

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor Martin Hughes**

**Ward: Maesteg East**

**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 to represent Maesteg East on 5 May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to four committees. My attendance record of all council and committee meetings is 86%, with absences due to sickness or planned holidays.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 239 constituent and / or ward queries with the Council. I have also taken up issues on behalf of constituents with other organisations, mainly Valleys to Coast Housing Association. This is in addition to assisting with about 40 other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended a range 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.

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## **Constituency Activity**

I have arranged three surgeries which are termed "Residents' Drop In Sessions" and held jointly with Maesteg town councillors from Maesteg East. I hold an informal weekly "walk of the ward" (usually on a Friday), making sure that I regularly visit all streets and areas in the ward.

I have a good working relationship with the area's MP and MS and have taken up numerous cases which they have referred on to me. I liaise with Councillor Philip Jenkins - who also represents the Maesteg East ward – to avoid duplication of reports and referrals which we each might make on highways and environmental related matters.

I spend much of my free time in and around the town of Maesteg and I am always prepared to discuss any issues of concern which you might wish to raise with me.

I have a dedicated mobile phone number so that residents can contact me at all times. I regularly post on my councillor's Facebook page, which provides an effective way to

publicise Council services locally and to encourage feedback and dialogue. I started the page shortly after being elected, and I now have more than 500 followers. This also allows for residents to message me if my assistance is required:

<https://www.facebook.com/martin4maestegeast/>

I have taken a teamwork approach to local issues and I am in regular contact with colleagues serving on Maesteg Town Council.

With other likeminded councillors in the area, we are planning to hold a series of pop-up activities in the area where constituents can approach us on a more informal basis at community based events.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I currently serve as Vice Chair of the Maesteg 200 Committee, which is an organisation set up to organise events in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town of Maesteg in 2026.

I am focussed on regenerating the local area and those parts of the town centre which I represent, and I have promoted improvement grants to local organisations and enterprises.

I have developed links with the various sports clubs in the area, and have assisted in matters relating to land, building and boundary issues, and to community asset transfer.

I look forward to promoting an improvement scheme for the Maesteg East Washery site which would improve the recreational and visual amenity of this part of our countryside.

I have been chasing progress on the development of a new community route for the Llynfi Valley

My attention remains on tackling the problem of derelict properties in the ward.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I have met with local PCSO's and have regularly reviewed issues of concern with them. I carried out patrols with a PCSO on two occasions.

I am a Governor of Plasnewydd and Garth Primary Schools.

I assist the work of the Council Cabinet on an informal basis as its Faiths Champion, and I serve on the Authority's SACRE Committee which oversees collective worship, ethics and religious education in our schools. I have also assisted and liaised with Llynfi Valley's Council of Churches (Cytun) and the organisers of the Tamil Children's Weekend School.

I will continue to attend all relevant local stakeholder events, including the local health board's meetings to develop health services in the Llynfi Valley.

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**Date: 9/06/2025**

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