

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report 2024-25

Councillor John C. Spanswick

**Ward: Brackla West
Central**

Party: Welsh Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending April 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 in 1999 and currently represent the Brackla West Central ward. In addition, I am a member of Brackla Community Council representing the Brackla West ward.

In May 2024 I became the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council which has given me a whole new insight into the wide range of work undertaken across the organisation. This is a role that I am proud to undertake and will always try my best to ensure I am responsive to the needs of residents and the local community at all times.

I have supported residents on a variety of issues and continued to raise constituent queries with the Council and other partner organisations. This is in addition to addressing a number of other community wide issues which I continually try to resolve.

Further information of my roles, responsibilities and activities can be found by using this link.

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Constituency Activity

I haven't arranged any ward surgeries over the past year as I tend to find that residents would prefer to make direct contact via the telephone, email and increasingly social media but prepared to consider undertaking surgeries in the future should the demand arise.

I have made myself available throughout Brackla working with my fellow ward Councillors representing the area and I am always available either via email or telephone.

I continue to make referrals on behalf of residents and over the period of this report (i.e. May 2024 to April 2025) I have made a total of 169 referrals on a range of subjects.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I continue to help out with the work of Brackla Community Council, regularly volunteering for events like Brackla Fun Day, Brackla in Bloom, fireworks display and any other events throughout the year. All of these events have been funded by Brackla Community Council and I have been actively involved in Brackla Fun Day since the first one took place in 1998.

I am pleased to report that Brackla now has new and refurbished play facilities across the ward along with plans for a new skate park that will be completed by the end of 2025.

Finally, after several years of waiting and a lot of work with officers at BCBC, it's great to see the accessible pathway built at Brackla Hill which is a welcome new facility to help people access and enjoy this wonderful green space in our community.

During the year there was over £200,000 spent on resurfacing the road and roundabout adjacent The Haywain pub and also from the Triangle roundabout towards Brackla Junior School. All welcome investment but there will always be more to do.

Other Activities/Issues

I have worked with Persimmon Homes to try and identify areas of land in Brackla they own. This has been quite slow and while there are a number of areas not being well maintained by them, I will persevere and hopefully achieve some results in due course.

I also continue to work with Wales & West Housing Association to help develop community relationships and work in partnership with them on initiatives and activities throughout Brackla.

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Date: 7th. July 2025