

Cllr Ros Birch - Waterhead Ward

My Ward priorities

- Appropriate, safe, and affordable Housing
- Supporting residents affected by anti-social behaviour
- Engaging & educating residents to reduce instances of fly-tipping and littering
- Supporting residents to deal with the Cost of Living Crisis
- Investing in parks and green spaces to improve the health and wellbeing of residents

Work in the community

During the municipal year 2023/24, I have dealt with resident's concerns related to anti-social behaviour. These have included the use of scrambling and e-bikes on parkland and green spaces and drug dealing and the anti-social behaviour caused by youths and drug dealers congregating in communal areas. I have worked with FCHO and GMP to try and tackle these incidents, whilst educating residents to report incidents to GMP online or via Crimestoppers.

Another key theme has been engagement and follow-up activities from the 'Don't Trash Oldham' initiative to educate residents about how to report issues and recycling of household waste to reduce the amount of litter across the Ward. I have been involved in community litter picking activities in the Clarksfield area that has now become a regular event, organised by the Clarksfield Community Group.

I have worked with my Ward colleagues to submit successful bids to the Local Improvement Fund to support the installation of three defibrillators across the Ward (Greenacres Community Centre, St Barnabus Community Centre, and Veg in the Park cabin, Waterhead Park). There has also been a grant award of £26,000 from the LIF to install a Multi-Use Games Area in Arundel Street Park, Clarksfield. The Big Local Lottery Fund will match this grant.

Ward Budget Spend

Grit bins that do not meet the Council criteria (4 fills)	£575.95
NEON Men's Group	£150.00
Moorside, Sholver & Watersheddings Flower Show	£50.00
Clarksfield & Glodwick Football Club	£500.00
Clarksfield Community Group Seasonal Events	£40.00
Waterhead War Memorial Statue	£1,083.33
Arundel St MUGA LIF Top-up	£1,000.00
Spotlight Theatre Group	£200.00

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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.