediation of footpaths around Ward
- Assisted community groups on LIF Submissions
- Worked with council officers on providing new litter bins in ward
- 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
- Co-ordinated and co-wrote Saddleworth response to TfGM consultation on Bus provision
- Worked with highways to implement road safety measures around the ward including



remodelling of road junctions and implementing new crossings and road signage.

- Wrote response to Boundary Commission ward restructuring proposals
- Served on board of satellite Centre
- Represented Mayor of Oldham at Remembrance wreath laying
- Attended training on Safeguarding and Barnardo's Child centered safeguarding training
- Continued to Raise concerns about speeding on trunk roads through the ward and worked with Highways team on monitoring and safety provision
- 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
- Undertaken a variety of advocacy pieces on behalf of residents within my ward resulting in road improvements, access improvements and flooding mitigation

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No appointments necessary.

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# Cllr Peter Davis – Failsworth West Ward

## My Ward priorities

To continue to work with local voluntary and charity groups in the community.

To renew my commitment to support residents of Failsworth West with any casework that is brought to my attention.

To continue to use my allowances for the good of Failsworth West.

To continue to ensure that all services delivered in Failsworth are of a high standard

To fight for Failsworth's corner at Oldham Council to try to ensure we get funding for new initiatives and projects, i.e., Local Investment fund bids.



## Training completed

All training up to date.

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## Work in the community

Supported the Failsworth Christmas Lights.

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.

Board walk on Somerset fields funded and work completed

Volunteer with Street Angels including supporting the rough sleepers' community throughout the Covid Pandemic.

Supporting food hunger throughout the borough.

Supported local resident's well-being with free exercise classes in the Failsworth Town Hall

Supported Oldham residents with the Music award Scheme.

Propps Hall Traffic calming scheme funded and completed

Zebra crossing outside Propps Hall School at the junction of Propps Hall Drive and Clive road funded and completed.

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## Surgeries

First Thursday of each month at  
Failsworth Town Hall from 6pm  
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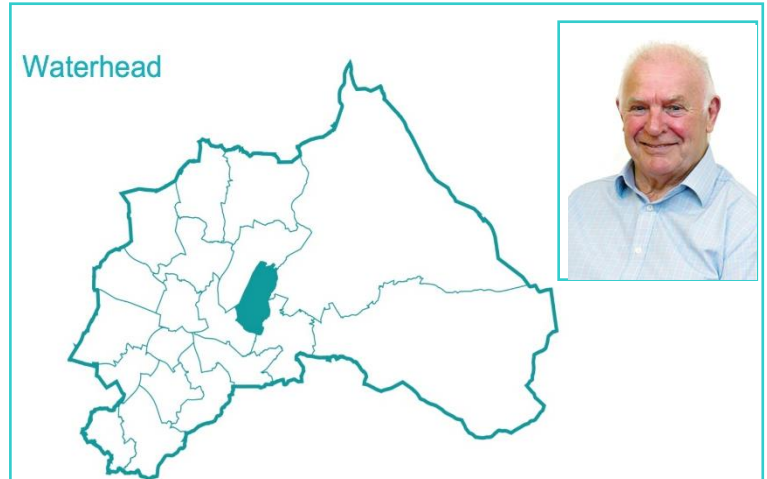
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# Cllr Peter Dean – Waterhead Ward

## MY WARD PRIORITIES

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

- To support residents , community organisation, and workplaces to recover from Covid .
- To build on the cleaner street scheme, by creating a better environment .
- Improve health provision in Local areas
- Provide good quality Council services
- Improve housing in the Ward
- Work with police to reduce crime in Waterhead



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## Work in the community

It has been my pleasure to work with many organisation and groups in Waterhead . And along with my fellow Councillors we have made resources available for the following -

- Improvements in parks including Waterhead , Arundel St, Bullers Parks
- Work on landscaping scheme on Counthill Road
- Improvements to bridleways and footpaths .
- Support for sporting clubs
- A number of clean ups throughout the Ward
- Work on Community buildings
- Support to organisation during the Covid outbreak including food provisions
- We have also had meetings with many groups to give support to their work

## Council Work

I have attended all Council meetings in the last year .

I hold the following positions on the Council

- Chair of the Planning Committee
- Chair of the Standards Committee
- Member of the Audit Committee

## Ward work

I have responded to over 600 inquiries in the last year from constituents and visited and spoke to many residents, groups, and organisations, to resolve issues and get people's views .

I hold a Ward clinic on the first Saturday of each month at venues throughout the Ward .

I am always available by phone or email to help and advise residents .

## Targets for this year

\* To build services in health, social care, education, and general Council services following Covid

to a better improved and integrated standard .

- \* To work with residents and Council on cleaner streets and the environment .
- \* To improve educational opportunities for our young people
- \* To create better paid jobs that are available for all .

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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

## Training completed

- Effective Scrutiny
- Census Training
- Casework and advocacy skills
- Personal safety for Councillor's
- Safeguarding
- Workforce strategy
- Planning applications
- Planning enforcement
- Corporate parenting
- Environmental services
- Bernardo's training modules 1,2,3,4,5 and 6
- Licensing



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## Work in the community

- Obtained funding for traffic calming on Alder Road.
- Obtained funding for traffic calming on Propps Hall Drive
- 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 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.
- Supported funding for the pathway across Somerset Road fields

- Resumed monthly surgeries
  - Attended various functions in the role of Deputy Mayor
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## SURGERIES

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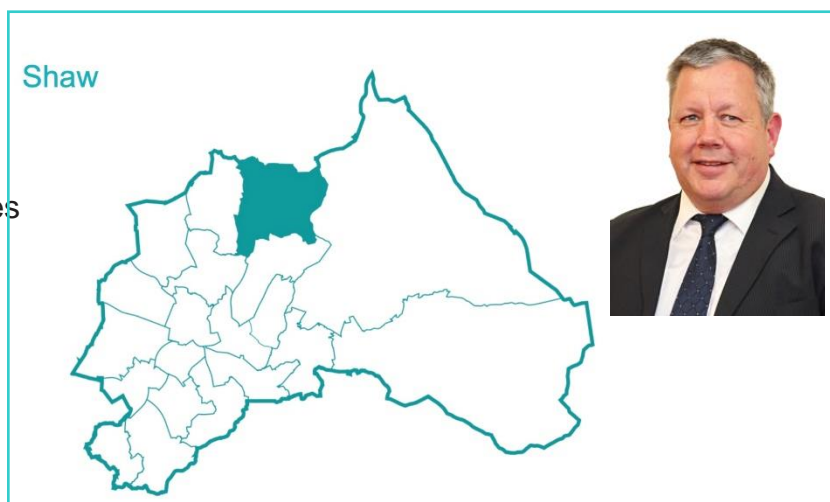
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# Cllr Chris Gloster – Shaw Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Continue to support residents and Businesses throughout Covid-19
- Support residents and businesses affected by increase in spiraling cost of living especially energy costs
- 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



## Training completed

- Barnardo's Training – Module 6
- Barnardo's Training - Module 5
- Barnardo's Training- Module 4
- Prevent E-learning
- Barnardo's Training - Module 2
- Barnardo's Training - Module 1

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## Work in the community

2021 has continued to be a different way of working with only the last few months seeing any sort of return to normality, with some council meetings reverting to the Civic Centre and other places rather than wholly online. This return is welcome, and I know this view is shared by my ward colleagues. Covid 19 continues to impact upon our daily lives, but we are not there yet, and myself and my ward colleagues will continue to support our brilliant community who battle on despite so many obstacles placed in our way due to restrictions in our daily lives, some of which will now be a 'new normal'.

I said last year that the dynamics of being a ward Councillor have changed significantly for me, and my colleagues. We are 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. We now need to develop upon this and ensure those who were in isolation come out into the fresh air, those struggling financially are looked after, and those in need of health care due to a restricted and overwhelmed NHS are treated and managed.

Despite restrictions, day to day council work stays unabated along with the 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 now able to walk the ward door knocking again to meet residents, who overall are pleased to see us, and I am pleased to listen to, and where possible, address their concerns.

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 ordinary full council meetings. Additionally, as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Opposition on Oldham Council, I hold the Shadow Finance and Low Carbon portfolio, and work with officers throughout the year.

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

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 have joined the newly formed committee of Shaw and Crompton Royal British Legion after the branch closed last year.

- 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 and a perceived increase in crime, which GMP deny.. This work stays 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 keep 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 supplying 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 that the promised new health centre by 2023 becomes a reality.
- 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,
- 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, stays well looked after and ecologically sustainable. I continue to ensure that this area is supported 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.
- I am pleased to report that we have now been able to resume Ward Surgeries face to face (see below).

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## Surgeries

(no appointment necessary)

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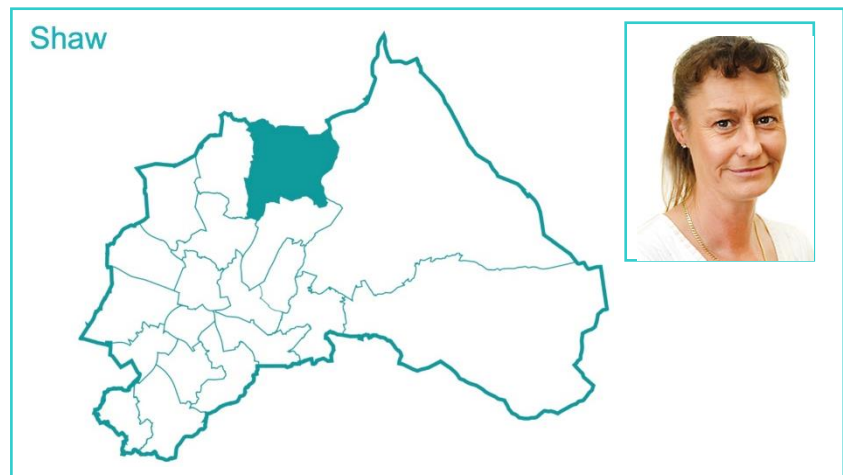
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# Cllr Hazel Gloster – Shaw Ward

## 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
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## Work in the community

Throughout 2021 the Covid-19 Pandemic has continued to constrict our economy, freedoms and ways of life significantly. The Community of Shaw has continued to embrace these challenges 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 tackle crime in Shaw together with our Youth services team to tackle Anti-social Behaviour.

I have attended Full Oldham Council meetings, together with my Shadow Portfolio briefings, 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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# Cllr Chris Goodwin – Chadderton South Ward

## My Ward priorities

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

## Training completed

Safeguarding (FULL)  
Barnardo's Safeguarding  
Planning Enforcement  
Digital Transformation  
Emergency Planning  
Preventing Hate



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## Work in the community

The Council has continued to be 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 vaccines. Colleagues and I 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 2021 the pandemic also had a huge impact on the way that the Council and Councillor's worked which has consistently evolved as the pandemic has evolved.

Since May 2021, I have been attending constitutional meetings on your behalf at Oldham Civic Centre, most other 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, following the lifting of restrictions, I have been able to return to a new normality visiting residents and having face to face conversations with those who have wished for me to assist them with any matters, 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. During 2021 I have assisted over 250 of our residents with personal issues who have contacted me via phone, email, or social media.

As part of the council's #Don'tTrashOldham campaign, myself and my ward colleagues have been arranging litter picks and joining community groups when able to do so as well as encouraging residents to #LoveWhereYouLive.

