

Election of Town Councillors for the town of Charlbury

Date of election : Thursday 6 may 2021

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Headlines:

- Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Forum
 - As a non-Town Councillor
- Experiences Gained
 - Charlbury is a vibrant and mixed community
 - It is a really good place to live for the majority but there is also some real hardship and a wide range of issues that need to be addressed
 - Issues range from footpaths, parking and sewage to affordable housing, biodiversity and climate emergency
- Lessons Learnt from 6 years working on Neighbourhood Plan
 - Patience : Democracy takes time. We were slow but tried to capture all views not only those shouting loudest
 - Frustration: The plan and local government generally have limited powers and some plan aspirations were hampered by having to defer to district and national restrictions
 - Pride : That affordable housing (albeit limited by having to adhere to District Plan), biodiversity and climate change featured prominently.
 - Charlbury has some really talented and enthusiastic people. A good number of those involved with the plan are standing for this election. Particularly good that this includes more younger people
- Neighbourhood Plan Outcome
 - This is complete and to be voted upon by referendum in June. I hope you vote FOR this. Whilst constrained by District policies it is, I think, the best tool we currently have to protect and develop Charlbury
- Why am I standing for election:
 - Simply to help fulfil the aspirations raised and set out in the plan and to ensure that decisions relate to all the community not a select few.
 - I believe that the Town Council can keep Charlbury as a thriving, mixed and caring place
 - But more than that - it can take the lead in terms of environment and sustainability
- My background : Retired director of a medium sized manufacturing company
- Moved to Charlbury in 2012 – **What a great decision**

