

## WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. 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 and any sub groups as attended.
- Planning Committee and Planning Policy Panel.
- Represent Wrexham Council at the Joint Council for Wales twice a year in Llandrindod Wells.
- Member of the Rail Partnership Group.
- Member of Wrexham Tenant Membership Partnership Board.
- Member of the Grievance 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 also 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.

#### **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 with the local PCSO, Street scene and on my own on a regular basis.
- 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 pursuing the issue around adoption of Range Road but pleased to report that the Japanese Knotweed issue has been addressed.

- A raised bed of flowers has been installed by the Travellers Rest car park which will bring colour to this area of the ward.
- Due to the announcement made by the Ministry of Defence to close the administration / base of the Royal Mechanical and Electrical Engineers (REME) was actively involved with the organisation of a petition which included and was supported by the adjoining Local Member of Whitegate Cllr Brian Cameron, the petition took place on numerous Saturday's January to March, a total in excess of 2,000 signatures were collected the petition papers were presented to the MP of Wrexham Mr Ian Lucas for him to speak in the Houses of Parliament, my understanding having spoken to the MP that the matter and response is still awaited.

**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, Housing, Street scene and the Police. Last year event took place in June 2016 which proved to be again successful and cleaned up the ward of Hermitage.
- 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 on certain issues that are causing concern to 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.
- The exercise at the junctions of Norman Road / Stockwell Grove have been completed and a memorial garden has been installed and I am in the process of having a memorial stand and plaque to the late Sir Hugh Stockwell of the Royal Welsh Regiment.
- Hermitage Park – am receiving numerous concerns to the number of speed bumps associated with the area and I am in discussions with Highways which will continue into the foreseeable future.
- On a regular basis I check the ward for any street lighting that are not operational and link in with the Streetscene Electrical Supervisor.
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**Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:**

- I continue to attend all member workshops to increase my knowledge and understanding on all matters appertaining to all the Committees I'm involved with.

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

- I'm an active school governor at Ysgol Bodhyfryd and St Christopher's.
- If the need arises I contact Mr Ian Lucas MP and Ms Lesley Griffiths AM on matters that I'm unable to resolve.

**Signature of Councillor:**

*Cllr Graham Rogers*

**Date: 14 September 2017**