For the past year I have been acting as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Corporate Services. In this role I have been working with officers to ensure the residents of Oldham are provided with an improved service from the Council and an improved digital service alongside this. Following the closure of Access Oldham, due to the pandemic, the availability of face-to-face appointments is now being reviewed and I'm working with officers as to the options available.

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## Surgeries

Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6-7pm at Turf Lane Community Centre. Please check Oldham Council's website beforehand.

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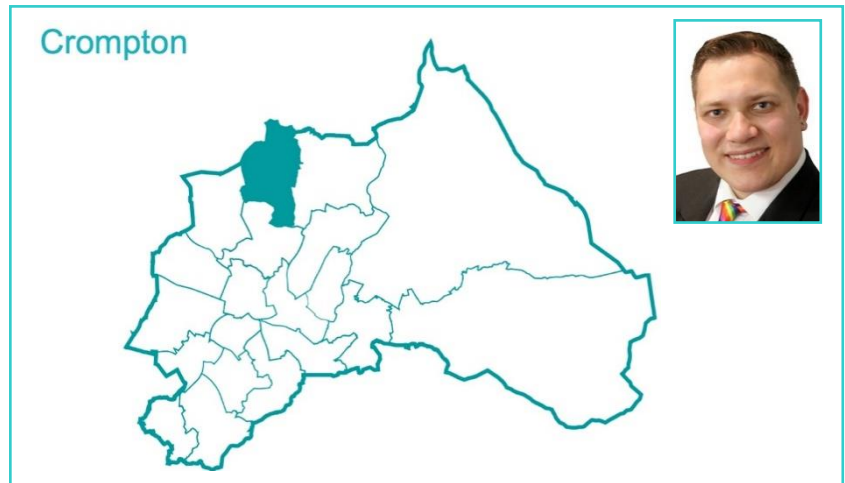
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# Cllr Louie Hamblett – Crompton Ward

## 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.
- Ensuring that Oldham Council's senior executive staff are aware of some of the projects we are working on as well as bringing issues to their attention when we require them.
- Working with Oldham Council staff along with working with partners such as First Choice Homes Oldham, Greater Manchester Police, Health and Social Care teams, Mio Care and Shaw and Crompton Parish Council. Thank you for all your hard work; we 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.
- Providing regular updates on Twitter and Facebook.
- Working 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 dogs and remember to put their own rubbish in it.
- Attended all full Oldham Council meetings, 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 Shaw and Crompton colleagues – this allows me to listen to residents' concerns personally, rather than them having to put it in an email.
- 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.



- I chair The Autism Way Forward Board on which we discuss ways to champion the Autism Strategy and improve lives for those with Autism and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).
- Attend the Learning Disability Partnership Board where I hold members to account and discuss ways to champion the Learning Disability Strategy and improve lives for those with SEND.
- I am a member of Shaw and Crompton Parish Council and I am currently its Vice Chair and Vice Chair of the Events, Promotions and Grants Committee.
- Attended the mandatory training on “Safeguarding – Children and Adults” – “Appeals Home to school Transport Committee”
- Continue to campaign to get a new Health Centre for the residents of Shaw and Crompton.
- Shaw and Crompton Councillors met with the Accountable Officer from the Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS) to raise concerns over the GP Practices in Royton and Crompton Health Centre and the services they provide. We have chased the progress of the New Health Centre in Shaw.
- Lancashire Day was on 27 November 2021 and this year the Lancashire flag was flown in High Crompton Park. Followed by the proclamation from Shaw and Crompton’s Town Crier and attended by Shaw and Crompton Parish Council Chairman.
- Changes in bus services continue to be a problem for residents in Crompton - we continue to work with TfGM to find solutions to make the best of a bad situation.
- We have ensured our young people have something to do in the school holidays by funding activities throughout 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 I'm working to fix potholes, surface erosion and make 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 Homewatch Groups.
- Member of MIO (Made In Oldham) Care appointed by the Council –Thoroughly enjoyed participating in the meetings as board member, I attend the Health Scrutiny Board where I can observe Oldham and GM-wide health plans plus adding 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 purchase football kits with the message ‘Love Crompton’ to inspire the next generation of young people to ‘Love Where They Live’.
- Working with community groups to help organise this year’s Jubilee Festivities.
- Worked with the Shaw and Crompton Events Group to host the Christmas Lights Event in Shaw town centre and support them in their fundraising attempts as well as their St George’s Day Event.
- Supported events such as The Tour of Britain Bike Race and hope to see the continuation of such a great legacy such as organising bike rides through Shaw and Crompton.

- Attended the Holocaust Remembrance Service at Crompton War Memorial.
- Support the High Crompton Park Friends to keep our park beautiful.
- Event lighting has now been achieved on The Big Lamp roundabout, the tree will be lit in various colours to celebrate the saints of the UK as well as Easter, Christmas and Pride events.
- My colleagues are committed to providing AEDs in the ward of Crompton.
- Working to obtain poppies to project onto 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 various sites in Crompton ward.
- 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.
- A scheme in place to protect High Crompton Post Office from ram raiders – (location junction of Thornham Road/Rochdale Road)
- Funded guard rails to ensure highway safety at High Crompton Post Office.
- 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.
- Provide a regular Focus Newsletter letting residents know what local Councillors are up to, which includes a free post comments section.
- Continue to attend 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.

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# Cllr Jenny Harrison – Alexandra Ward

## MY WARD PRIORITIES

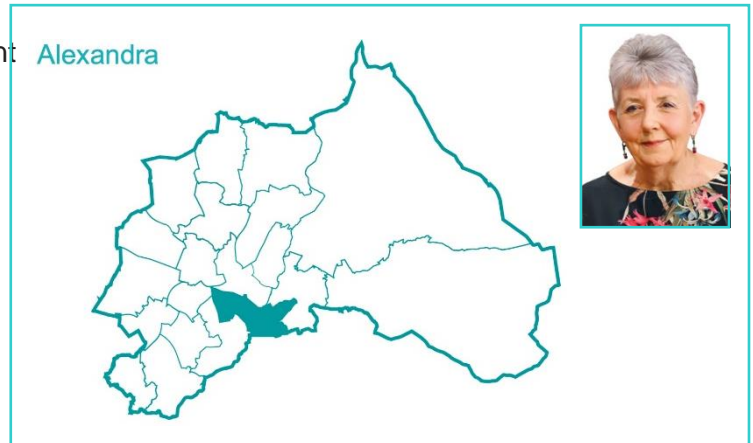
- Work for a clean, green, and safe environment
- Reduce social isolation
- Improve health and wellbeing of Alexandra residents
- Work with voluntary and faith groups to support and involve their communities in making a positive difference.

## Training Completed

It's important that councillors regularly update their knowledge and skills in order to be effective in their role.

This year I've completed training on

- Child protection and safeguarding through six modules 'A Child First' delivered by Barnardos.
- Digital Transformation
- Highways Regulations
- Environmental Services
- Preventing Hate
- Personal Safety for Councillors



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## Work in the community

During the last year, the Council has continued to be at the frontline in responding to the Covid19 pandemic, including distributing emergency food and medicine, providing vital social care, running testing centres and rolling out the vaccine. I have actively supported this work by advising residents where to get help and advice when needed and by regularly sharing factual information and details of vaccination and testing centres. I've also joined the Community Engagement teams.

Throughout 2021, the pandemic has continued to impact on the way that the Council and Councillors work.

Some meetings that I attend on your behalf have returned to Oldham Civic Centre, but some meetings are still 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. I've been able to remain in close touch with the Alexandra Park 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. However, these meetings have gradually been returning to being held in the school.

Last year, because of the pandemic, I had to scale back the amount of work I could do in the community due to not being able to get out and about. However, this year I have been out in the ward much more, visiting various groups and individuals face to face to deal with issues. I have always 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, covid grants for businesses, highway, and problems and much more. I have been part of several

community litter picks in various parts of the ward. I helped to set up the Hathershaw Community Group which is working hard to tackle fly tipping, litter, and other antisocial behaviour in the neighbourhood. Hopefully we can extend this into other areas.

I have kept in touch with local community groups as much as possible, particularly on social media.

In May 2021, I had the great honour of becoming Mayor of Oldham. This has been a wonderful experience. Among other things, it enabled me to meet and thank many of the people who give their time and effort to make Oldham the caring borough it is.

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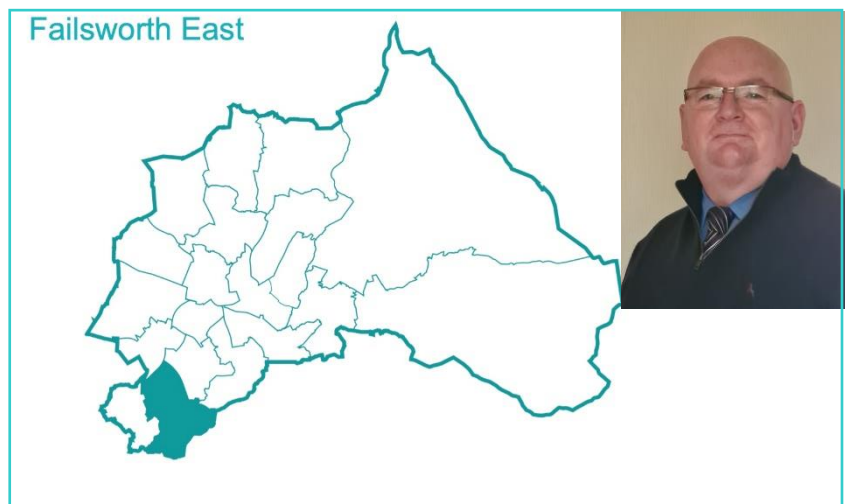
## Cllr Brian Hobin – Failsworth East Ward

### My Ward priorities

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

### Training completed

- GDPR
- Audit Training
- Enforcement Issues
- Safeguarding
- Code of Conduct
- Planning Enforcement/Planning Applications
- Effective scrutiny



### Work in the community

- As we come out of the pandemic I am still working with and helping the most vulnerable and isolated in the community.
- Continue to Work to facilitate the restoration of Willow Park pond. Pushing for the work stalled due to lockdown.
- Supported the Failsworth Mind team.
- Support our Veterans and help to manage Remembrance Day activities.
- Continue to work with local businesses to secure sponsorship of defibrillators so that the Failsworth is more than adequately covered.
- Support M35 Save Our Greenbelt group to fight building houses on the precious greenbelt land in the area.
- Working with residents to push for traffic calming measures.
- Submitting and supporting applications for funding of various local improvements
- Look forward to Maintaining membership of The Failsworth Carnival committee, working with them to organize future annual events after lockdown.
- Supported numerous local community events, including Litter picks in Failsworth and Daisy Nook, Christmas Lights switch on
- Working with other Councillors in establishing Resident/Neighbourhood Groups
- I am a member of the Council Planning Committee.
- I sit on the Council Scrutiny Committee
- Leading the Failsworth Independent Party, working across both wards.
- Supporting constituents with many varied issues and complaints

