

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Martins

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

## **PROFILE:**

I am privileged to have been a Caerphilly Town Councillor since 2008 and a County Councillor for St. Martins Ward since 2009. I have lived in the ward for most of my life, having attended both Twyn Junior School and St. Martins Comprehensive School.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee  
Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group  
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Cardiff Capital Region Joint Scrutiny Committee (Deputy) – attendance is only required when the Chair is unavailable  
South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority  
Sight Cymru

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

St. Martins Comprehensive School

## **ATTENDANCE**

To view my attendance record, please follow the link below:

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx?LLL=0>

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **WARD ACTIVITY**

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time.

Council meetings continued via remote access in for both Town Council and County Council, as well as for the Fire Authority and school Governor's meetings.

Whilst ward surgeries could not take place due to the pandemic, restrictions were lifted to allow house calling which was well received and lots of issues were dealt with. Whilst the list is not exhaustive, I have dealt with problems of Anti-Social Behaviour, issuing of parking permits, requests for changes in residents parking conditions, noise complaints, fly tipping, over-flowing public bins, flooding and drainage issues, planning applications and enforcement, dog fouling and overgrown vegetation/trees.

Yet again there were very few public events this year (Flower Festival, Fireworks Display, Christmas lights switch on were all cancelled). However, myself and my fellow ward councillors (James Fussell and Steve Kent) helped arrange the Annual Remembrance Service in November.

Due to the success of the previous years 'Santa run' through both St Martins and Morgan Jones wards, I arranged for this again in December over a two week period. As usual the help from my colleagues was fantastic, as was the response from the public. I am very grateful for help from Steve Kent, James Fussell as well as Mike Prew, Huw Jackson, Jeff Grenfell and of course Santa (aka Mike Prew).

As a Governor of a school within the ward I attended full Governing body meetings via remote access every six weeks, plus termly sub committees that dealt with finance, staffing, curriculum, building maintenance and school development.

During the year I also received hundreds of emails a week from Council Officers and numerous other official bodies and voluntary organisations and residents.

I am also the Honorary President of a local Children's Charity, Shining Stars, which hopefully in the foreseeable future can again organise events for physically and mentally handicapped children and their families. In January of 2022 I was elected a Chair of the Caerphilly branch of the Royal British Legion.

In the May elections I was delighted and honoured to be re-elected together with James Fussell and Steve Kent.