

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor A R Berrow

**Ward: Laleston, Merthyr
Mawr, Bryntirion and
Broadlands**

Party: Independent

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **2024**. 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 **Laleston, Merthyr Mawr, Bryntirion and Broadlands** on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees. Further information of the committees I sit on can be found by using this link: [Councillor A R Berrow](#).

I have attended 40 formal council committee meetings both online and/or in person.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended over 21 training sessions and 14 briefings which have all assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the Council and my ward is maintained. I have continued to undertake online training modules when available.

I have formally raised 71 issues through the referral system with the Council and other organisations arising from local constituents and issues I have identified. This includes potholes, trees, pavements, road markings, parking etc. I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues including homelessness.

I sit as an elected member of Laleston Community Council and have attended several joint meetings with members and officers of both councils.

I have now become a School Governor at Trelales Primary School and have attended several online training sessions to support this role.

Constituency Activity

Laleston Community Council manages two community buildings. In Bryntirion we hold a Pantry which I am very involved with, this has recently also become a warm hub and I attend whenever possible.

A variety of organisations use both buildings and I regularly meet with these and the users.

I have attended meetings about the playing field in Bryntirion and all the playparks in the constituency, this work is on-going.

Laleston Community Council has several projects it is currently involved with including improved provision for benches, additional litter bins and flower planters in the community.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am part of the local committee that organises the Fun Day held in Broadlands each year for the community.

I am also involved with the annual Fireworks Display in Bryntirion.

I sit on the Blandy Trust in Laleston.

I support all local community functions if I am free to do so.

Other Activities/Issues

I am an active member of several local charity organisations most of which are working within the community that I represent.

We work hard to raise funds and spend it locally, this year within schools in the Bridgend area.

We have been busy donating and planting trees at schools and local parks as part of the Queens Green Canopy initiative.

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Date: 03 June 2024