

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

Councillor Name: Teresa Smith

Ward Name: Audenshaw

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have attended all council meetings and have been proud to represent the residents and businesses of Audenshaw.

I have fulfilled my role on the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel where we have looked at a wide range of issues including SEND, Children's services and the recruitment and retention of social workers and foster carers. I have had the opportunity to ask many questions about issues that affect the young people of our borough and made contributions as to how the service can be improved.

I am also a member of the Liquor Licensing Panel.

The West Neighbourhood Strategic Forum has met this this year, giving me the opportunity to be updated on many issues including public health, domestic violence and the Bee Network to name just a few. This forum has also given me the opportunity to ask questions of police teams and raise issues that are affecting local residents.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I am a member of the following

- Ryecroft Hall Management Committee
- Friends of Ryecroft Park
- Member of the Roker Park Home watch Group
- Member of the Memorial Gardens Light Switch on group.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

I have always made myself available to listen to residents issues. My constituency work has been varied and included local planning issues, phone masts, refuse issues, highways, school admissions, supporting local community groups and working with the M.P.s office.

Members Advice Surgeries

Along with my colleagues, I have met with local residents to offer advice and support when required. I have also been available over the phone and by email as well as holding a public meeting on a planning issue.

Training and Development

I have taken part in all training offered and attended budget planning meetings and updates.

Achievements during the Year

Once again this has been a very busy year. There is always work to be done to ensure that Audenshaw is a cleaner, greener, safer place to live. I have taken part in many litter picks and clean ups with my colleagues, local residents and recently with local school children. Ryecroft Hall is a special place and I have enjoyed working with fellow committee members on gardening sessions, which has included weeding, planting, and general maintenance of the grounds.

As in recent years, Audenshaw had three wreath laying services during Remembrance Weekend and I was immensely proud to lay wreaths for the fallen and to give grateful thanks for those who returned safely from conflicts.

Audenshaw has continued to celebrate Christmas at Ryecroft Hall where I have the opportunity work closely with the council and Ryecroft Hall Committee to provide an impressive light switch on for the town. I was also delighted to continue to be part of the committee, which provided a small event at the Memorial Gardens.

Children and adults were also invited to enjoy free movie nights at Ryecroft Hall as we gathered to watch two heart -warming Christmas movies.

It is always lovely to have the opportunity to chat with local residents while working in the community.

Any other comments

This municipal year has seen times of sadness and joy. I was proud to stand on the steps of Dukinfield Town Hall with my council colleagues to mark the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II who served our country with love and dedication. It was a sombre time in our countries history but also led to the coronation of King Charles III. It was lovely to see many people celebrate our new monarch and I was proud to provide two coronation flags that were raised at Ryecroft Hall and the Memorial Gardens.

I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Audenshaw for the next municipal year and attending many more community events.

