

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor D M Hughes**

**Ward: Ogmore Vale**

## **Party: Independent**

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **2023**. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Bridgend County Borough Council.

### **Role & Responsibilities**

I was elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Ogmore Vale on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 198 constituent queries with the Council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing a number of other issues which residents have asked me to help resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role, I have attended a number of Member Development Activities which have assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the Council and my ward is maintained.

Further information of my [\*\*roles, responsibilities and activities\*\*](#) can be found by using this link.

### **Constituency Activity**

I have developed and strengthened links with local groups and organisations.

Communication with residents is key and I have held regular drop-in sessions at Ogmore Valley Life Centre, produced a newsletter and kept people informed through social media.

I have worked and continue to work closely with Better Buses for the Ogmore Valley regarding bus services.

The environmental group Ogmore Valley Priide work extremely hard in our valley, and I have liaised with BCBC regarding many environmental matters.

I have regularly visited Ogmore Vale Primary School in order to support the school on their continuing school improvement journey.

I have attended many local events.

**Initiatives and Special Activities**

Visiting the school is always special and I have been lucky enough to visit classes to talk about my role as a councillor. I was also on the panel of a Dragon's Den event (it was such a tough decision) and the children were amazing. When asked to judge a debate, I was blown away by the children's skills.

Some of the older children contacted me directly as part of a school project and together we linked in with a local craft group. The group have worked with the children over several weeks; they have produced clothes from recycled materials ready for an end of term fashion show. The benefits to all are plain to see and it is wonderful to see generations working together. A real sense of community.

In recent months I have been discussing the regeneration of the Park Avenue area with interested parties and look forward to supporting the community with this project.

**Other Activities/Issues**

I am often out and about in the ward chatting with residents. I enjoy walking, running and cycling. In September, I am taking part in 'The Lap' event which is a 75k lap of Lake Windermere. Any monies raised will be donated to local charities.

**Councillor D M Hughes**

**Date: 19/06/2023**