

**Tameside Council
Elected Member
Annual Report of Activities 2022/23**

Councillor Name: Joyce Bowerman

Ward Name: St Peter's Ward

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have attended Full Council Meetings and Labour Group Meetings.

This year, I have served as the Chair of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum. This role has enabled me to become involved in all aspects of the Tameside North Area. I have had regular meetings throughout the year, which are attended by local Councillors; also, members of the public are invited and can ask any questions relating to the items on the agenda for that particular meeting.

I have actively promoted our town during the year at community and civic events. I have regularly taken part in face-to-face, Zoom and Microsoft Teams meetings regarding our ward and I am a member of the Tameside Community Champions initiative helping, supporting and giving advice to our residents.

This year, I have been Chair of the Ashton Delivery Group, which was formed to deliver the plans for Ashton Town Centre and the Public Realm following Tameside's successful bid for levelling up funding from the government. I have been working closely with our team, local councillors, and members of the public who are members of the group. The plans are going extremely well and we are looking forward to the date when we will be able to commence the work on the new proposals.

I have been a member of the Corporate Parenting Board this year, which has been very interesting and informative. Also, this year, I have been a member of the Enforcement Panel, working with our officers to ensure enforcement law is met in our borough.

This year, I have been a member of the Speaker's Panel (Planning) working with our officers on all planning issues that are brought to the meetings.

I am also a member of the Events Panel, planning different events throughout the year for instance the Christmas Lantern Parade, Armed Forces Day, community events, and Armistice Day event.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I regularly attend the St Peter's Community Gathering where I Chair the meetings each month.

I have, for many years, been a Trustee of St Peter's Partnerships and serve as the Chair at the Trustee's meetings throughout the year.

I am a Committee Member of the Holy Trinity Church and Community Centre.

I am a member of the Tameside District Lieutenancy Committee.

I am the Chair of the Friends of Ashton Parish Church, a member of the West End Neighbourhood Watch, a member of the Neo-Natal Knitters Group and a member of the Friends of Guide Bridge Station and the Friends of King George V Playing Fields. I am a member of the West End Mutual Aid group, which has given valuable help and support to our residents in our ward throughout the year.

I enjoy all these roles and I have seen the benefits and the positive change we can make in our ward.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

I attend Labour Group meetings and Ward meetings. I am often in touch with members of the public where they have been able to raise any community issues and concerns. I regularly attend, when I'm able to, our local coffee mornings, breakfast and lunch clubs where I meet up with local residents and where I am available should anyone need any help or advice.

I often meet with my colleagues in St Peter's Ward to discuss local issues. I always aim to deal with matters promptly and keep my constituents fully informed of any progress.

I am involved with local housing groups along with my Ward colleagues. This year, I have helped to arrange our Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner and Party.

I have also planned and helped at the Community Gathering's two Potato Pie Suppers for our residents. We are again in the process of arranging our very popular Community Gathering's Family Fun Day in Oxford Park this Summer; it was a great success last year and is a free event that our residents can enjoy.

Members Advice Surgeries

Residents usually contact me by e-mail, telephone or at the many community events I attend. I also arrange face-to-face visits with my residents if they request it.

Training and Development

During the year, I have taken part in a number of varied training sessions designed especially for Elected Members by Tameside MBC.

Achievements during the Year

As Chair of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum, I have participated in meetings with local Councillors and residents on important and relevant issues that have included Police and Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Model, Ashton Public Realm, Equality Strategy, Anti-Poverty Strategy, Early Help Strategy, Children's Services and Corporate Parenting, Domestic Abuse and Town Centre Projects.

I welcomed our MP the Rt. Hon. Angela Rayner to three events in our ward during the year, I attended the Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Sunday events.

We had a very successful Christmas Lights Switch-On and Lantern Parade on Ashton Town Centre.

As Chair of the Community Gathering, I arranged the Family Fun Day in Oxford Park, the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, + Party and two Potato Pie Suppers for our residents.

I attended a Day of Enforcement on Ashton Town Centre,

I joined our Ukranian community in the Memorial Gardens on their Independence Day and laid a wreath in the in memory of those who had died in the war with Russia.

We mourned our late Queen Elizabeth's death and I signed the Book of Condolence in the Town Hall.

I attended the Police Memorial event in Hyde for the 10th anniversary of the two female police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

During the year I regularly joined our residents in the Warm Welcome Hubs in Holy Trinity and the West End set up to help our residents to keep warm and provide a meal during the energy crisis.

I attended the launch of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the West End and I was invited to the Ashton Youth Club Winter Skills Celebration at which was very enjoyable.

I attended the Iftar meal together with our MP, the Civic Mayor and Mayoress and other guests and residents at Holy Trinity Community Centre.

I joined the Scouts for the St George's Day Parade on Aston Town Centre and the service afterwards in the Albion Church.

I joined residents for a number of Coronation events to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. As a supporter of the Khush Amdid Ladies Group

I was invited to attend and speak at their event at the 4C Community Centre.