

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Machen and Rudry

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Machen and Rudry

I was first elected to represent the residents of Machen, Graig y Rhacca, Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry in May 2022. I have lived in the BTM area all my life.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Democratic Services  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee  
Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Appointments Committee (Substitute)

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

Caerphilly Homes Task Group  
Community Council Liason Sub-Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council  
Defib Champion for BTM Community Council  
Committee Member of Bedwas Workmen's Hall  
Governor at Machen Primary School  
Member of The Labour Party  
Committee Member of Machen Village Hall  
Trustee of Machen Welfare Ground  
Chair of Machen Community Road Watch  
Committee Member of Graig y Rhacca Community Centre

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgAttendance.aspx?UID=820&LLL=0>

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Code of Conduct Training  
Information Governance and Data Protection Training  
Member Support and Working in a Digital Environment Training  
Introduction to Social Services and Housing  
Introduction to Finance, Governance and Audit  
Planning Seminar  
Licensing Seminar  
Introduction to Scrutiny  
Equalities and Diversity Training  
Local Development Plan Training  
Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training  
Housing Rent Act Seminar  
Developments of National Significance Seminar  
Performance Framework and Corporate Plan Seminar  
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Seminar  
Houses in Multiple Occupation Seminar

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

Over the last 12 months, together with my Ward colleague, Cllr Chris Morgan, we have undertaken regular walkabouts, home visits with residents, GYR Drop-In Surgeries, 'Cuppa with a Copper & Councillor' and 'Cuppa with a Councillor & MS' Hefin David. We have also taken part in a number of litter picks.

I am an active member of Bedwas Workmen's Hall Committee, attending their monthly meetings and regularly volunteer along with other dedicated volunteers at the Hall. I was also Chair of their Marketing Committee until June 2022.

I have attended regular Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council Meetings. I am a Member of the Council's Land & Buildings Committee and the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Committee. I am also the Social Media Administrator & Defib Champion for BTM CC.

I have attended various community related events and meetings within and outside the Ward.

I attended the Remembrance Service at St John's Church in Machen and put up Lamppost Poppies and Knitted Poppies in Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen & Graig y Rhacca.

Along with my regularly scheduled Committee and Council Meetings during 2022/23, I also attended the following Events and Meetings:

Delivery of Free School Meals, Ruperra Preservation Trust, Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party, Rudry Luncheons, Inter School Sports, Auntie Heather's Forest Friends, Machen Show, LGBTQ+ Get Together, BTM CC Summer, Halloween & Christmas Family Pantos, Picnic in the Park at Riverside Park, Marie Curie Family Fun Day, Transport & Industry Day, BTM Community Fireworks Display, GYR Easter Fun Day, Bedwas Theatre Evening Show, Machen Village Hall Christmas Fayre, The Parent Network & more.

I have set up a Facebook Page so that I can keep residents up-to-date with what I am doing. This has also been an active method in which residents raise their concerns with me. I can also be contacted via telephone or email and will aim to act promptly and in confidence when faced with personal complaints from residents.

I work closely with the relevant agencies to try and solve the problems that are presented to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this Ward and I look forward to further carrying out my duties as a Councillor and I will do my best to assist and represent all residents of Machen, GYR, Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry.