



## WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the municipal year ending March 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: Debbie Wallice**

**Party: The Welsh Conservative Party**

**Ward: Borrás Park**

#### **Section 1: Role and Responsibilities:**

*I sit on the following Committees (attendance figures supplied by WCBC):*

- Wrexham County Borough Full Council
- Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
- Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
- School Transport (Hazardous Routes Appeals) Panel
- Rota Visits to Older People's Homes Panel

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

- Acton Community Council

#### **Section 2: Constituency Activity:**

During my first year as councillor for Borrás Park. I have dealt with many concerns from residents ranging from assisted bin collection to organising a community meeting regarding the concerns that surround the proposal for a new Welsh medium school on Borrás Park Road. Below are some examples of how I've been kept busy.

Once a month I've held regular surgeries at St. John's Church allowing residents to raise concerns in a confidential environment. My monthly surgeries have also allowed residents to socialise and meet with our local policing team, who have also helped deal with matters which involved them.

As previously mentioned, I also held a community meeting regarding the proposal for a new Welsh medium school to be built on Borrás Park Road. This has rightly created lots of concern and questions amongst residents regarding the infrastructure of our area. Cllr Phil Wynne, Lead Member for Education was present to answer any questions.

My colleagues and I also met with the Headteacher of Borrás Park School regarding the troubling traffic and parking issues that currently face the school and the surrounding area. The meeting was very productive, and we came away with a very positive plan to tackle the problem.

I also had the opportunity on several occasions to meet our local Streetscene team. This allowed me to report any issues with our roads, pavements, bins, etc. directly to the team that deal with these issues. We've seen many successful examples of this, where potholes have been filled, street lightening has been fixed and drains have been unblocked – Big thank you to our Streetscene team for doing this, their fantastic work does not go unnoticed – I'll continue to put pressure on WCBC to apply longer lasting remedial work to the roads that need it the most.

### **Section 3: Other Activities and Issues:**

Earlier this year I launched a self-funded pilot initiative to tackle dog fouling in Borrás Park. This involved attached dog bag dispensers to lampposts across the ward, enabling any dog walker who is without a dog bag to pick up after their dog, to take one free of charge. This is an ongoing scheme and has proved to decrease dog fouling in areas where it has been introduced.

I've also liaised with WCBC Housing Officers to introduce physical support apparatus to homes in Borrás Park, giving residents the extra support when they need it most.

Over recent months I have also liaised between the Borrás Community and Virgin Media. During their extensive works programme there have been large amounts of disruption which have later been rectified. At the beginning of their works programme, I held a community information evening allowing residents to ask Virgin Media and their team of contractors any questions etc.

Throughout the year, I also took part in several community walks with our local policing team. This meant the local policing could build a stronger relationship with the community, as well as increase their visibility in the local area.

In September of last year, I put pressure on Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to ensure a clean and smooth transition when the local GP surgery was transitioned from GP controlled to Health Board controlled because of the Doctors retiring and handing in their GMS contract. Since the transition in October, services have remained relatively steady and similar. I'll continue to keep a close eye on the issue.

### **Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:**

Over the past year I have various training sessions provided by both WCBC and Acton Community Council. I've also had the opportunity to attend various workshops also held by WCBC. They were very educational and help me improve in my role as councillor.

### **Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:**

Since May 2017 I've been in regular contact with residents with several pieces of literature going through every door in the ward. This includes a seasonal newsletter, updating residents about local issues in our community. This doesn't include personal letters to residents about specific issues.

I also regularly update and maintain 'Borrás Park News' page on Facebook. This essentially allows me to update residents in real time about local issues, as well as the work I'm doing to tackle them.

**Signature of Councillor : D Wallace**

**Date: 1 July 2018**