

I joined Oundle Town Council in June 2014 and have immediately been involved in Oundle's Neighbourhood Plan as lead Coucillor for the Town Centre and Retail objective.

I have lived in the Oundle area for over 31 years and I think the town has a unique character which we need to preserve.

Armed with a degree in chemistry from Chelsea College of the University of London I entered public service as a Chemist. In under 2 years I moved into management with local authorities and a public utility.

During this time I took business studies and acquired professional level qualifications in Company Law, Commercial Law, English Law, Economics and Accountancy. With the invention of personal computers I attended an appreciation course and discovered I could program them. This resulted in a sideways move into IT.

I moved into the private sector as a management consultant, with a special interest in stress management.

I invested in a hair salon as an additional interest and I liked that business so much that I bought 2 more salons. Not being a hairdresser myself I had a manager in each to run the hairdressing aspects while I managed the business side. I kept my salons for over 10 years but I now concentrate my hairdressing interests on serving as Treasurer of the National Hairdresser's Federation. It is exciting being involved in this work.

I have carried out technical audits on local authorities, represented high street traders on a town centre improvement scheme and served on working parties with HMRC and the Central Audit Commission.

I understand how local government functions and have a lot of valuable experience as well as free time to offer to Oundle Town Council.