

**Tameside Council  
Elected Member  
Annual Report of Activities 2020/21**

**Councillor Name: DENISE WARD**

**Ward Name: DENTON NORTH EAST**

**Participation at Council Meetings and Panels**

- I have attended all meetings of full Council
- I am a member of Speakers Panel for Planning
- I am a member of Speakers Panel for Licencing (Taxi)

**Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships**

I am the Chair of West Strategic Neighbourhood Forum

I am the Chair of Active Tameside

I am the President of Victoria Park Community Group

I am the Chair of Broomfields Residents Association.

Chair of Friends of Tame Valley

I am a Member of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund.

I am a member of the Tameside District Lieutenancy Committee.

I am a school governor at St Thomas Moore RC College, Denton and have been for over 20 years.

I am also a school governor at Russell Scott Primary School in Denton and have been for the last 3 years.

I am a member of Volunteer Circle of Friends dementia group in Denton, the group meet in St Mary's church in Denton.

**Constituency Work and Local Issues**

During these the Covid pandemic I have ensured that all issues and enquires have been dealt with and escalated to the appropriate council department for action. I have make continually made contact with my constituents by telephone and virtually to check on their health and wellbeing during this difficult year

Under normal circumstances, I host a monthly event at the Victoria Park Community Centre and make pies for all members of the group but to ensure that this continued during the pandemic I continued to make the pies but dropped them off at constituent's homes throughout this difficult time - making in excess of 3,000 pies in total.

**Members Advice Surgeries**

It has been impossible to hold face-to-face meetings but have dealt with a large number of enquiries over the telephone. As lockdown restrictions start to lift I will hold a monthly surgery at St Mary's Church in Denton.

**Training and Development**

I have attended all Councillor training and developments sessions throughout the year.

**Achievements during the Year**

I was delighted to receive a letter from the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Warren Smith on behalf of the Queen in recognition of the support provided to local residents by making and delivering 3454 homemade pies to residents during lockdown.

Finding alternative ways of working to support my constituents during the lockdown ensuring that their needs where possible and ensuring their health and wellbeing.

**Any other comments**

I thoroughly love working in my ward and thought this has been an incredibly difficult year I look forward to restrictions being lifted and to return to arranging events to bring the community together