



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 2019. 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 a County Councillor of Hermitage Ward:

- Homes and Environment Scrutiny committee, participated in Task and Finish Group to securitise the Kingdom contract (now completed with the end result termination of the contract) I am a member of the Task and Finish Group scrutinising Residents Parking and any other associated Sub Groups/scrutinise committees that I may be called upon to participate in.
- Planning Committee and Planning Policy Panel participated in the debate with the Local Development Plan
- 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 Corporate Land and Buildings.
- Attend Executive Board or Full Council or Scrutiny Committees or any other meetings when the need arises to raise matters that affect the residents of Hermitage.

I sit on the following external Committees:

- 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, actively involved in the delivery of activities which the association delivers for the children, summer and Christmas events.
- Chair of the Wrexham Labour Party, a Member of Wrexham CLP and LCF.
- School Governor LEA of Ysgol Bodhyfryd and St Christopher's School and take an active role and interest in the running of the schools activities.

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 my Twitter account.
- I undertake regular walkabouts in Hermitage ward and I communicate with my constituents, and occasionally I am accompanied by a PCSO.
- 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.
- I'm still pursuing the issue around the adoption of Range Road and discussions are ongoing

with Council Officers.

- I am working with representatives of Virgin Media and updating residents when the need arises on the work planned for the ward of Hermitage.
- I continually report the condition of the roads.
- Worked with the Housing Department to support capital investment in Stockwell Grove to bring the homes up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.
- I have been perusing with Council Officers and the Lead Member, to reinstate a bus service to the area of Hermitage.
- Continue to liaise with the owners of Abbeyfield Sheltered Accommodation, Bay Tree Nursing Home and Holly Bank Nursing Home to address any problems as they arise.
- Took part in discussions in relation to the electoral review with adjoining councillors.
- I attended the Royal Air Force celebrations in Queens Square to commemorate fallen military personnel.
- As a result of the hard work I and others participated will see the return of a regiment posted at the Barracks.
- I am in the process along with members of Offa Community Council and members of the Arts College in the planning / installation of a memorial on the open space in front of the Barracks.

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 have introduced a bulk waste collection service to the ward of Hermitage with the support of a Supervisor of the Community Payback Team.
- I prepare a newsletter to keep residents informed of issues within the ward, this is hand delivered by myself and others to all properties three times a year.
- I write to inform residents in certain areas of issues that are causing concern to themselves.
- 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.
- Attended the annual Remembrance service at the cenotaph with constituents from the ward of Hermitage.
- On a regular basis I check the ward for any street lighting that are not operational and link in with the Street scene Electrical Supervisor.
- Continue to pursue with concern and liaising with the Ministry of Defence in relation to the treatment of Knotweed at the rear of the properties on Range Road.
- Organised the Christmas float supported by the Venture to visit the streets of Hermitage and hand out selection boxes and sweets to the children, the event was well supported and brought a great deal of joy to the young and old alike.

Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:

- I continue to attend member workshops to increase my knowledge and understanding on all matters that affect my role as a County and Community Councillor.
- Attended defibrillator training as a defibrillator was placed outside the Resource Centre in High town.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:

- Occasionally if the need arises I will consider contacting Mr Ian Lucas MP and Ms Lesley Griffiths AM.

Signature of Councillor:

Cllr Graham Rogers

Date: 9th July 2019