

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

**Councillor Name: Councillor Janet Cooper**

**Ward Name: Longdendale Ward**

This has been a very different and challenging year, as I took up my role of Civic Mayor, I have attended all Council meetings virtually, a first for me on zoom. I am a member of the Health and Wellbeing Panel, The Education Attainment Panel, Corporate Parent Board, Carbon Reduction Panel, Overview Panel and the Inequalities Reference Group.

I also sit on the Werneth Low Joint Committee. I have attended all meetings whenever possible.

Constituency work has become wide ranging and more complex over the last year, some residents being digitally excluded for a variety of reasons has made their lives more difficult during this pandemic and we have been unable to meet face to face. The Mottram bypass, we look to be making progress on this, the heavy traffic is an issue that blights all our lives here in Longdendale. Public transport or lack of is a huge problem for our smaller villages but hopefully we now have some resolution to this with the bus reform. I have also engaged in promoting the national census.

Members surgeries have not been held face to face but I have been available via email or telephone to any residents who have needed help.

I have attended all training and development session whenever possible.

Becoming the Civic Mayor has been one of my proudest moments this year although it's been a real challenge but we have all in Tameside risen to this to support our community and I have been humbled by the way we have all come together to help each other.

There have been many achievements during this very difficult year, the formation of the Longdendale Covid Group is up there, we provided a manned helpline, picked up prescriptions, did shopping and for anyone who wished it a befriending telephone service. During the lock down and the summer holidays, we delivered activity packs for children and wellbeing packs for our socially isolated residents. I supported our local foodbank and the formation of a Community Kitchen to help with food poverty. One of my missions this year has been to support our Care Leavers with Janet's Bottom Draw project to provide household items to assist them moving into their first home.

As the Civic Mayor, during this year I have been proud to lay a Wreath for Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Borough, attend the opening of an Online Remembrance Book for Covid victims at Manchester Cathedral. Even during this pandemic, my Consort and I have had a very busy year.