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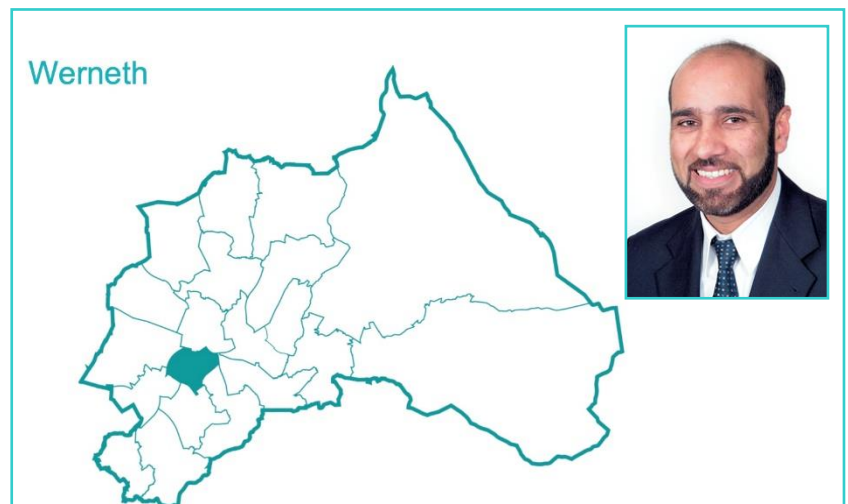
# Cllr Fida Hussain – Werneth Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Environmental
- Highways
- Fly tipping
- Housing / Hartford Mill

## Training completed

- Safeguarding (refresher)
- Barnardo's (child first)
- Planning/Licensing



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## Work in the community

- Attending full Oldham Council meetings.
- Attended training on “Safeguarding” amongst other things.
- Significant number of roads resurfaced across Ward.
- Worked with the local community centers with food packages for vulnerable and elderly during national COVID-19 lockdown.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams during difficult COVID-19 pandemic year, to tackle a range of problems.
- Dealt with over 650 caseworks (via telephones, emails) etc.
- Attending and raising awareness of Covid-19 pandemic.
- Welcomed the completion of new much needed housing on Suthers Street /Edward Street, St Johns Walk, Primrose Bank etc.
- Continuous casework with constituents.
- Addressing and tackling rise of fly tipping in the ward.
- Arranged numerous street clean-ups. More to follow.
- Vice chair charitable trust.
- Planning committee member.
- Licensing committee member.
- Working with Residence/Police/Council regarding Anti-Social Behavior.
- West Oldham D.P. committee.

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## Future challenges

- Addressing social & private housing shortage issues.



- Work close with Police and other agencies on child protection, drug abuse, alcohol and anti-social behavior issues.
- Reducing carbon emission and working towards greener Oldham.
- Tackling poverty and creating employment for all.
- Listening and taking actions regarding issues raised by Werneth residents.
- Addressing mental health concerns from the impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

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### Surgeries

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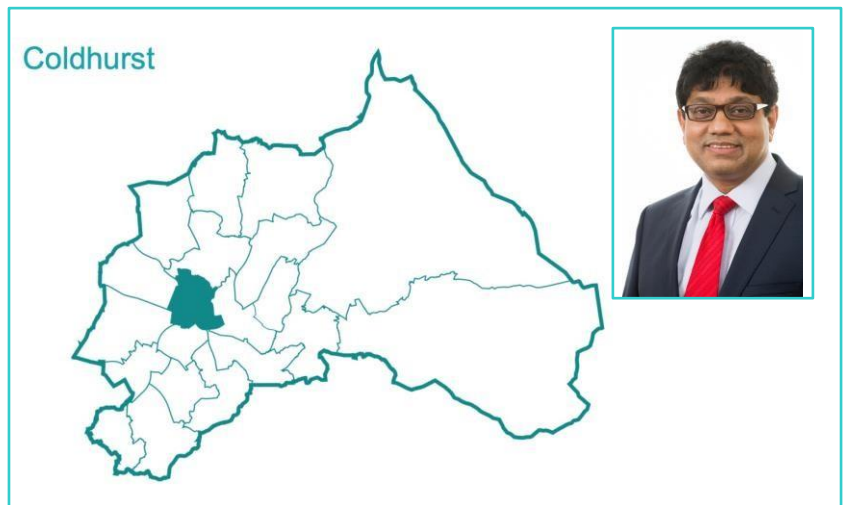
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# Cllr Abdul Jabbar OBE – Coldhurst Ward

## 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



## Training Completed

- All statutory safeguarding training & attended Climate Changed Training

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## Work in the community

- Secured funding for resurfacing of Highfield Street, Neville Street, Ellen Street, Garforth Street, Martha Street, Franklin Street and Stansfield 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.
  - Promoted “Don’t Trash Oldham” and 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 COVID19 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 and funding for additional play equipment at Cottom Street Pocket Park.
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## Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries see Council website for details. Please contact me by phone or email for any issues or problems

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# Cllr Mark Kenyon – Saddleworth West & Lees Ward

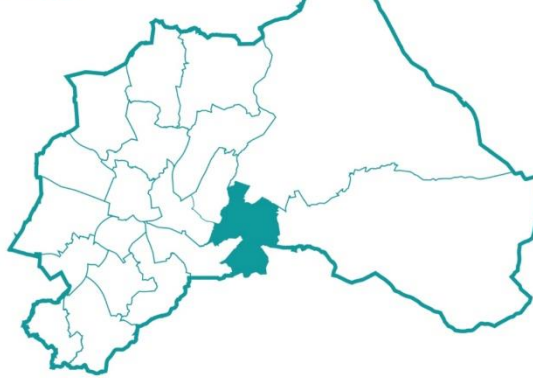
## My Ward priorities

- Speeding
- Nuisance parking
- Flytipping

## Training completed

- Audit Training
- Safeguarding Training
- Barnardos Training
- Hopeful Towns
- Planning & Enforcement
- Challenging Hate

Saddleworth West  
and Lees



## Work in the community

My first year as a councillor for everyone in Grotton, Springhead and Lees has been a huge privilege and plenty of hard work. Despite being shadow cabinet member for Employment & Enterprise, the vast majority of my time, energy and effort goes into casework directly affecting the ward I'm so happy to represent. Oldham Council is very large organization responsible for delivering over a thousand services with a budget of about £100 million – it's my job to argue for the best outcomes for everyone in our ward and for those who come to me with specific problems or concerns.

Residents often wonder what councillors actually do and how much they get paid. I am paid a total allowance of £12,969. Along with nearly all my colleagues, I have claimed no expenses for the year. Councillors are free to devote as much or as little time as they see fit to the work. Fortunately, I am self-employed and work mainly from home, so am happy and able to devote a significant portion of my week to residents' concerns and council business (this is one reason it's called an allowance rather than pay..... if I divided the allowance by the number of hours worked it would be far less than minimum wage). In a single year, with my ward colleague Cllr Sam Al-Hamdani, we may have over 300 individual pieces of casework either completed or in progress.

As well as being contactable by phone, email and Facebook, Sam and I hold two in person surgeries per month for those residents unable to use email/Facebook. These are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month with two sessions per day 12-2pm and 6-7pm. I also actively go out and find casework by knocking on residents' doors every week and asking how I can help residents. There are about 5000 homes in our ward and my team and I aim to knock on every door at least once per year. As well as door knocking, my team and I keep in touch with everyone by posting regular Focus newsletters through each door several times a year.

- Member of Performance Overview & Scrutiny committee
- Proposed a motion calling for more Councilor transparency
- Seconded motions to protect our National Parks and spoke against Places for Everyone
- Spoke at Planning Committee on behalf of residents who opposed the development on Brookway backings
- Spoke successfully on behalf of Save our Valleys in the community's opposition to Russell

Homes' plans to re-route a public footpath and make it even more inaccessible as part of the Knowls Lane development

- Promoting Neighbourhood Watch activities
- Promoting and taking part in community litter picks with LSG Litter Heroes
- Delivered two successful grant proposals for the Oldham LIF programme.
- The first is for the introduction of safety measures around St Edwards and Hey with Zion schools. A bid of over £23,000 will deliver additional safety fencing around the schools, new measures to prevent cars driving on pavements, access protection markings to help prevent parking across driveways, and clearway areas to ensure better traffic flows. These have been developed in conjunction with the School Streets scheme which is aiming to cut traffic at key times in the new school year.
- The second bid is for funding for direct building works to Springhead Community Centre, enabling it to continue providing community services.
- Identified funding gaps in child and adult safeguarding from GMP and campaigning to ensure fair funding.
- Ensuring the delivery of 30 disabled parking bays across Oldham following a campaign.
- Reporting and following up on flytipping throughout the ward, particularly at hot spots. Supporting Cllr Sam Al-Hamdani in efforts to secure a solution to combat commercial flytipping at these hotspots.
- Successfully helped residents on Walkers Lane and Tawny Close have overhanging trees and overgrown foliage cut back
- Repairs of potholes throughout the ward, including those reported as trip hazards.
- Fence repairs made on Linear Way and in Lees village centre.
- Campaigning for the introduction of Community Speedwatch across Oldham
- Supporting residents affected by the proposed Maltby Court development
- Secured refunds for all those drivers affected by wrongly applied bus lane camera fines on Lees Road.

## Funded work

- Support for activities at Old Mill House
- Lees Planters
- Oldham Play Action Group
- Grit bin filling throughout the ward
- Christmas lights
- Summer and winter planting
- Support the provision of tree planting
- GRA Grotton Pavilion
- Create Oldham
- Preparations for Queen's Jubilee celebrations

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### Surgeries

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# Cllr Luke Lancaster – Saddleworth North Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Protecting our precious green spaces
- Delivering better day-to-day services, representing value for money
- Supporting Saddleworth's communities and customs

## Training completed

- CIPFA Audit Committee training
- Code of Conduct training
- Barnardo's Safeguarding training
- Planning Committee training



## Work in the community

- Protecting our precious green spaces – speaking and voting against the GM-wide 'Places for Everyone' plan; calling for more sites to be covered by the Local Green Spaces (LGS) model; proposing the establishment of a South Pennines National Park; improving Public Rights of Way, particularly in the Castleshaw Valley; securing a TPO for Thorpe Lane trees; objecting to destructive Planning Applications, such as that for seventy-seven residential properties off Huddersfield Road, Diggle
- Supporting community groups and events, such as volunteering at the Yorkshire Day Fayre and Saddleworth Olympics
- Highlighting heritage matters in asking Saddleworth Parish Council to take on a greater role in preserving our local assets, such as milestones, telephone boxes and gas lamps; in making several submissions to the Local Heritage Listing Protect (LHLP); and in securing a replacement fingerpost at Scouthead
- Promoting Remembrance and support for our Armed Forces community by erecting public poppies around Saddleworth and successfully campaigning for Saddleworth Parish Council to become a signatory to the Armed Forces Covenant and Bronze Defence Employer Recognition Scheme

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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
- Safety for school children
- Improved sports and other amenities for young people in the ward.

### Training completed

- Child safeguarding



### Work in the community

In 2021 the Council has continued to respond proactively to the impact of the Covid pandemic. From September, Council meetings – of the full Council and its statutory boards and panels – started to be organised in-person. Most other meetings, interactions with council staff and training sessions have been held virtually. I have actively participated in all the virtual sessions. Unfortunately, ill health prevented my work outside my home. Even with this restriction, I believe I have been able to represent ward residents and businesses and promote their best interests through this difficult time. Because of my ill-health, unfortunately I will not contest the election in May 2022.

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.

- The Lees, Springhead and Grotton Business (LSG) Hub continues to support local small businesses and the community at large. 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. Members of LSG Hub helped with additional planting to brighten 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 schools to plan for a scheme to cut down the amount of traffic close to the schools. Funding has now been secured from Oldham's Local Improvement Fund and from Greater Manchester's Safer Streets programme. Work will start early in 2022.
- I provided additional support for the Lees Park Eco Centre and Growing Hub which provides training and facilities for residents, working especially with children and young people.
- I continued as Deputy Cabinet Member with special responsibility for early childhood development. A partnership of voluntary organisations, staff of the



council and commissioned services developed an Early Years Strategy and priority actions to improve outcomes for infants and young children. The focus in this first year has been to increase enrolment of 2-year-olds in early years services and to provide improved information for parents about activities for children under five years of age.

