

# Cllr Hazel Gloster – Shaw Ward

## My Ward priorities

- Supporting residents and businesses
- Supporting the New Health Centre for Shaw
- Protecting Green Belt/Spaces
- Litter, Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling
- Listening and engaging with residents
- Environmental Improvements
- Local Policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways and speeding traffic



## Training completed

- 05/06/2023 – Planning Committee Training
- 20/06/2023 – Effective Scrutiny
- 26/06/2023 – Safeguarding Training
- 11/09/2023 – Casework and Advocacy
- 27/02/2024 – HMO's An Introduction for Members

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## Work in the community

The Cost of Living Crisis has impacted every household, with the rise in energy costs, insurance premiums, school uniforms and food, no family has been unscathed. The Community of Shaw has once again stepped up to the challenge by supporting our neighbours, shopping local to sustain our small businesses and providing donations to our much-used Foodbanks and Charitable organisations that many have had to turn to.

Although the ways we have been working have changed dramatically, I am pleased that I can now get back out into the constituency and meet with residents on the doorstep as I do every week. The issues faced have remained very similar to previous years but with far more emphasis on our community. Throughout the year I have continued to work hard for my residents offering support, advice, and guidance to help meet their needs and resolve their issues where possible.

I have continued to demand Better for Shaw by: -

Continuing to support the development of our new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton, ensuring it will be delivered on time.

Supporting Businesses with issues they have faced due to rising rent and operational costs.

I have worked with residents to overcome issues around school attendance and home schooling, together with issues around free school meals and access to appropriate information technology. I have liaised with Council departments such as Environmental Health, Waste and Highways to resolve incidences of Fly Tipping, Dog Fouling and missed rubbish collections to keep our communities clean.

I have worked closely with our education colleagues to ensure our teachers; support staff and parents are supported appropriately. I meet with them regularly to keep abreast of any issues our education providers are facing together with discussing potential resolutions.

I have maintained a close link with our Childrens Services colleagues, who have faced a significant increase in cases of domestic abuse, significant injuries to children and safeguarding cases across the Borough and within my ward.

I am a member of the Cross-Party Climate Change group which is working to achieve a more sustainable future for our next generations.

I have continued to raise concerns about our highways and footways, fixing potholes, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are programmed for replacement where required.

I have continued to work with key partners such as First Choice Homes and Guinness to resolve housing issues and ensure people feel safe and warm in their homes.

I have regularly met with our local police team and Oldham's Chief Superintendent to review the issues we face around ASB, speeding traffic and shoplifting within our community.

I have attended Full Oldham Council meetings, asking ward and cabinet questions together with submissions of motions to influence future policy decisions.

I have attended Planning Committee Meetings opposing development on Greenbelt Land.

I have continued with work I started on Shaw & Crompton Parish Council working with The Friends of Crompton Moor and other volunteers to improve and enhance the beautiful nature we are so lucky to have on our doorstep. This includes our only SBI site which was under threat.

I am an avid supporter of the Shaw Events Group, a group of volunteers who work hard all year round to bring the Christmas Lights Switch On event to fruition.

I have also kept in touch with some of our more elderly residents by telephone and personal visits to ensure they are warm, comfortable and have enough food to keep them as healthy as possible.

Along with my Liberal Democrat colleagues in Shaw and Crompton, we hold a ward surgery every Thursday at the Shaw Lifelong Learning Centre on High Street, Shaw to meet residents and discuss problems in private, start time 7.30pm, no appointment necessary.

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## The role of a Councillor in a co-operative borough

**#Ourbit** – Being the voice of the local community within council and helping local residents solve problems

**#Yourbit** – Get in touch and let your councillors know if you have a problem or suggestion

**#Result** – Working together to solve problems and make our community better