Cllr Arooj Shah – St Mary's Ward

My Ward priorities

- Work with residents to support them with casework issues, like housing, council tax, environmental services.
- Create a cleaner and greener St Mary's.
- Support community groups across the St Mary's ward.
- Transform our town centre and create more opportunities for residents.

Borough map and photograph (supplied by Constitutional Services)

Work in the community

Over the last year in St Mary's, I have supported hundreds of residents through my work as a ward Councillor, no matter your problem I'm here to help all year round. As well as being a ward Councillor, I'm also Leader of Oldham Council and Cabinet Member for Reform and Regeneration, and I'm always on the look out for opportunities to improve our neighbourhoods.

Back when I was Leader of the Council in 2021/21, I launched our Don't Trash Oldham campaign to clean up our streets, back-alleyways, and open spaces because I know how important it is to our residents to live in clean and green neighbourhoods.

I've funded a new pocket park outside Jalalabad Mosque to create a nicer space for our residents to enjoy and for children & young people, and we're in the process of bringing a new recreational cricket pitch to Beckett Meadows and a new slide for the play-area thanks to a successful bid I put in to the Council's Local Improvement Fund.

I've supported a whole host of community groups this year and I'm so proud to work with them to make St Mary's the best place it can be, some but not all the groups I've worked with are listed below as recipients of my ward budget.

Ward Budget Spend

Project		Amount
Xanadu Dance Troupe - Costumes, venue hire, and transport costs		£300.00
Glodwick CC - Venue hire for indoor training facilities during off season		£300.00
Greengate St Mosque – Develop Glodwick		£450.00
Team Taz Muay Thai – Day Trip		£300.00
Harmony Trust – Clarksfield and Glodwick FC Football Pitch Hire		£450.00
Friendship Society – Family Fun Day		£550.00
Bilal Jamia Masjid Management – Community Event		£500.00
Glodwick Dynamoes – Towards running costs of the Club		£500.00
Friendship Society – New Years application		£400.00
	Total Spend	3,750.00

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Surgeries

- My ward surgeries rotate around St Mary's Ward and I publish them on a bi-weekly basis.
- Residents can get in touch with me to set up separate meetings if they can't make it to one of my surgeries.