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## Surgeries

Reinstated now on the first Saturday of the month from 12 noon to 1 pm in Lees library.

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## Cllr Abdul Malik – Coldhurst Ward

### My Ward priorities

- Campaigning against littering and having monthly clean up campaigns
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Advocating for better school places and leisure facilities
- Supporting better quality housing and employment
- Supporting residents with Covid-19 Grants
- Advocating for good quality jobs
- Helping small businesses to thrive



### Work in the community

- Member of Oldham West District Executive
- Member of the Licensing Committee
- Member of Performance Value for Money Committee
- Member of Positive Steps board
- Organising regular litter picking 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.
- Attending regular community events and meetings.
- Helping and assisting people with housing needs.

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# Cllr Colin McLaren – Chadderton Central Ward

## My Ward Priorities

- Promoting health and wellbeing
- Improving Community Safety
- Preserving Local Heritage

## Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Prevent Training



## Work in the community

- Member of Chadderton District Executive
- Chair of Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Vicechair 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, Trustee of Crossley Community Association, Trustee and Vice Chair of Peak District National Park Foundation, Vice President of Chadderton Historical and Heritage Society, Governor of The Radclyffe School.
- Supported various voluntary organisations working to access the grant system to fund projects and activities within the local community.
- Full attendance at Oldham Council and Committee meetings.
- Worked with Oldham Council Officers and the Police to tackle ongoing issues relating to anti-social behaviour at Foxdenton Park and other locations leading to a reported reduction in incidents.
- Worked with individual residents and community groups on various issues relating to planning applications, parking, fly tipping, housing, litter, and other local matters.
- Taking part in local litter picks and walk-a-bout/street surgeries
- Held surgeries at Crossley Community Centre, Mills Hill Primary School or Kingfisher Community School (when circumstances relating to Covid-19 allowed).
- Worked with local community groups to deliver food and other packages whenever necessary during the pandemic.

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## Surgeries

Crossley Community Centre  
Saturday between 10 and 11am

Kingfisher Community Special  
School Friday 5-6pm

Mills Hill Primary School Friday 5-6pm

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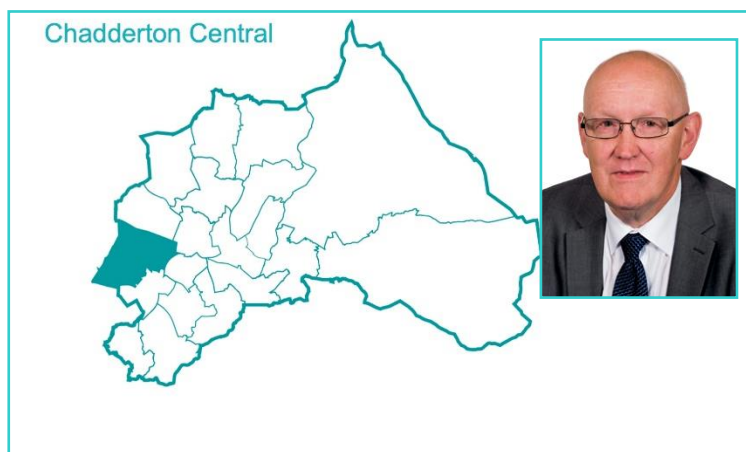
# Cllr Eddie Moores – Chadderton Central Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Promoting health and wellbeing
- Improving Community Safety
- Preserving Local Heritage

## Training completed

- Casework & Advocacy Skills
- Safeguarding
- Prevent Training



## Work in the community

- Cabinet Member – Children, Young People and Early Years
- Member - Health & Wellbeing Board, Commissioning Partnership Board & Regional Adoption Panel, Oldham Health & Care System Board, Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership.
- Chair - Corporate Parenting Panel. Chair – Early Years Partnership. Co-Chair Children's Alliance.
- Governor - Mills 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.
- Organising and taking part in litter picks.
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- Worked with Oldham Foodbank delivering food packages.
- 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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### Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries currently take place monthly at the Crossley Centre and alternate months at either Mills Hill School, or Kingfisher School. These arrangements may change at short notice due to COVID-19 restrictions. I can also be contacted by phone or email.

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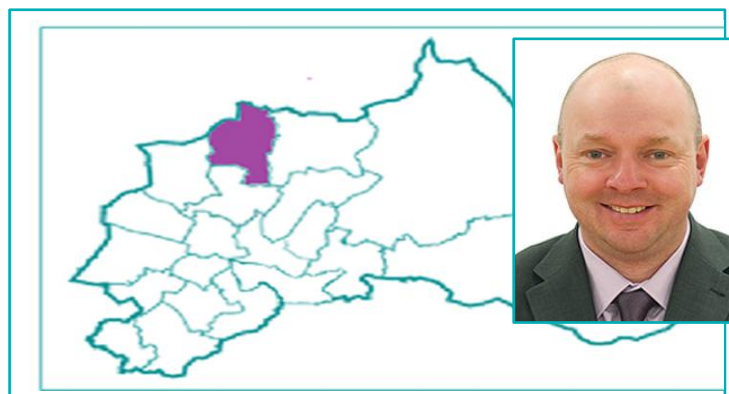
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# Cllr Dave Murphy – Crompton Ward

## 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



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Your Crompton Liberal Democrat Councillors again would like to say a massive thanks to our NHS, Key workers, and the whole Community for continuing to do your bit during COVID-19. 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.

During COVID-19 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 we start to having to live with COVID-19.

Residents continue to contact us with issues but it's definitely not business as usual as we look to do what we can to help which I have found very frustrating.

We continue to door making sure residents are ok and to make sure they are safe and well and have we support local businesses are they start to get back on their feet.

For COVID-19 support please contact **0161 770 7007**

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## 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.
- Updates on Twitter



- Working with partners such as First Choice Homes Oldham and Greater Manchester Police.
- Worked alongside ward colleagues to bring together the “Love Where You Live” campaign – which aims to tackle dog fouling, litter and fly tipping whilst bring a sense of pride to the area.
- 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.
- I understand Shaw and Crompton are the only wards that continue with holding face to face 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.
- I am the Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, 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. Which looks to have taken a giant leap forward.
- Continuing to sort local environmental issues such as dog fouling, litter, and fly tipping.
- 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. 3x problematic roads have been fixed, Rochdale Road, The Link and Low Crompton Road as well as several other roads in Royton, Shaw and Crompton.
- Supporting community groups.
- Member of Hopwood Trust appointed by the Council.
- Attended the Holocaust Remembrance Service at Crompton War Memorial and spoke at the service.
- Support the High Crompton Park Friends together we have achieved a trim trail.
- My colleagues are actively look at locations for more AEDs (heart start equipment) in the ward of Crompton.
- Working with the Royal British Legion, Events Group and Shaw & Crompton Parish Council to project poppies 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.
- Continue to support the Home watch schemes in Crompton, I continue to work with my colleague Cllr Williamson and Louie Hamblett where we have an established group.
- Provided Home watch safety and security advice delivered to every house in Crompton.
- A Christmas Tree personally funded by Diane, Louie and me delivered to Hopwood Court.
- Provide a regular Focus Newsletter letting residents know what local Councillors are up to which includes a free post comments section.

- Support the Children's Champion Scheme and still 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 at various locations in Crompton.
- Continue 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. Which is near completion.
- 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 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. We have a massive project planned around Denbigh Drive, Dorset Ave, Bedford and Surrey Ave.
- Supporting residents on Denbigh Drive with guidance on consultation and an upcoming planning application.
- We have supported residents around Greencroft Meadow to make sure their voices are heard. We will continue to find a solution at the problematic Cocker Mill Lane/ Shaw Road junction.
- Fund outreach work for young people at various location including Crompton Bowling Club.
- We have found a long-term solution to a problematic footpath between Surrey Avenue and Netherhouse Road which has now been completed.
- Continue to report faulty Street Lighting columns.
- Supported residents through an unwanted planning application for a change of use to hot food takeaway. Over 1000 letters were delivered explaining how to make residents voices heard and how to submit comments.
- Double Yellow lines about to be installed at Wood Street/ Salisbury Street and Rushcroft Road following concerns about visibility.
- 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. Councillors spoke in support of the scheme at the TRO meeting.
- Changes in bus services continue to be a problem for residents in Crompton we continue to work with TfGM to find solutions to make the best of a bad situation.
- Lancashire Day was on 27 November 2021 and this year the Lancashire flag was flown in High Crompton Park.
- We have ensured our young people have something to do in the school holidays by funding activities throughout Shaw and Crompton.

- Shaw and Crompton Councillors met with the Accountable Officer from the Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS) to raise concerns over the GP Practices in Royton and Crompton Health Centre and the services they provide. We have chased the progress of the New Health Centre in Shaw.

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# Cllr Shaid Mushtaq – Alexandra Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Improving the environment
- Supporting community groups and residents.
- Improving educational outcomes

## Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Corporate Parenting
- Emergency planning
- Casework and advocacy
- Barnardo's training (6 modules)
- Highways, waste, and fleet



This is not an exhaustive list training is ongoing and not restricted to council training.

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## Work in the community

Following relaxing of lockdown rules, I have been out and about in the community more than ever which was to be expected given the restrictions placed on all of us over the past two years. I have been working with community groups and individual residents across the ward including Holts, Alt, Hathershaw and the Abbeyhills Road area.

I've continued to work with the Hathershaw Community Group to improve the area we continue to meet regularly with residents, the council and police all coming together to tackle issues collectively. Whilst challenges remain, we have seen significant improvements in the area and are confident that the ongoing efforts will continue to improve the area moving forwards.

Following a spate of burglaries and attempts around the Warren Lane area I met with residents after which I arranged an online meeting with residents and the police. A close community group has been setup working together to improve the safety of the area. I followed this up with a door knocking session accompanied by two PCSOs we spoke to a number of residents and distributed packs which included information to keep properties and vehicles safe as well as a light timer and window alarms.

I have been working with residents in Holts following complaints of bicycles and scooters creating a risk to pedestrians. Myself and ward colleagues contributed towards two new baffle rails to restrict the speed of cyclists and encourage them to dismount and others using the area.

I have supported numerous residents with housing and other issues on Alt, we continue to support Alt Together including working with residents to clean up the area. Following reports of fly-tipping on Holts Lane we are working with council officers to address this.

I am involved in initiatives and support lots of residents, too many to put in a single report I encourage Alexandra Ward residents to get in touch should they wish to raise any issues or discuss anything of interest.

Look after yourselves and each other!

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# Cllr Clint Phythian – Royton North Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Road safety
- Dog fouling
- Post Covid Recovery
- Working with local business
- Cutting Crime
- Litter
- Roads and Pavements

## Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Planning
- Casework and Advocacy Skills
- Appeals



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## Work in the community

- 95% attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- Worked with Residents to move the Defibrillator from Royton Town Hall to St Pauls Parish Centre
- Raised concerns around speeding on Rochdale Road also worked with GMP on ASB issues and various crimes carried out in Royton.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email, and Microsoft Teams during COVID-19 pandemic to tackle a range of problems.
- Organised site visits with residents to gather evidence of various issues raised with me by residents
- Worked with my colleague Cllr Roberts to confirm green belt areas taken out of GMSF/PFE
- Won bids in the Local Improvement Fund for road improvements on Highlands Road and Tandle Hill Road
- Helped businesses to secure grant funding to improve their shop/bar fronts in Royton
- Deputy Cabinet member for employment and enterprise

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## Surgeries

Surgeries will be held on the first Saturday of every month 10pm till 11pm at St Pauls Parish Centre, Downey House, Church Street, Royton.

