

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** New Tredegar

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** I am proud to represent the residents of New Tredegar. I have lived within the New Tredegar area all my life and know the demographics of the local and county area.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

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

River Rhymney Task Group  
PRU Management Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

The Learning Centre (Formerly Pupil Referral Unit)  
New Tredegar Partnership  
Community Councillor for New Tredegar Community Council  
Building Communities Trust (Phillipstown – Treasurer)  
White Rose Resource Centre - Director

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Rhymney Comprehensive School  
Phillipstown Primary School

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Team Caerphilly (seminar)

Elected Members Safety (seminar)

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a time where restrictions have started to be lifted.

Following regulations from Welsh Government and Caerphilly CBC I have operated an open-door policy, and residents have been welcome to contact me at home, by telephone, email or through social network, whilst remembering Covid restrictions.

During the lockdown there have been no easy answers, and the situation we have found ourselves in is rapidly changing. I have found that during this time community engagement has become an even more crucial role and, during the easing restrictions over the past year, I have spent the majority of my time sharing information and advice with residents to try to aid them in any way possible.

I have continued to work alongside the community groups within the New Tredegar area so that they have still been able to support as many people as they can within our villages. I held virtual meetings with my ward colleague Councillor Eluned Stenner, Gerald Jones MP and Dawn Bowden MS.

Many of these virtual meetings have also been attended by Caerphilly CBC Officers and Gwent Police, who were able to solve many issues for residents on the spot. When undertaking these meetings, we pick up various concerns from residents, including issues with anti-social behaviour, house repairs, highways issues, planning issues and many more.

The past year we have also re-started street surgeries and door knocking to pick up issues that residents have had.