

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

Councillor Name: Mike Glover

Ward Name: Ashton Hurst

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

As Civic Mayor, I have opened all the Full Council Meetings.
I am a member of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel, including working groups.
I am Deputy Chair of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I am a member of the committee of STAR (Smallshaw Tenants and Residents Association).
I am Chair of the Trustees for the Broadoak & Smallshaw Community Centre.
I am a member of Ashton Town Team.
I am a member of Tameside Rotary.
I am Treasurer of the Hurst Ward Labour Party.
I am Treasurer of the Ashton Constituency Labour Party.
I manage the accounts of the Parish Church Charities (Ashton).
I am a School Governor at Hurst Knoll St. James C E Primary School.
I am a member of the Ashton United in the Community.
I am a member of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group.
I am a member of Tameside Community Champions.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

As Civic Mayor, my time has been focussed on the whole of Tameside. However I have still been active in Hurst Ward talking with constituents, dealing with Case Work, supporting Broadoak and Smallshaw Community Centre, Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group and been Santa at children's Christmas Parties, the Indian Community Centre, and Rotary's annual collection.

Members Advice Surgeries

Members' Advice Surgeries, normally twice each month had been suspended. However Surgeries with GMP have started up again as have PACT meetings. These were held either at Holden Clough School, Broad Community Centre or via Zoom.

Training and Development

I have attended most the Member Training and development sessions that will give me more knowledge to better serve the members of our community. Being Civic Mayor of Tameside has developed me in many ways, whether it be ad-hoc public speaking or a greater knowledge of all the voluntary community groups across Tameside.

Achievements during the Year

It has been an honour and a privilege for me to represent the borough of Tameside as your Civic Mayor.

It has been a very busy and unique year. People started to come out of the Covid years and with some trepidation gather together. Then we had the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations followed by the sad loss of our Queen Elizabeth. As a result I received and made the formal Proclamation of the new king Charles III and of course the recent coronation.

In all I have attended almost 300 engagements and met some wonderful people from all walks of life. We've stood in the rain in allotments, baked in the heatwave for Well Dressing and managed to get round five Brass Band contests. But the events that stand out are due to the hard work of so many volunteers that improve the lives of our communities, this was especially so when it involved the children and adults with special needs.

Visiting the various schools has been a pleasure, whether awarding certificates or particularly dealing with the children's personal questions and answers.

Another side-line of being Mayor is being made honorary President of the District Scouts which of course entailed Awards and on one occasion judging a cooking competition.

There was of course the more formal events of commemorative or celebration church, temple and mosque services. It is the Mayor that opens every Council Meeting, attends the Citizenship ceremonies and medal awards. Leads the Armistice Day silence and this year attended five remembrance services.

It was a pleasure to meet some of amazing people that celebrated their 100th birthdays and on one occasion 107th.

Inevitably there were some funerals for friends and notables including Sir Tom Pendry, former Cllr Margaret Downs and Deputy Lieutenant Janet Evans who did so much for the Sea Cadets.

I've also enjoyed a number of amateur theatre productions and musical concerts around the borough and Manchester.

I think everyone enjoyed my Mayor's Ball and it raised £6,000 towards my chosen charities. I hope that you will agree that it has been a unique and amazing year and I would like to thank everybody that made it so special.

To close, it has been an honour to be your Civic Mayor and thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity and year of special memories.

Any other comments

The pandemic has made it a difficult time for all of us, some more than others and we all grieve for those that have lost their loved ones. We are still feeling the repercussions from the pandemic whether it is loneliness, anxiety or a rise in aggression, but, it has brought communities together some in small groups within a street or neighbourhood and others helping communities over a much wider area.

I hope that this community spirit will survive over the coming years and the inevitable hybrid ways of

working will benefit all of us.

Thank you to all the people that have supported me and listened.