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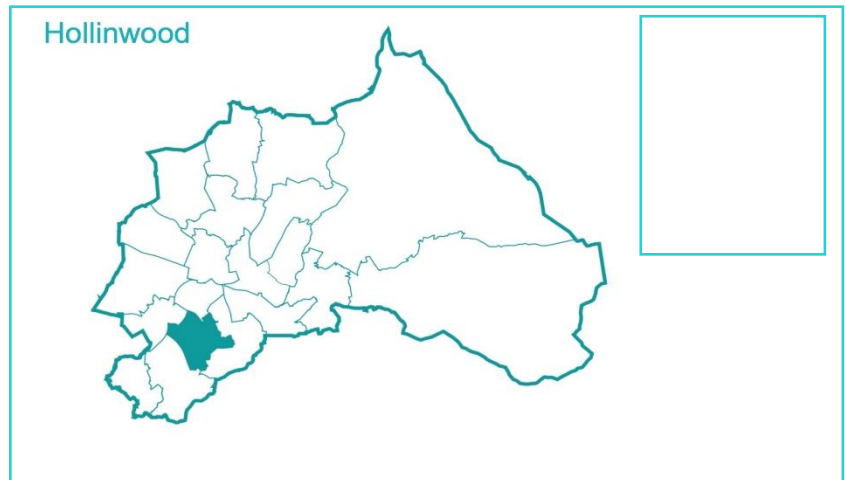
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# Cllr Kyle Phythian – Hollinwood Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Supporting Local Business & Residents in the aftermath of the COVID19 pandemic.
- Maintaining the momentum built up in the borough with the Don't Trash Oldham Campaign – Hollinwood August 2022
- Continued lobbying for funding to fix potholes & repair roads in the ward
- Representing local views on various issues and getting results for resident's casework quickly



## Training completed

- Barnardo's Safeguarding Training 2022
  - Module 1, 2, 3, 4
- Committee – Planning Committee Mandatory Training
- Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Training
- Member Training Planning Enforcement
- Member Training Mandatory Safeguarding

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## Work in the community

I have been immensely proud of the work my colleagues and I have managed to achieve in these dire circumstances both pre and post local elections in 2021 where I stood and won in Hollinwood.

We have managed to try and make a dent in the issues our ward is facing despite the difficulties posed by the threat of COVID-19. This pandemic made it almost impossible to engage face to face with groups & people we would normally see in our day to day lives.

Despite this, the strides we made in terms of developing a litter picking and cleanliness schedule has seen us going to various areas across the ward engaging with residents, business' and local Housing Associations on a civic pride campaign to stop littering and improve our area for everyone. This has been tremendously effective and something we will be continuing.

As part of this campaign, we have trialed our own alleyway clean ups with help from our brilliant district team and the engagement of residents. One big success of this was the clean-up of the alleyway on Middle Gate which had very high engagement and truly staggering results that I am sure everyone involved with is still proud of. We were joined by local MP Jim McMahon in this venture who is fully onboard with the current program and all too thrilled to get into the action helping residents with the tons of mud that needed moving!

This is all part of the wider scheme - #Don'tTrashOldham – it is our turn in August 2022 and we plan to continue this on to keep our area clean and somewhere you want to live and have pride in.



Alongside this we have been involved in various local engagements and consultations in the area from going door to door with the COVID engagement team trying to encourage vaccine take up in the ward to spending time at St Chad's with the NHS Vaccine Bus that was set up in the area. These helped with take up in the ward which was great to see.

We as a team are hopeful that going into the new year as COVID subsides and life begins to come back to normality that we will be able to meet and help more local groups in person and really get stuck into this on a local level. This is something I am keen to do and have been since being elected.

Alongside this I have been observing my day-to-day duties which include answering emails, phone calls, dealing with casework and attending meetings which include Planning Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Committee. I am also Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

As always – please do contact colleagues or myself if you ever need assistance with any matter. We are glad to help. Thank you.

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## Surgeries

Surgeries are held twice a month by my colleagues and I

The second Friday of the month - 5.30pm at St Chads with Cllr Stretton & I & the second Saturday of the month - 10am Cloughgate and 11am Walkers Road with Cllr Williams

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# Cllr Hannah Roberts – Royton North Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Helping Royton Town centre to thrive – jobs, businesses & the overall environment
- Green Royton
- Supporting Royton residents

## Training completed

Corporate Parenting; Barnardo's

Safeguarding.  
Safeguarding refresher.

Planning Enforcement.  
Biodiversity Net Gain.  
Personal Safety



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## Work in the community

- Cabinet Member for Housing; member of the Foster Panel; Governor at Blackshaw Lane School & Trustee of Positive Steps Oldham; member of Friends of Tandle Hill Country Park
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- **Thriving Royton:** delivered Labour's promise to refurbish and bring up to date Royton's Town Hall – work has started repairing the clock tower and the library will be modernised when main building work is done . Working to bring better buses to Royton with a Quality Bus Transit Scheme. Lobbying Precinct owners to get them to invest in and update the Precinct. Supporting plans to improve walking and cycling in the Town Centre. Safer Toucan crossing installed on Rochdale Road. Roads resurfaced including Westminster Avenue & Hall St/Brookfield Avenue. Agreed further shopfront upgrades in Town Centre funded by Royton Business Improvement Grants.
- **Green Royton:** finalised Places for Everyone, ensuring Royton's Green Belt protected at Thornham Old Road and Hanging Chadder. Organised community litter picks on Holly Estate, Haggate and Kingston Drive and ensured fly-tipping removed as reported to me. Supported bid to improve Dogford Park and delivered better play and landscaping in Royton Park. Organised weekly cleaning of library/town hall entrances to remove pigeon droppings and ensured prevention measures included in renovation.
- **Supporting Royton residents:** responded to individual complaints from residents including graffiti removal; missed bins; potholes; planning application and enforcement queries; benches; dog fouling; noise complaints. Took up issues raised by Rochdale Road Slow Down campaign and working to set up Community Speed Watch; surveyed local residents about Thornham Mill proposals, kept them up to date with progress and represented their views to Planning; met regularly with local police to raise issues concerning residents; responded to parking complaints on Tandle Hill Road and got Council to improve litter collection in the Country Park – there is now a member of staff based there.

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### Surgeries

First Saturday of the month

10 to 11am at Downey

House, St Paul's Parish

Centre, Church Street OL2

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Just drop in – no need to book

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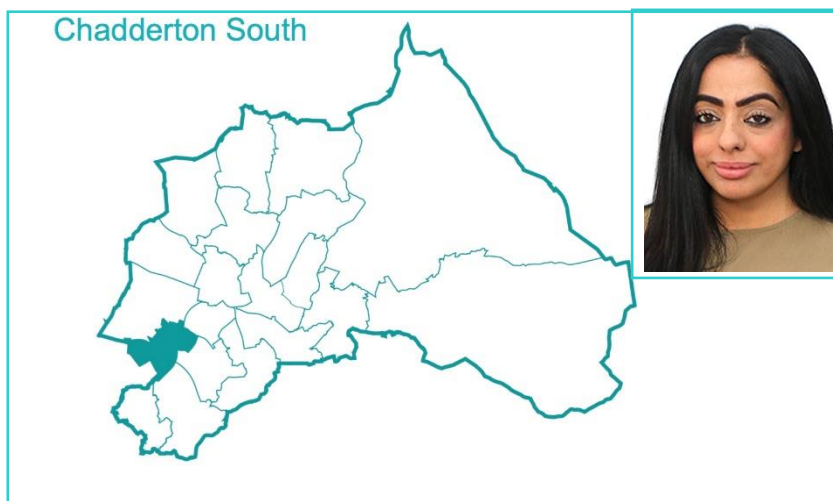
# Cllr Arooj Shah – Chadderton South Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Getting Chadderton cleaner and greener
- Support local community groups to grow and thrive
- Providing high quality services to our local residents

## Training completed

- All statutory and member development training completed.



## Work in the community

- 2021 and early 2022 have seen some major changes in our borough, I have the honour to have been elected Leader of Oldham Council. This not only means I can continue delivering a gold star service to Chadderton, but that the whole borough understands our local priorities.
- I am hugely proud to represent Chadderton South, I am a ward councillor first and foremost and will always do my best, I will always be on your side.
- Over the last 12 months we've planted lots of new trees across the ward including in our parks. Making Chadderton greener.
- We've created a pocket park at Robinson Street, made improvements to Coalshaw Green Park, resurfaced Derby Street alleyway, installed new benches and surfaces at St Georges Square and improved our park pathways. Doing our bit to get Chadderton cleaner and greener!
- We're bringing 'Don't Trash Oldham' to Chadderton South, finally getting to those grot spots in our area.
- Throughout the last year I have undertaken regular ward walkabouts and undertaken to write to every resident, whether through leaflet updates or letters. I have taken up and resolved hundreds of local residents' cases, to make sure Chadderton is the best place to live, work, raise a family and start a business in the borough.
- I have met our local policing team on multiple occasions about localised issues including speeding, anti-social behaviour, and thefts. Our residents deserve safe streets, and this is a priority for me.
- Our Children are our future, that's why I'm so glad to announce that not only is Oldham Council making a substantial investment into new school facilities across the borough – but we are concentrating on growth and opportunities too.
- Princes Gate at Oldham Mumps and the redevelopment of Oldham Old Library will deliver new jobs to the borough and bring much needed enterprise to our town centre – but we must

make sure Chadderton and Chadderton kids see benefit. I'm committed to making ensuring Chadderton benefits from our borough and Oldham transformation plan, indeed I personally led the consultation with Chadderton South residents to make sure local voices are heard.

- I have continued to represent Oldham on TV and radio platforms throughout the past year. Ensuring not only that 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.
- Was delighted to appoint Frank Rothwell as Oldham's new Business Ambassador recently. Frank will be known to many in Chadderton and is already hard at work with me to support businesses across the borough and in our town.
- I have spoken at a range of conferences and national events representing both Oldham and Greater Manchester.
- Member of the GMB Regional Equality Forum.
- Member of the Local Government Association.
- Lead Member for Equalities, Inclusion and Cohesion at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

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## Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries are cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact me by phone or email for any issues or problems.

