

NICK POTTER



INDEPENDENT

Town Council Election 6th May 2021

CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

Dear Elector

My name is Nick Potter and I am standing again as a candidate for election to the Town Council. Aged 72 and married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren I live and farm at Lees Rest.

I was educated at Bradfield College and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, then commissioned into the Scots Guards. I served for 20 years in the Regular Army, both with the Regiment and on the General Staff all over the world in a variety of operational, training and ceremonial roles including Active Service and a spell at M.O.D. Central Staff. I retired from the Army in the rank of Major in 1986 and remained in the Regular Army Reserve until 1999. After courses in business management and agriculture, I returned to farming at Lees Rest where I grew up.

I have been President of the Charlbury Branch of the Royal British Legion since 1987 and currently command the Annual Remembrance Day Parade. Together with my wife, Sarah, I was the Joint Secretary of the Chipping Norton and District Division of SSAFA Forces Help 1988-2011 and I have been a member of the Oxfordshire County Committee of the Army Benevolent Fund (the Soldiers' Charity) since 2002. I was Chairman of the Oxfordshire Woodland Group and its Trustees 1994-2010 and remained a trustee until 2014.

I am also a member of the Friends of Wychwood having previously taken an active role in creating the Wychwood Project. I am a member of the National Farmers Union (Chipping Norton and Witney Branch) and was a member of the Charlbury Business Community until it closed. I belong to the Country Landowners and Business Association (CLA), the Oxfordshire Jazz Federation, the Cotswold Line Promotion Group and the Charlbury Society. Other interests include horses and music. I am not and never have been a member of any political party.

First elected to Charlbury Parish Council in 1992, I was Chairman of Charlbury Town Council for 20 years (1995-2015) and at one time or another have served on all its sub-committees. I represented the Town Council on Charlbury Street Fair Committee until 2002 and currently represent the Town Council on Oxfordshire County Council's management committee for Centenary Wood. I am a Trustee of Charlbury Parish Stock Charity and was a member of the Trustee of Thomas Gifford's Charity until 2006. I was a Trustee of Charlbury Day Care Centre until 2002 having represented the Council on its management committee until 2000 and I have been a Trustee of the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation since 2012. I was a founder member of the Friends of Charlbury Library as well as Charlbury Waste Action Group representing the Council on both committees until 2000. I set up Charlbury Town Council Nature Conservation Advisory Committee whose main role was to manage Wigwell Nature Reserve, and was Chairman until 1999. The Reserve is now managed by the Wychwood Project. Together with others I started Charlbury Farmers' Market in 2001 and continue to help with its organisation.

I believe that Party Politics have no place in the Town Council. I am offering myself as a candidate for election because I feel that I can positively contribute to the anticipation, assessment and solution of some of the problems facing Charlbury at the moment, and that I can do this best as a member of the Town Council, which of course has responsibility not only for the Town Centre but also the comparatively large rural/agricultural area within the Parish boundary. I cannot say here how I would deal with any particular question or problem. What I can say is that having examined the options I will act as it seems best to me and to the benefit of the Town and the Parish as a whole. Please vote for me and I will do my best for Charlbury.

Yours sincerely

Nick Potter

R. N. Potter

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Thursday 6th May 2021

7am – 10pm

The War Memorial Hall

Browns Lane

Charlbury

VOTE POTTER

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