



## Malcolm Colbran

### Independent - Bedlinog & Trelewis

I moved to Bedlinog in 2003 to run the Post Office. In 2017 I was elected to represent Bedlinog & Trelewis on Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and for the last 2 ½ years I've worked full time as a Councillor, in 2021 I had the great honor of being elected Mayor.

I firmly believe that a Councillor should be actively involved in the Community. Over the last 5 years I've planted trees and flower bulbs, I've cut back overgrown paths and neglected areas of grass, I've shoveled snow in the winter, cleared dog mess from the pavements, I've helped Father Christmas and the Easter Bunny deliver treats to youngsters throughout the Ward, been on numerous litter picks, helped clear flytipping, swept broken glass from playgrounds and removed drug paraphernalia from the streets.

I'm proud of the way our communities rose to the challenge of Covid and like many others I joined in the effort. I helped deliver food parcels to those isolating, I shopped for residents unable to get out, I collected prescriptions, I made welfare calls to those living alone and I helped local businesses with grant applications.

Initiatives I've started over the last 5 years include a School uniform exchange scheme, Merthyr Kids Count, Children's Games Night and the Summer Of Fun, Picnic in the Parc, restarting the Bedlinog Remembrance Day Parade, founding the Community Cinema and setting up a litter picking hub.

A lot has been achieved over the last 5 years but I'm not complacent, there's still a lot more that needs doing.

Among the things I'd like to see are:

Improved Public Transport.

An increase in the provision of Welsh Medium education. especially in the South.

A new School for Greenfield.

The fence along Taff Straight being replaced.

I believe in being accessible, In Bedlinog my door is always open and I'm happy for anyone to call in and see me anytime. If a Trelewis resident has a problem I'll try to come and see them personally the same day if not 9 out of 10 times I'll make it the next day. I always aim to respond to emails and messages the same day.

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