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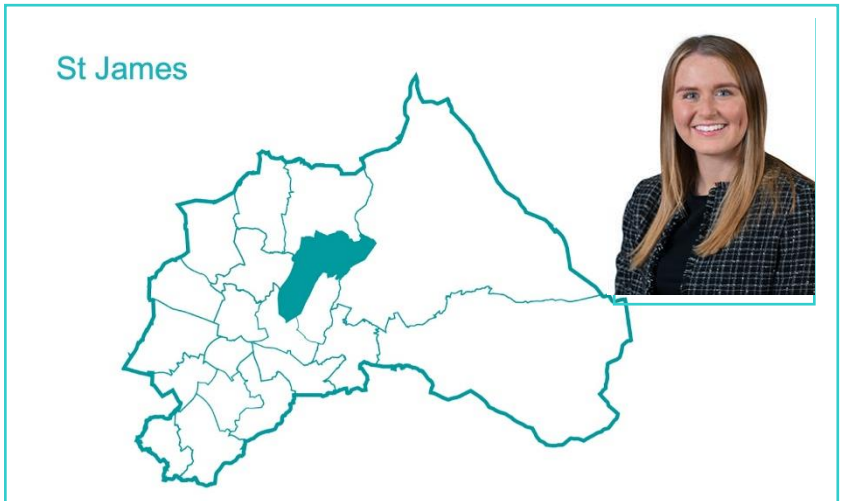
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# Cllr Beth Sharp – St James' Ward

## My Ward priorities

- As a resident of the St James' Ward I have seen firsthand the concerns resident face.
- I want to ensure a strong voice for all residents with any of their issues from protecting our green belt, to cleaning up our streets and road safety.



## Training completed

- Safeguarding through Barnardo's

## Work in the community

I was elected to serve the St. James' ward as a Conservative Councillor in May 2021 and the Conservative Council group elected me as their Deputy Group Leader.

Since my election I have spent time familiarising myself with the workings and procedures of the Council to help me better serve the ward.

I serve as the substitute on the Health Scrutiny Committee, the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

I am the Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Employment and Enterprise and meet regularly with the Director and Officer Lead to discuss matter relating to the wider portfolio.

I have attended training on safeguarding.

I have attended Planning Committee meetings and spoke on behalf of residents regarding applications in the ward.

I deal with casework from residents across the ward and hold monthly street surgeries which I advertise in advance. I also carry outward walks and report any issues found to Council.

I have spoken in Council on matters relating to the ward and on opposition business relating to the Town Centre proposals in an attempt to ensure funding allocated to Oldham Council through Central Government is used wisely and not wasted.

I have met with officers in various departments regarding issues across the ward, such as the derelict sites in Derker. I will continue to work to ensure the £6.5 million funding from Central Government to commence building on Abbotsford Road meets the aspirations and needs of the community. I have also secured commitment from the Chief Executive that the promised meeting with residents to discuss these plans will take place soon.

I recently organised a community meeting with residents from Moorside and Sholver and GMP. This has resulted in a further meeting to set up a Home Watch Group for the area. A similar meeting is to be held for residents of Derker and Watersheddings and GMP.

I have also worked with a local community group to submit a bid to the Local Improvement Fund to develop a much-needed community facility at the Sacred Heart Church building in Derker. Sadly, this was not supported, and the building remains empty and unused. I will continue working with the community to achieve this facility.

Since May 2021 I have attended several community social events from coffee mornings to a Christmas sing along. I have also used the community budget allocated to me to fund Christmas decorations for the three Care Homes across the ward, supporting events such as the Flower Show at Sholver Community Centre and summer activities for families in Stoneleigh Park.

I will continue to work hard in the next municipal year to ensure that the concerns and need of St. James' residents are met and resolved without delay.

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## Surgeries

I have carried out monthly ward street surgeries since I was first elected.

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# Cllr Graham Sheldon – Saddleworth South Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Pressing for a new medical facility
- for Saddleworth
- Protecting green spaces/green belt
- Improving footpaths
- Keeping the streets free from litter
- and fly tipping
- Supporting RSPB and United
- Utilities at Dovestones
- Improving safety on our roads
- Supporting businesses coming out of Lockdown



## Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Corporate Parenting Members session
- Barnardo's training session
- Environmental Services
- GDPR

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## Work in the community

- Conservative Ward Councillor for Saddleworth South.
  - Leader of the opposition Group Conservative Party - Oldham MBC. This includes providing leadership and advice to members of the Group.
  - Economic and Social Reform shadow cabinet member.
  - Member of the Appointments Committee.
  - Campaigning for a new medical facility for Saddleworth.
  - Liaising with various Council Departments on behalf of residents.
  - Continuing work to protect green spaces and green belt.
  - Committed to improving footpaths.
  - Ongoing work to ensure streets are clean and free of litter and fly tipping.
  - Supporting RSPB and United Utilities to keep Dovestones Reservoir safe and an open space for people to enjoy.
  - Improving safety on our roads and supporting speed cameras.
  - Supporting businesses coming out of Lockdown.
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# Cllr Jean Stretton – Hollinwood Ward

## Ward priorities

- Clean Streets
- Tackling Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
- Health and Wellbeing of Residents

## Training completed

- Safeguarding Children and Adults



Married with two grown up stepchildren, five grandchildren and three 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. Since May 2021 I have been Cabinet Member for Corporate Services.

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## Work in the community

I have been involved in a number of litter picks and alley cleaning events with fellow ward councillors and residents who volunteered to help clean up their areas. More are planned and there will be a deep clean of all of the streets and alleyways in Hollinwood later in 2022 as part of the borough-wide “Don’t Trash Oldham” campaign.

During the pandemic I continued to represent Hollinwood residents at meetings that were held by computer rather than in person but now we are back to holding meetings face to face. This also means that ward surgeries can go ahead, and I have started holding these again. Throughout the pandemic I was contactable by telephone and email and continued to help residents with a variety of concerns about things like fly-tipping, benefits, anti-social behaviour, housing, planning, and education issues.

Along with fellow ward councillors I have continued to use ward member funding for environmental projects. During the year I have helped Limehurst Lions RLFC with funding, including for new goalposts for the younger team members. Many community groups have not been meeting and the restrictions prevented school holiday activities. Hopefully, community groups will start to meet again soon and activities for young people can go ahead. I would welcome requests for funding from community groups.

I am 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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## Surgeries

Second Friday of each month at St Chads Centre, Lime Green Parade, Limehurst at

5:30pm

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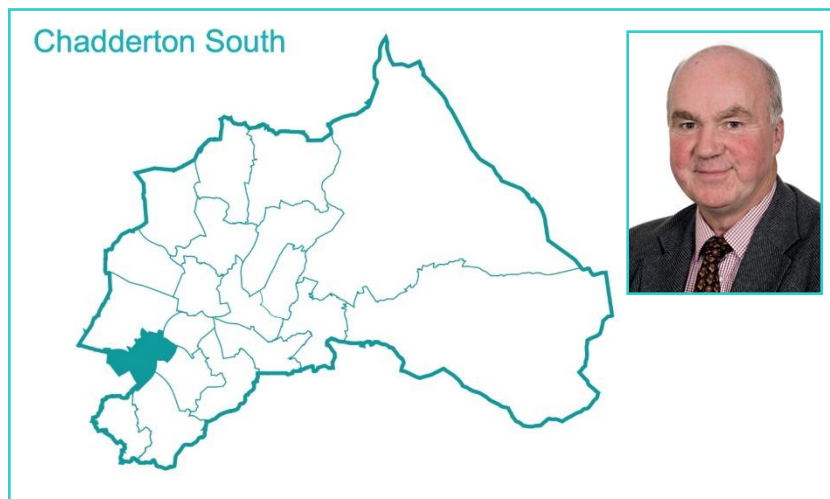
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# Cllr Graham Shuttleworth – Chadderton South Ward

## My Ward priorities

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



## Training completed

- All relevant training is undertaken.

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## Work in the community

- 2021 continued to throw up challenges as variants of Covid hit the Oldham area. However, I continued to engage with residents and partners as well as continuing to keep going round the ward as part of my commitment to ensure that Chadderton South isn't neglected.
  - I have worked with various groups of residents on planning applications, one of which lasted over 18 months. Two such applicants have been refused, one is now at the potential stage of enforcement and a watch continues to be taken on another.
  - Working with our partners Full Circle I supported their Easter bonnet competition which enabled 100 young people in Chadderton South to participate and make their own hat
  - Fly tipping continues to throw up the challenges created by those who clearly have little or no respect for the area in which they live and show scant regard for their friends and neighbours, but we shall continue to fight back. It is to be hoped that the *Don't Trash Oldham* campaign will make such individuals realise that life is better without littering our streets and roads with waste. I shall continue to report fly tipping as and when seen.
  - It was pleasing to hear from partners that the groups, Meeting Point at South Chadderton Methodist Church and the monthly coffee morning (dementia friendly) at St George's Church are once again up and running. I have visited both groups since re-opening and will continue to support them throughout the year.
  - While the government have lifted all Covid restrictions I would close by asking you all to keep safe and remember that Covid hasn't gone away.
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## Surgeries

I now undertake joint surgeries with the neighbourhood policing team and these coincide with the police shift pattern. However, they are held on a monthly basis and I would encourage residents to check the council website for dates or the local newspaper for times and dates.

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# Cllr Ruji Sapna Surjan – Coldhurst Ward

## My Ward Priorities

## Training Undertaken



## Work in the Community

### Stronger Communities & Youth Engagement

- **Local Improvement Fund** – second year on the panel and **responsible for a £500,000 budget per year (approx. £1m to date)** to allocate capital projects across Oldham. There were 18 projects supported this year 2021/2022 out of 42 Expression of Interests.
- **COVID-19: Support & Vaccines**– bereavement support and advice; Volunteered to deliver food parcel and emergency packs to residents and care homes across the borough; Business support grants - aiding businesses with advice and applications; **Vaccine Centre – biggest turnout out in UK with over 700+ residents vaccinated in one day.** The Vaccine Clinic is presently continuing at the OBA Millennium Centre.
- **Holiday Activities & Food Programme** – support children and young people to not go hungry during the school holidays and to take part in a range of activities as well.
- **Education** – ***approved a new High School to be built at Booth Street, Oldham.***

### Quality & Affordable Housing

As a member of the Planning Committee, I am pleased to announce I led the approval of 88 new and affordable quality homes to be built at West Vale (26 homes - mix of 2/3/4 bedrooms and 62 apartments - 1 and 2 bedroom). I also voted in favour of the following:

- 42 new dwellings at former County Court building in Town Centre, Oldham
- 99 new homes in Royton (23 two bedroom and 22 three-bedroom houses that will be made affordable)
- 201 new homes in Shaw (21 affordable)
- 77 new homes in Diggle, Saddleworth
- Approved potential homes: 160 in Chadderton; 98 in Oldham; 23 in Moorside

### Environment & Green Neighbourhoods

- **Pocket Park** – Martha St and Ripon Street. Creating attractive green safe spaces for local residents and for children to play and relax in.
- **Landscaping and footpath** - created to encourage walks along Mitchell St/Trafalgar St

- **Litter Picks** - monthly street clean ups with residents; Spring Clean with Richmond School and FCHO; Oldham Edge (Fields) with Young People and residents.
- **Don't Trash Oldham** - our Labour Council has invested in £1.27m in making Oldham a cleaner and better place to live in coming out of the pandemic.
- **GM Active Neighbourhoods** – investing £250,000 in Westwood and Chadderton North. Ensuring residents have better and safer pathways around the local area including cycle lanes, walking routes to schools and shops. Launched in early 2021 and still ongoing.
- **New Cycle & Pedestrian Pathway** – around Westhulme Avenue, Cottam Street and The Royal Oldham Hospital. Encouraging residents and local workers to walk and cycle.
- **Panel member of the Cross-Party Climate Change & Environment Group and the Oldham Energy Futures.** As Planning Committee member, I approved a Solar Farm in Failsworth, ensuring Oldham becomes more sustainable through use of renewables.

**Committees:** Full Council, Planning Committee, Policy Overview and Scrutiny, Audit Committee, Traffic Regulation Order Panel (Sub). **Also, Weekly Ward Surgery-** supporting residents in need.

