

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the year ending 31st July 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Completion instructions

*Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however, the report is to be kept to a **2 page (maximum)** format.*

Councillor: Graham Rogers

Party: Welsh Labour

Ward: Hermitage

Section 1: Role and Responsibilities:

I sit on the following Committees in my role as County Councillor of Hermitage Ward (attendance figures supplied by WCBC):

- Homes and Environment Scrutiny committee, Task and Finish Group to scrutise the Kingdom contract and any other associated Sub Groups that I may be called upon to participate in.
- Planning Committee and Planning Policy Panel.
- Represent Wrexham Council at the Joint Council for Wales twice a year in Llandrindod Wells.
- Member of Wrexham Tenant Membership Partnership Board.
- Member of the Grievance Committee.
- Member of SACRE Committee
- Attend Executive Board or Scrutiny Committee or any other meetings when the need arise to raise matters that affects the residents of Hermitage.

I sit on the following external Committees (attendance figures supplied by Councillor):

- Member of Beechley Road Residents group.
- Offa Community Council in my role as Community Councillor for Hermitage ward, I assist with the organising of the Summer Carnival and Christmas Pensioners Party.
- Member of Barracksfield Residents Association and actively involved in the delivery of activities for Children such as summer fair and Christmas party which involves a visit from Father Christmas and the float provided by the Venture.
- Chair of the Wrexham Labour Party and a Member of Wrexham CLP.
- School Governor LEA of Ysgol Bodhyfryd and St Christophers School and take an active interest in the running of the schools.

Section 2: Constituency Activity:

- I continue dealing with any concerns from residents in a swift and timely manner either face to face, on the telephone or email and if appropriate linking with various Council departments and updating Twitter account.
- I undertake regular walkabouts in Hermitage ward occasionally a PCSO will accompany me, Street scene and on my own on a regular basis and address consistutents concerns.
- I hold bi monthly surgeries in St Christopher's School and Hightown Community Resource Centre
- Liaise with North Wales Police in arranging speed checks in the ward when requested.
- Im still pursing the issue around adoption of Range Road and discussions are ongoing with Council Offices.
- A raised bed of flowers has been installed by the Travellers Rest car park which will bring colour to this area of the ward.
- A island of flowers and shrubs has been in situ in Waterloo Place and things brings a lot of colour to the area.
- Carried out door knocking to residents in Stockwell Grove, Norman Road, Stuart Way regarding the release on an green open space in Stockwell Grove.
- Actively campaigning to reinstate a bus service to the area of Hermitage inclusive of Monger Road and to alleviate residents concerns..
- Continue to liaise with the owners of Abbeyfield Sheltered Accommodation, Bay Tree Nursing Home and address any problems as they arise.

- Actively campaigning on behalf of residents to remove traffic calming measures and a positive outcome was reached..

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities:

- Since my election I have held environmental days in the ward which have proved to be very successful and I'm supported by the Task Force of St Christopher's School, Community Payback, Housing, Street scene, I do also request the service of a PCSO.
- I prepare a newsletter to keep residents informed of issues in the ward and this is hand delivered by myself and others to all properties three / four times a year.
- I write to inform residents in certain areas of issues that are causing concern to themselves and the residents in Hermitage.
- I continue to have a close working relationship with supervisors of the Probation Service as they continue to assist me in the cleaning of Hermitage Ward.
- Involvement in the Memorial in recognition of the services of Sir Hugh Stockwell and working with various personnel on this very successful event.
- On a regular basis I check the ward for any street lighting that are not operational and link in with the Streetscene Electrical Supervisor.
- Liaising with the Ministry of Defence in relation to the treatment of Knotweed at the rear of the properties on Range Road, work has been successful over a lengthy period in eradicating this plant..

Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:

- I continue to attend all member workshops to increase my knowledge and understanding on all matters that affect my role as a County and Community Councillor

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:

- Occasionally if the need arises I will consider contacting Mr Ian Lucas MP and Ms Lesley Griffiths AM.
- I have been involved with the meetings around the legacy fund from Communities First.

Signature of Councillor:

Cllr Graham Rogers

Date: 6th July 2018