

My name is Richard Searl and I am your Independent candidate for Bedlinog and Trelewis



I have lived in Bedlinog for almost 5 years, moving here from Oxfordshire to enjoy a better lifestyle. My son, daughter-in-law and 4 grandchildren also live in Bedlinog. My eldest Grandson attends Merthyr College, having attending Afon Taf High School where my Granddaughter currently attends. My two youngest Grandsons attend Bedlinog Primary school. As a family, we are fully engaged in community activities, including litter picking, and our daughter in law and grandsons helping with the tree planting project.

Whilst living in Oxfordshire, I spent 4 years on the Community council and was head of finance overseeing the budget for the parish. I was instrumental in several community projects including the building of a £1.5million Community pavilion, and a complete refurbishment of the playground facility.

Since moving to Bedlinog, I have been active in the community, and initially attended Bedlinog and Trelewis Community council meetings as an observer until I joined as a councillor 4 years ago. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and when it was suggested that I stand as Chairman, I was delighted to be elected in to that position.

I have been a very proactive Community Council member and Chairman and have happily given much of my time for the communities. I work part-time so have plenty of time to dedicate to the communities.

Community projects which I have led are;

- The development and allocation of the Community Hardship fund to help our community through the pandemic
- Re-development of the tennis courts to be more inclusive of all ages and sports as a multi-use games area.
- Helping the residents of Trelewis with car parking issues
- Working with the trustees of the Pavillion and the Workies building in Bedlinog to create useful areas for the community
- Increasing the amount of Christmas lights in Bedlinog and Trelewis, including Stormtown
- Dog waste bins in strategic places around the villages
- Placing water fountain re-fill stations in various places.
- Currently looking to introduce community allotments in Trelewis, and for the school

Projects I have undertaken above the Community Council work;

- Addressing the lighting problems at the Hylton Terrace roundabout
- Parking problems outside Bedlinog school
- Clearing the car park at the Bedlinog Community Pavillion and organising a gate to secure the area
- Addressing the lighting problems at the Craig Y Hendre complex
- Helping residents in Trelewis clear and maintain their car park.

I am fully committed to the communities of Bedlinog, Trelewis and Stormtown, and fully intend to work together with the residents of both villages to create a better community for all.

My Manifesto

These are the things that I believe are currently important to the residents of the communities;

- I will be working hard to try to find a way of improving the bus services for both villages.
- I will be working with the schools to ensure that all children of the villages have an advocate on their side to improve education standards.
- I will be continuing working with the police force towards making significant improvements.
- I will set up monthly surgeries to give constituents the opportunity to discuss their issues directly with me. I will do my utmost to resolve their concerns where possible, and always provide feedback.

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