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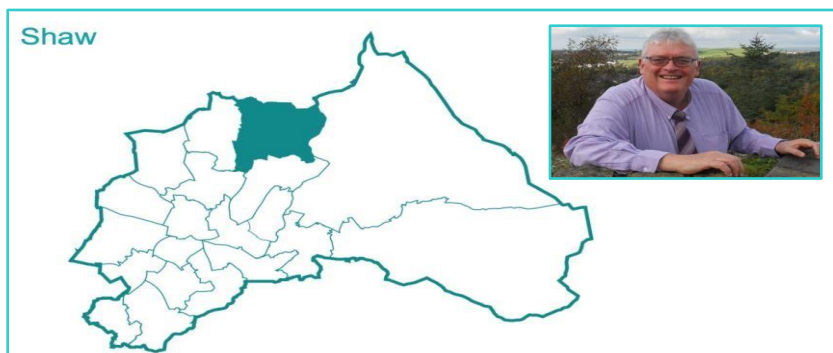
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# Cllr Howard Sykes – Shaw Ward

## My Ward priorities

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



## Work in the community

This 2021/22 Annual Report gives a clear account of my typical activities on behalf of my constituents throughout what I believe has been the most testing period of my time in office. I am proud to say throughout this crisis both myself and my Shaw and Crompton Liberal Democrat colleagues have remained dedicated to representing Shaw and Crompton Ward residents and we have continued to champion all issues for them.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues I would like to say a massive thank you 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 it is still not business as usual, but we have been inspired and humbled by the resilience of our community.

## Listening to residents:

- I keep up to date with residents' concerns by offering regular face to face Ward Surgeries and door knocking.
- I keep communication open with residents I am contactable by email and telephone.
- I reach out to the community and share important information on Twitter, Facebook, and my web site.

## Some examples of my work:

- The above ways of communicating have allowed me to continue to manage a range of issues on behalf of residents such as, road repairs, housing repairs, rehousing requests, public rights of way, school applications, healthcare complaints, council bins and rubbish removal, dog waste and street litter, rubbish bins and grit bins to name just a few.
- I also liaise with Council departments on resident's behalf with regards to applications for Covid related benefits and on several business-support grants and schemes.



- I 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 ongoing battle to ensure that residents have a safe place to live.
- I continue to challenge the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and its successor Places for All, 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 am a member of Greater Manchester Transport Committee where we are working to achieve a fully integrated, high-capacity transport system. A lack of investment and a de-regulated bus market means it is a constant battle to maintain key services for residents.
- Major changes are coming to bus services in Shaw and Crompton in April 2022. I have worked with TfGM officers to try and ensure these changes do not make the situation worse for users and hopefully improve it for many of them. However, with all changes there will be winners and losers.
- I formally object to planning applications if I believe they are inappropriate or not a benefit to residents. Shaw Asda's recent request for 24-hour deliveries and the conversion of the Weaver's Answer PH into an HMO are just two examples.
- I work constructively with developers who wish to build new homes on the Very/Yodel site and other areas of Shaw. However, such building projects require infrastructure improvements for them to work for example, new schools, better highways, and more health provision. Achieving these provisions is an ongoing battle for myself and my colleagues.
- My colleagues and I continue to drive the campaign forward for a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton. We now have a promise from the NHS to start the work.
- I continue to request regular vehicle speed monitoring on roads such as Buckstones Road, Crompton Way, and Hillside Avenue for example – with a view to the instalment of speed enforcement measures that can address and resolve these issues. Speeding traffic and poor-quality driving have clearly increased in the last 12 months or so.
- 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, roads such as Mark Lane, Higher Park, Penmore Close and others have been resurfaced. Many more need repairs and resurfacing and I will continue to push for them.
- I regularly pursue complaints of fly tipping around Shaw, and I work very closely with the Environmental Health Department on this matter. Recently I organised the clearing of rubbish at Crompton Moor, Grains Road, Shaw Town Centre, Grain Bar, Jubilee and George's Playing Fields.
- 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, Smallbrook Road, Grains Road, Grains Bar and Jubilee. Much needed improvements recently completed by the Environment Agency to Pencil Brook at Duchess Street and near the Park should help.

- 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. The recently updated Public Space Protection Order needs to be enforced more so a few mindless people are not permitted to spoil this beautiful area for the vast majority.
- 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 am Chair of the A V Davies Charity which works to help those in need and financial difficulty in specifically in Shaw and Crompton.
- I am a member of the LGA Councillors Forum, the LGA Audit Committee, LGA General Assembly and a Board member of Local Partnerships.
- I am a member of Groundwork GM and Vice Chair of its Audit Committee.
- On Oldham Council I serve on the Health & Wellbeing Board, Selection Committee, Appointments Committee, Clayton Playing Fields, and Full Council. I also serve on Corporate Safeguarding, Group Leaders, Mayor's briefings, Community Safety and Cohesion Board, Oldham Distress Fund, Oldham Leadership Board and Oldham Property Partnership.

## Training

- ALDC/LGA Councillor weekend
- LGA training and briefings
- LGA Conference
- Barnardo's Training - Module 6
- Safeguarding (FULL)
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## Surgeries

Shaw and Crompton Advice Surgeries (no appointment necessary) held on Thursdays – 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

Lifelong Learning Centre, High Street, Shaw, Oldham OL2 8TB

January: 13, 20 and 27 February: 3, 10, 17 and 24  
 March: 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May: 12, 19, 26 June: 9, 16, 23 and 30

***Usually every Thursday – dates beyond the above have yet to be agreed by the council***

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# Cllr Elaine Taylor – Chadderton Central Ward

## My Ward priorities:

- Public Safety
- Ensuring the local roads, pavements and green space are well maintained.
- Tackling deprivation
- Preserving local heritage

## Training completed:

- Safeguarding
- Prevent training
- Casework and advocacy skills



## Work in the community:

- Holding regular advice surgeries to engage with residents and community groups on a wide range of different issues.
- Supporting voluntary organisations to access the grants system to fund projects and activities within the local community.
- Successfully applied for 3 LIF bids to implement road safety measures on Firwood Park, investigate town centre improvements and develop/support a heritage project at the Nile Mill.
- Organise and take part in local litter picking activities, as well as using my Councillor budget to clear up un-adopted green spaces.
- Secured funding for improved walking/ cycling route across Crossley playing fields with additional lighting columns for safety purposes.
- Working with the New Chadderton Partnership to establish a Neighbourhood Forum and develop a shared vision for Chadderton.
- Worked with the Council's Community Safety Team and local neighbourhood policing to help reduce Anti-social (ASB).
- Volunteer at Chadderton Day and in conjunction with Great Places organise a regular walk about on the Crossley estate.
- Work with the voluntary sector to help tackle social isolation for elderly/ vulnerable residents.

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## Surgeries:

Are held at Mills Hill Primary and Kingfisher School on a Friday evening and the Crossley Community Centre on a Saturday morning. Please contact me or check the website for dates and times.

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# Cllr Mark Wilkinson – Failsworth West Ward

## My Ward priorities

- To be visible and approachable to all residents.
- To clean up and tidy the area
- To liaise with our local police officers when necessary to bring peace of mind for our community

## Training completed

- GDPR
- Licensing
- Safeguarding
- Personal safety
- Public speaking skills



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## Work in the community

Created a Disability equipment loan scheme. I collect Wheelchairs, strollers, Zimmer frames, crutches, bed guards, shower chairs etc., with a view to assisting residents who may need to use them free of charge.

Working together with GMP and residents to resolve Anti-Social behavior on Queen Elizabeth playing Fields at Leicester/Warwick Road, which has been a successful project. I held a public meeting to enable residents to have their say and inform me of their concerns.

I assisted with various other people in enabling the Landlord and the Landlady of the Sun Inn, Oldham Road, Tracey and Russ Young, to gain a new 5-year VISA, after Russ had been informed, he had to return to Australia

A Company named Enviroil had been acting outside their operating licence and I had received numerous complaints from residents, regarding the odour and noise levels. I held a public meeting to hear the concerns of members of the community. I advised them to lodge their interests on the OMBC website under planning. Unfortunately, the action taken by officers has not resolved the situation and has now been passed to The Drivers Vehicle Standards Agency. Once they have completed their obligations it will be determined if the business can continue in its present form as the application to renew said licence begins in April.

I have carried out 4 community clean-up projects, in Beech Street/Ash Street, Victoria Street, Main Street and Princess Street, with assistance from Ian Monaghan who has supplied skips for all the projects. Along with this I arranged for a total clean-up of the ginnel at the back of Samuel Street, which was in a very bad state, with a rat infestation, by Regenda Homes

I organized for the Trees and bushes to be cut and the community area to be generally

cleaned and tidied up at Barons Court.

I have been involved in the very robust traffic calming measures on Lord Lane, which has a traffic accident hotspot. Work is about to commence in the very near future.

I arranged for the footpath on the fields at Somerset Road, to be reassembled and raised as it had sunk into the grass and covered in rainwater and mud. Work has started but is still ongoing

Following work carried out at the junction of Paddock Lane and Lord Lane, by United Utilities, the drains on Lord Lane had become seriously blocked. Following periods of rain, one of the junctions of the pipe work underground, would overflow flooding the garden of 274, with water, which entered the house through the air bricks, causing the electricity to fuse. Following numerous phone calls back and forth and a failed attempt to bring an end to the problem, it was eventually resolved.

There had been a collapsed drain underneath the pavement on Propps Hall Drive for over two years, when a resident complained to me. It was dangerous as it left an open hole which someone could very easily have fallen down. It took approximately 7 months for the repairs to be carried out by United Utilities, following untold phone calls to various departments

I have been involved in a new project at The Holy Family Church on Lord Lane. The congregation and Church Committee had taken the decision to create a Community Garden for the people of Failsworth, on a spare and unused piece of land at the back of the building. I agreed to donate £1,000 of my personal allowance to this venture, have attended operations several times and liaise with the project coordinator. The work is still ongoing, but it hoped the garden will be open to the public by April/May.

I assisted with the running of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party, held in December, which was attended by 93 residents and was a total success

I have liaised with Highways department, after it was brought to my attention that no traffic road markings i.e., give way signs, were present at the junction of Mather Street/Ward Street

I arranged for the bushes which were overhanging the pavement, which made it impossible to pass with a pushchair or wheelchair, at the junction of Farm Street and Stott Street.

I was along with The Manchester VII Scouts, part of the acquisition of a 24-hour public defibrillator, which is now in place outside the Post Office on Lord Lane, where Matthew McCartan the owner, has agreed to pay for the running of the machine.

I have also assisted residents with various problems, including garden drains, flooded gardens, dropped Krebs, bulb planting which I have contributed £500 towards, parking problems outside St. Mary's School and involving GMP, housing problems and noisy and troublesome neighbours.

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## Surgeries

Face to face ward surgeries are cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions.

