

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 **2025**. 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 6 May 2022.

I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council including retaining my appointments to several committees. Further information of the committees I sit on can be found by using this link: <https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk> . I have attended over 30 formal council committee meetings both online and/or in person. I have attended 4 site meetings for Development Control. I have attended 3 meetings as a member of a small sub-committee regarding outdoor recreation facilities.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended over 19 training and briefing session 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 as available.

I have also attended a number of lunchtime meeting held by outside organisations such as Age Concern, Red Cross, Dementia support, Carers etc which have been very informative. I undertake a monthly rota visit of care facilities with a colleague.

I have formally raised over 60 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 attending 10 meetings and have attended 12 joint meetings with members and officers of both councils.

I am a School Governor at Trelales Primary School attending meetings as required and have attended 3 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. We invite outside organisation to attend the pantry including the police, carers association, Welsh Water, banks, V2C, Hafod etc. to offer support to our users.

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. LCC has completed a number of projects this year 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. This year this has involved fundraising for Y Bont and Heronston School. We also have several educational, sporting and gardening projects within local school. We work hard to raise funds and spend it locally in the Bridgend area. We have also started a project at Y Bwthn Newydd at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

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