

**WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT**

**This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the year ending 31 May 2013. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.**

**Councillor: David A Bithell**

**Party: Independent**

**Ward: Johnstown**

**Section 1: Role & Responsibilities**

I sit on the following committees :

1. Executive Board
2. Executive Board Corporate Trusts
3. Change Board
4. Review of Political Management Working Group
5. Council.
6. Pay and Reward Panel
7. Corporate Land and Building Strategy Working Group
8. Leader of Wrexham Independent Group

I sit on the following external committees :

1. Rhos Community Council.
2. Johnstown Resource Centre Management Committee
3. Governor at Johnstown Junior School
4. Governor Johnstown Infant School (Chair)
5. Hafod Liaison Group Co-Chair

**Section 2: Constituency Activity**

1. Over the last twelve months have been working to reduce traffic speeds in the village from 30mph to 20mph and helped to obtain external funding for this project. I also worked to reduce the speed from the Junction of Stryt Las to Vauxhall Industrial Estate from 40mph to 30mph.
2. Work daily on a large number of individual cases some of which include housing applications and council complaints.
3. Work with North Wales Police and hold regular meetings with the PSCO to address resident's concerns on crime and disorder.
4. As part of the management committee for Johnstown Community Centre continue to work to increase bookings to meet local demand.
5. Continue to support tenants with off road parking schemes on the Moreton Estate.
6. Worked with Scottish Power and Wrexham Council to remove overhead power cables spanning Stryt Las Country Park following the death of Swans.
7. In my role as School Governor work closely with local schools to help, support and promote schools in Johnstown. In particular Johnstown Infant School as Chair.

### **Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities**

1. Obtained support and funding from local company Brother on Vauxhall Industrial Estate to support a Wales in Bloom bid for Johnstown. This was supported by Rhos Community Council and we worked with local schools and community groups developing local projects and improving the environment of the village. Johnstown entered the Small Country Town Category and received a "Silver Gilt Award" which included many areas of achievement. Johnstown was awarded 3rd in its category and received a merit award.

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

1. Attended many training sessions provided by the council as well as workshops on various subjects during the calendar year.

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

1. As Leader of Wrexham Independent Group I meet on a monthly basis with the Chief Executive and officers of the council to ensure that members of the group are kept informed on current issues and raise any particular areas of concern.
2. Meet on a regular basis with some North Wales Assembly Members to discuss key issues in Welsh Government and the impact this has on local government in Wrexham.
3. Act as spokesperson for Wrexham Independent Group on key issues at meetings, full council including the media.
4. Attend Scrutiny Committees of which I am not a member to monitor council activities and work programmes.