

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

## My Ward priorities

*Road safety*  
*Community-led projects*  
*Tackling crime*

## Work in the community

**Road safety.** As a team, we have been committed to improving road safety across the ward. The junction of Stamford Road and Huddersfield Road, a particular safety hazard, has already seen significant improvements to the junction, and a 20mph zone is in progress.

We are still pursuing the School Streets scheme around the schools on Medlock Way, and are awaiting approval from the Council for the use of ANPR cameras to control traffic around the schools and create a safe space for parents walking their children to school.

Other road safety improvements that we are pursuing include a 20mph zone around the two schools on Cooper Street in Springhead, and a Community Speedwatch scheme with GMP which is currently recruiting. We have also delivered disabled parking at Old Mill House in Springhead, as well as a number of individual bays in locations across the ward, and regularly report potholes and other road issues across the ward.

**Police and crime.** We all liaise on a monthly basis, at least, with the local neighbourhood police team. We have identified local crime hotspots, and passed on information to the local teams. By working with different organisations, there have been additional arrests, and vulnerable people have been referred on to get additional support from adult social care. There have also been plain clothes patrols in place following the spate of car crime.

**Community building.** We have been working with individual charities to help fundraise, and delivered grants to support the Royal British Legion, Springhead AFC, and LSG litter pickers. We are regularly out litter picking with the LSG litter pickers, and have a programme of picks organised throughout the year.

**General.** A particular focus of my work is on combating domestic abuse and violence. I am a White Ribbon ambassador, and have helped in particular with the Oldham Council event promoting White Ribbon Day to schools.

It is not possible to record all casework and community work 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. The remainder is abridged to minimize the length of the report.

## Ward Budget Spend

Project	Amount £
Christmas event lighting	633.44
Support the provision of district Christmas trees £1450 Springhead (living tree) □ £1450 Grotton (living tree) □ £748 Lees Total original allocation £1216 has been reduced by funds received in as below £500 received from LSG Business Hub towards living trees (Total £1500) £126.33 received from Springhead Community Centre (Total £379) □ £126.33 received from Grotton Residents Assoc (Total £379)	463.34

Summer/winter planting in the district	857.40
Band contest Annual Saddleworth event	1000.00
Supply and plant 30 x No Pyracantha firethorn to Lees Cemetery	625.00
Old Mill House garden	133.33

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## Surgeries

Ward surgeries are held on the final Tuesday of the month at Lees Library, the final Saturday of the month at Grotton Pavilion and the final Wednesday of the month at Lees Park ecohub.