

Cllr Josh Charters – St James Ward

My Ward priorities

- *Ensuring that the community have a voice in everything the council does.*
- *Supporting children and young people*
- *Community Engagement*
- *Ensuring everyone in St James is happy, healthy and safe.*

Borough map and photograph (supplied by Constitutional Services)

Work in the community

Since being elected in May 2023, I have not stopped working for residents in Derker, Moorside, Sholver and Watersheddings. Working alongside both Cllr Angela Cosgrove, I have submitted successful Local Improvement Fund (LIF) bids for a new play area at Stoneleigh Park, alongside a sensory garden and growing hub. Working with Cllr Beth Sharp we have successfully received LIF money for Whitehall Lane Park in Moorside, as well as for Moorside Cricket and Bowling Club to upgrade paths around their bowling green.

I have been actively involved with Friends of Stoneleigh Park, Friends of Sholver Millenium Green, Sholver Travel Futures, Fullwood Community Gardens and Hope Restoration project as community groups across the ward, and meeting truly remarkable residents whose selflessness and willingness to pitch in to make their community better is inspiring. From visiting the community gardens and going home with a handful of onions; to delivering Christmas presents to families who may not have had anything else, I've been grateful to every single group I have had the pleasure of working with as a councillor.

As part of my role as Deputy Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, I have been working closely with Oldham Council's Youth Service, meeting a number of young people at Sholver Youth Club and seeing the amazing work our Youth Workers do. I've also been working with the team to try and find a new home for their Derker Youth Club and hope to give an update soon.

I've enjoyed working with partner organisations to help residents across the ward, with Greater Manchester Police, First Choice Homes and Transport for Greater Manchester all supporting me with casework as well as Oldham Council officers. I held a community meeting in Derker to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour, where residents were able to speak to GMP, First Choice Homes, Oldham Council's Community Safety Team and our Member of Parliament, Debbie Abrahams MP.

I am very proud to have funded community projects throughout the ward, including the Over 60s Lunch Club at Moorside Cricket & Bowling Club, the Sholver & Moorside 7th annual Flower & Vegetable show, the Moorside Christmas Lights switch on; as well as providing funding to Moorside & Stoneleigh Ladies Bowling Clubs, Pennine Cascades Dance Troupe, Sholver Youth Club, Hope Restoration and Friends of Stoneleigh Park.

I will continue to support community projects where I can and be a strong advocate for residents across the ward.

Ward Budget Spend

Project	Amount £
Grit Bins	£834.40
Melrose St, Derker - funding for street tree	£250.00
Moorside Cricket & Bowling Club over 60s Lunch Club	£250.00
Stoneleigh Park HAF sessions 9th & 16th August	£125.00
Sholver and Moorside 7th Annual Flower & Vegetable Show	£100.00
Pennine Cascades dance troupe, Sholver	£200.00
Handrail - top of Erlesmere Close, Moorside	£175.00
Funding for Hope Restoration Project, Sholver	£100.00
Friends of Stoneleigh Park - Face Painting session	£150.00
St Thomas' Church Hall - Moorside Christmas Lights switch on	£40.00
Dangerous Public Right of Way (Meek St - Stoneleigh Park), costs shared with Royton South Labour Councillors	£157.50
Dropped Kerb, Sholver	£101.20
Moorside Ladies Bowling Team	£125.00
Stoneleigh Ladies Bowling Team	£125.00
Sponsor a veteran's Christmas Dinner - Royal British Legion	£100.00
Sholver Youth Club	£200.00

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