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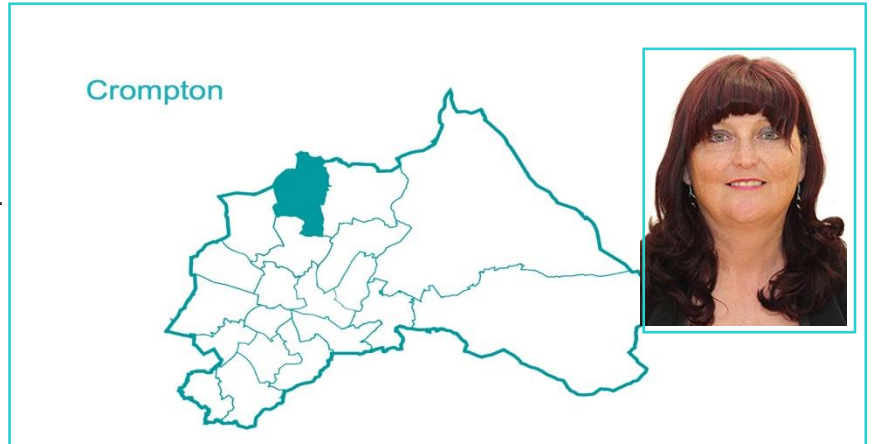
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## Cllr Diane Williamson – Crompton Ward

### My Ward priorities

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



### Work in the community

- It has been a very difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the last twelve months the District Team, delivering services to the wards of Shaw and Crompton.
- A number of campaigns, which have rolled into one, is the “Love Where You Live” campaign in Crompton ward, has seen over the last 4 years 20,000 dog fouling leaflets hand delivered to every house in the ward (every year). We have banners installed at various locations around the ward, which identifies the different areas of our lovely ward. High Crompton, Crompton and Shaw. Myself and my colleagues have been praised by residents for doing this and want more banners in the inner parts of the ward. We are hoping to extend the campaign to the bins in the ward, which would remind residents to pick up after their dogs with the slogan” Bag It and Bin It”.
- Together with my five colleagues in Shaw and Crompton we hold ward surgeries, where members residents can come along and speak me, confidentially, and without interruption about sometimes their very personal issues which they cannot put into an email.
- I continue, along with my colleagues are campaigning for a new Health Centre in Shaw for the people of Shaw and Crompton. I have written to both GP Practices in Crompton Health Centre, requesting a meeting to discuss what they envisage for a new Health Centre and whether they want to be part of this fantastic journey when it comes to fruition. We now getting ever closer.
- I have had meetings with partners:
- Highways Officers – to explain what roads are the ones that need doing for example the ones the residents keep telling us about
- Member of Hopwood Trust appointed by the Council – continue to support them with their fundraising events and attend their meetings, plus general support for Crompton Cricket, Crompton Bowling Clubs, and Crompton Football Club – where we have used our ward budget to purchased football kits with the message ‘Love Crompton’ to inspire the next generation of young people to ‘Love Where They Live’.

There are a number of events and groups which happen in Shaw and Crompton and I am pleased to support these through funding or time:

- Shaw and Crompton Events Group who host the Christmas Lights Event in Shaw town centre
- Two Homewatch Schemes
- St George's Day event
- High Crompton Park Friends Group

We again remembered on Holocaust Memorial Day, where we had a service at Crompton War Memorial, with Farrowdale House Preparatory School, Crompton Primary School, Royton & Crompton School.

- We are looking at upgrading the lights on the Big Lamp Roundabout, so we can celebrate the nation's saints and other events like Holocaust Memorial Day and St David's Day.
- I have also made sure that Crompton ward puts in bids to the new Local Improvement Fund. This is the fund where wards can bid in for large projects rather than have their own funds. We were unsuccessful this year but we will try again in the next round.

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

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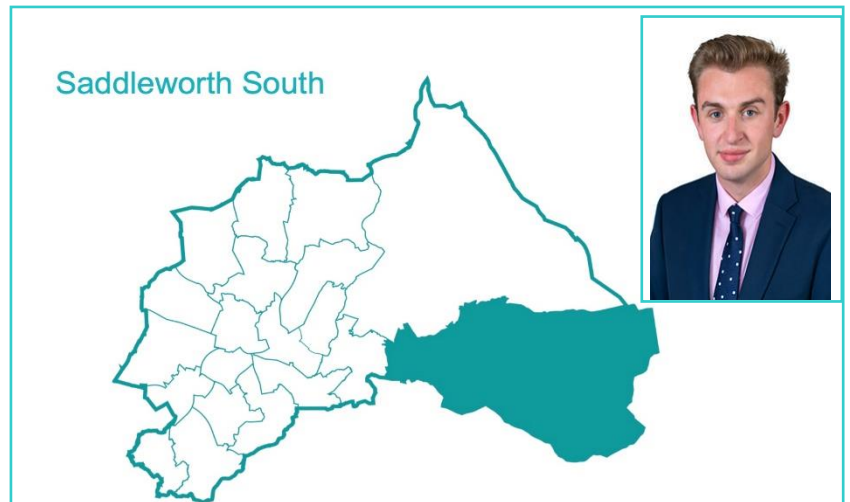
# Cllr Max Woodvine – Saddleworth South Ward

## My Ward priorities

My priorities are the priorities of the people living in my ward, and wider Saddleworth

## Training completed

- Planning Committee
- Highways
- Appeals
- Safeguarding
- Code of Conduct



## Work in the community

### Footpaths:

- Bridge-Spring Street - we have worked with residents, Ramblers and the PRow Officer to get that open, we've paid for it to be resurfaced and have drainage works, we've had safety fencing erected to stop people falling over the edge.
- Well-i-Hole - after it was vandalised we had it cordoned off and reconstructed as a matter of urgency, after many months we've had the padlock cut off so the gate opens and enforcement action taken against the illegal activity.
- This is thematic across the Ward and we continue to work closely with Highways regarding missing signs and blocked FPs to avoid losing them altogether.
- Liaising with the Group Solicitor to have a Creation Order written for a Public Right of Way from Dobcross to Uppermill following the lines of the old footpath past Brownhill and Mytholm Mill.

### Local Improvement Fund:

- I was a Member of the Advisory Panel and managed to secure the full funding for renovations to Lydgate Village Hall and reconstructing Friezland Arena working closely with the Applicants and signing the Applications off.

### Bridleway:

- There is scaffolding up on the Carr Lane bridge over the Bridleway as it is pointed and maintenance works are completed to ensure it is safe. I've seen more detail of that in this month's newspaper, but my colleague Cllr Sheldon has been asking for over a year now.

### Bins:

- Councillors Curley, Sheldon & I were consulted by Environmental Services on the placement of litter bins across the Ward and we have secured recycling provisions at Dove Stone, plus strategically placed bins at the ends of the Bridleway.
- They cannot be on the Bridleway because there has to be access for collection vehicles.

- After asking for bigger and better bins for years I dare say we consider this securing of bins to be a success, even if we had to wait for it.

#### Remembrance:

- My colleague Cllr Lancaster & I have successfully got the Parish Council to sign up to the Covenant to support our Armed Forces community in Saddleworth with employment opportunities and in other ways. We worked with the Ministry of Defence to do this.
- I have supported our Royal British Legion Branch with their activities and events and continue to do so as a Branch Member.
- I represented the Metropolitan Borough and Mayor of Oldham at Pots & Pans in November, as well as attending many other Remembrance services across the Ward.
- At my request a report and plan is being produced by OMBC Operations to look at repairing and maintaining Pots & Pans which is looking tired.

#### Special Projects:

Through our Councillor Budgets we have -

- Funded structural works at St. Anne's Church, Lydgate.
- Sponsored / paid for a competition of Saddleworth pubs with the White Hart and Cross Keys winning categories in this Ward.
- Funded flowers and planting across Saddleworth.
- Put Poppies on lampposts across Saddleworth, with at least some in every village.
- Supported our Brass Bands in Greenfield to go to Ypres (which they're doing this year to play at the Menin Gate) and Uppermill (who competed in National Championships).
- Sponsored a Youth Team at Saddleworth Rangers.
- Donated to erect a Royal British Legion sign at the Uppermill Conservative Club to help them recruit Members.
- Supported Yorkshire Day, and other traditions ensuring they can go ahead annually.
- Funded Christmas trees and decorations in Uppermill, Lydgate and Greenfield plus other villages in North & West Saddleworth.

#### Flowers:

- I did manage to have the flowers planted up on Lovers Lane in the Summer, as an addition to the Environmental services OMBC had planned.

#### Planning:

- As a Member of OMBC's Planning Committee I have considered many Applications both speaking and voting against those which are on Green Belt or OPOL or those which are unsuitable for Saddleworth for other reasons like Highway's safety.
- A notable example is the 77 dwellings in Diggle.
- I have also had to work closely with Planning Enforcement, the Head of Planning, Licensing, Environmental Health et cetera on many occasions to deal with illegal or inappropriate activity by individuals who don't think the law applies to them.

#### Platinum Jubilee:

- I am now actively organising a number of events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in June including a beacon lighting ceremony on Yarns Hill to which you are all welcome to attend.
- There are other projects in the pipeline for this which I shouldn't discuss publicly yet.

#### Highways:

- In addition to footpaths and bridleways I also spend a lot of time considering our roads and road safety. And I'm a Member of the TRO Panel so can see what is coming through in Saddleworth.
- I've managed to get two TROs planned 1) on Ladhill Lane, to stop parking which makes the already narrow bridge narrower 2) on Shaw Hall Bank Road where we are also introducing a prohibition of parking - this is not the best but it is the least worst option.
- We've worked to introduce schemes, like that at the Chapel Road / Oldham Road junction securing the crossing there.
- We've also secured a crossing outside St. Mary's School where the Road has been widened.
- Some of these schemes have been given Road Safety Awards too which is nice, it's always beneficial for us to comment and amend Highways' plans because in principle they're perfect but in practice not so.

#### Heritage and culture:

- I have continued to work with Highways to have the historic Victorian milestones maintained and the Director of Economy has supposedly found some funds in her Corporate Landlord Budget, but I've not seen this money yet.
- I have had one milestone moved to the Museum to form a 'Transport through Time' display (hopefully) after it was involved in a vehicular accident and was removed from site.
- I've also worked with the School and Museum to place a plaque for Dr Albert B. Wood - the Saddleworth physicist.
- I am exploring options for continuing to celebrate Saddleworth's Yorkshire identity too with the surviving White Rose Society (which is largely defunct) and we've had our first new signpost erected at Scouthead.
- I designed it and it is based on those erected by the West Riding County Council.
- I have no progress on BT Boxes because of stubborn Parish Council colleagues on the Estates Committee but I'll keep trying to persuade them.
- I have other heritage projects but not in my PMBC Ward - in my SPC Ward which won't be of much interest to you.
- On the Riverside FP a feature has been made of an old Corporation Board boundary stone (again at my request as it had sunk into the mud) - it now looks prominent and splendid.
- I'm also continuing to support the Historical Society with their project to create a Library, Archive and Local Studies at Holly Bank.
- Added a number of historically and architecturally significant buildings to the Local List for Greater Manchester including Friezland and Uppermill Schools, Lydgate Village Hall, Civic Hall, and Greenfield Conservative Club.

## Environment:

- I am also working to get a site in Friezland designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.
- Approved fungi growing on OMBC land to be sent to Kew Gardens for testing - we await the results of the tests (it could just be magic mushrooms).
- Found Incredible Edibles a base at Brownhill Gardens where they can utilise the raised beds for planting vegetables, herbs and fruit et cetera. Also they'll benefit from the wildlife in that area.
- I have had Pickhill Pond excluded from the old School site so it won't be sold, I have also asked that the playing fields and sport pitches are kept in place too for Teams and Clubs to use.

These are just some of the examples which stood out to me when I was writing this Report for you and this is in addition to the more minor or insignificant casework I get and deal with on a daily basis - like potholes, blocked gullies, road sweeping etc.

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## Surgeries

First Saturday of the month at  
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