

This past year has been extremely challenging but I have been immensely proud to represent the Audenshaw Ward with its outstanding community spirit. The past twelve months has seen us come together and support those who have needed help and I believe that Audenshaw residents, church and community groups have made a difference to our local area and the people of Tameside. I was proud to stand on my door step every Thursday and clap for our NHS and key workers who continued to give support to our country during these very difficult times. Audenshaw had a large number of unsung heroes who very quietly gave their time. It is a special place to represent.

It has been inspirational to work with our community groups who give so much. Community events have been very limited because of the pandemic but I have worked with as many of them as possible to ensure our community groups work in a different way or contact has been made. It was sad to say farewell to the amazing Julie and Stephen Fisher who for many years led the Audenshaw Local History Society and they have left behind a huge void. I hope that volunteers will come forward to take on the role and continue to share our wonderful heritage.

I have continued to work closely with Ryecroft Hall and we are working hard to put risk assessments in place so that it can once again open its doors and welcome the community back to attend a range of classes. Prior to the lockdown it was great to welcome residents to two free movie nights. The first showing was of the story of Peterloo which looked and this significant event in our local history and the second a Christmas film to help us to get into the festive spirit.

Christmas was very different this year. Unfortunately we were not able to celebrate with a light switch on and carol singing but I was delighted to be asked to take part in a wonderful event which was organised by a local home watch group. Following government guidelines, we travelled through the streets of an area of Audenshaw giving selection boxes to children. These small gifts were donated by local businesses, residents and councillors.

I enjoyed working alongside local residents to improve our local area taking part in community clean ups, planting and litter picks. I hope to once more attend coffee mornings and other community events.

Audenshaw continued to remember the fallen and I was proud and humbled to lay wreathes in memory of the fallen and those who continue to serve our country. There was no ceremonies this year but instead the time for silent reflection.

I have attended all Full Council Meetings this municipal year and I have continued to chair the Integrated Care and Well Being Scrutiny Panel. The agenda on this panel has included Children's Services, how we are dealing with the pandemic, Covid and children's education, vaccinations, domestic violence, early help for families in need and social prescribing. I also lead a working group that looks closely at issues as and when they arise.

I have also represented Tameside at Greater Manchester Scrutiny Panels and attended the West Neighbourhood Forums. I have also taken part in all training offered.

I have continued to deal with casework, represent residents with planning issues and school places, held and attended meetings remotely and worked closely with the Member of Parliament.

This past year has been very different due to the recent pandemic. All of our neighbourhoods have faced challenges but the support for the NHS and key workers has been overwhelming in Denton West. Like others in our community I was proud to offer my support to those who needed help. Denton West has a strong community which came together and supported those in need.

I have continued in my role as Assistant Executive for Lifelong Learning. This has given me the opportunity to work with the executive member and senior officers to provide the best educational outcomes for the people of Tameside both young and old. The past year has been challenging for those involved in education but I have worked hard to give them the support they need.

Part of my role is to sit on the Education Attainment Panel, ensuring that council procedure and set criteria are followed. I am also a member of the SACRE panel which focuses on the religious aspect of children's education.

I continued to be a member of the Standards Board. Part of my role is to ensure the Council complies with all parts of standards within the Council or public life.

I have continued in my role as Deputy Chair of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund. This is the largest pension fund in the country and has been built up over many years of careful planning and judgement. I continue to attend training in this role as it is imperative that pensions are protected.

I am proud to say I am also Chair of the award winning Admin Working Group and I am proud that we have received national awards for their hard work.

I have continued with case work, held meetings remotely and worked in partnership with the local Member of Parliament.

This year has had its challenges but I have continued to support community groups, acted on green issues, and attended a Remembrance wreath laying in Thornley Park (within Government guidelines). We also turned on our Christmas lights and carried out Roving Surgeries.

