

ROLES

- **Chair of Planning Committee**
- Full Council
- Governance, Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Board
- Place, Economic Growth & Environment Scrutiny Board (Substitute)

Ward Profile for 2023/2024

Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00 Ward Surgery at OBA Millennium Cultural Centre

1. HOUSING

Some of the planning applications approved to help those residents with housing needs

- West Vale 88 new properties set for completion December 2024
- 46 properties approved in Royton
- 64 properties and 6 apartments on Huddersfield Road, Diggle
- 4 properties on Huddersfield Road, Austerlands
- 33 properties on Huddersfield Road, Austerlands
- 27 properties on Medlock Road, Failsworth
- Approval of Community Diagnostics Hub Building, Royton
- 60 properties on former site of Bailey Mill, Delph

2. IMPROVING NEIGHBOURHOODS & GREENER SPACES

A key pledge of mine is to help improve the neighbourhoods and accessibility to local parks. It is pivotal our communities are given the opportunity to access green spaces. This year I have secured and supported the following projects with consultation with local residents

- Meditation and reflection space with local residents and Al Khazra Masjid, Chadderton Way
- Improved footpath and bench space on Mitchel Street/ Trafalgar Street
- Alleyway gate schemes: Highfield Street/ Bamford St/ Denmark Street & Brierly Street
- Bulb planting with residents along Featherstall Road and Henshaw Street/ Bar Gap Road
- Outdoor Gym Equipment at Berriesfield Park, Chadderton
- Children's Play Area at Gresham Drive in partnership with Onward Homes Oldham
- Improved play equipment at Shadowbrook Close

3. EDUCATION

I was pleased to see Brian Clarke Academy to have their new intake of Year 7 students and for the existing students move onto Year 8. It is a fantastic and modern building with teachers who really are student focussed. There are students attending from the local community and it's brilliant to see children from all different faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

In partnership with Oldham 6th Form College, I arranged a Q&A and a visit to the Mayor's Parlour. These students were studying politics AS Level and it was a great way for them to find out firsthand how local government works.

I was also proud to attend Apprenticeship week at Milestone Community Training. It was fabulous to see many adults taking on a different career path, one which they're passionate about. I am a keen advocate for adult education and opportunities.

I am delighted to announce that under our Labour administration, Eton College will be coming to Oldham. This will open up new opportunities and pathways for our children to have a brighter future.

4. ARTS, CULTURE & SPORTING ACTIVITIES

I believe it is important to support and encourage arts, culture and sports. I am happy to have supported a number of different community groups, charities and sports clubs.

- Outta School Kabaddi Tournament
- Outdoor Eid Celebration at Berriesfield Park
- Cricket Clubs: Westwood CC, Oldham Tigers CC, Chadderton CC, Oldham Cricket League and more
- The first ever Tri Nation Series Champion Cricket Cup 2023 at Boundary Park
- Sur Sangeetaly – Traditional Bangladeshi Folk Music and Award Ceremony
- JUPS Annual GCSE Award Ceremony
- Festival of Light by Oldham Interfaith Forum
- Oldham Biswanath Society National Badminton Tournament
- Women's Cycling Sessions with Yuvanis
- GM4Women Conference with women led organisations, businesses and community groups all across the north held at the OBA Millennium Cultural Centre
- Mayor of Oldham's Charity Launch in Coldhurst – Truly Wished
- My Coldhurst Street BBQ in Westwood

5. BUSINESSES & EMPLOYMENT

Supporting local residents into employment by referring them to Get Oldham Working team and other service providers. Championing and supporting local businesses and groups.

- Oldham Dual Drivers Unity – Inauguration Ceremony
- Launch of Wonderlust Bistro on Library Lane
- Launch of Hustle Burger on Mitchell Street