

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

Councillor Name: Michael Smith

Ward Name: Denton West

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have attended all council meeting this municipal year, including Full Council meetings and the annual Mayoral Ceremony. I have been an active participant as Deputy Chair of the Audit and Overview panel by asking questions, raising any issues and working as a member of a successful team. I have also been a member of the Liquor Licensing panel.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

I have been active in many community groups in the ward:

Horses Field Residents Association- it was a pleasure to be involved with the City of Trees project where I was happy to get my boots dirty while planting a number of trees on the field to enhance the field and protect the environment.

Friends of Ladbroke Wood- this is a new group which I helped to set up. There is a lot of work still to be carried out but I have thoroughly enjoyed working with local activists during community action days litter picking, path clearing and general tidying. The wood will soon be an easily accessible area for local residents.

Dane Bank Greenspace- this is another newly formed community action group that I am proud to be part of. I have been involved in tree planting and site clearance.

Denton West Community Library and the new committee at Denton West Community Centre- I have continued to support the volunteers at these two valuable community groups who work tirelessly for local residents.

I look forward to continuing to work with all community groups in Denton West

Members Advice Surgeries

I have continued to work alongside my colleagues holding weekly advice surgeries. These surgeries are attended monthly by GMP.

Training and Development

I have attended as many training and development sessions as possible including budget updates

and updates on Children's Services.

Achievements during the Year

Once again this has been a very busy year. The new community environment groups have kept me busy but our pensioners Christmas party is always one of the highlights of my year. It is lovely to have the opportunity to celebrate by providing a free lunch and entertainment and sharing the festive spirit. It wouldn't be Christmas without a light switch on and once again the tree was lit in Thornley park and of course we had a special visitor for the children.

Our Remembrance Sunday service is continuing to grow in numbers and I was humbled to have laid the wreath to remember those who gave their lives and to thank those who returned safely from wars and conflicts.

This year saw a fabulous celebration for St Georges Day. It was great to work with the team to provide a parade and activities in the park. We had great numbers attend and we were blessed to have the sun shining on us.

I look forward to being involved in lots of community events in the forthcoming year.