

Election of Charlbury Town Councillors
Date of election: Thursday 6 May 2021

Peter Kenrick

Independent

Actively supporting our vibrant and caring community

My wife Eileen and I have lived in Charlbury for 39 years. Our two children grew up here and were educated at Charlbury Primary and Burford Schools. I have been a member of Charlbury Town Council for 9 years, four of them as Chairman. Through engagement with the community, I have worked to expand the council's pro-active role addressing issues of concern to residents and meeting the needs and aspirations of the community. If re-elected this will remain my focus.

The vitality and supportiveness of Charlbury's community belie its size thanks largely to the energy, creativity and dedication of the volunteers and organisations at its heart. The exemplary way in which our community has responded to challenges of the Covid emergency during the past year provides ample evidence of this community spirit.

I will continue my work to support the community and recognise the efforts of volunteers so that Charlbury can continue to flourish in the future as a sustainable community for ALL of its residents.

With strong support from the community, I led the team preparing the Neighbourhood Plan which is now complete. The plan addresses crucial issues for Charlbury including affordability of housing, support for the town centre business and services, safety of walking and cycling, protection of our valuable natural and historic environments and tackling the climate emergency at the local level.

If approved in a referendum on 10th June, the Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan will give Charlbury increased legal influence over future development within the parish. If re-elected, I will work diligently to ensure that this influence is realised.

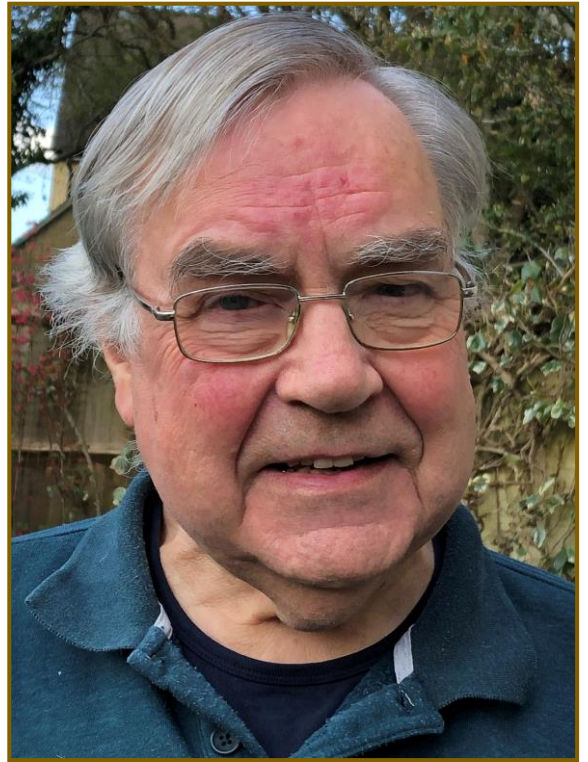
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Protecting and Enhancing our Natural Environment. I work closely with the Wychwood Project in their management of the Wigwell Nature Reserve for wildlife. I keep the community informed of emerging plans for this important site and encourage local residents to get involved through the Wigwell Friends group. Current activities on the site include monitoring of reptiles and butterflies and improvements to permissive paths. The Wychwood Project has exciting aspirations to enhance habitats and biodiversity on the site. I will continue to ensure that the community is closely engaged with this work as with other ecological initiatives elsewhere in the parish such as at Southill Solar.

If re-elected, my priorities will be:

- To work with local organisations and volunteers to address the needs of **ALL** members of the community.
- To support positive measures to address the challenges of the climate emergency locally.
- To ensure that the community vision, policies and objectives expressed in the Neighbourhood Plan are realised in practice.

Please vote for Peter Kenrick on 6th May 2021.



Other Community Involvement and Interests

At different times I have been actively involved in supporting the Scouts and Guides in Charlbury and the Street Fair Committee raising funds for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. I also helped to establish Charlbury's designation as a Walkers are Welcome town and continue to work for improvements to local walking routes. I am also a keen bellringer and look forward to returning to St Mary's bell tower when Covid rules permit.

As council chairman, I was pleased to receive community support in 2016 so that the council could provide grants to the Community Centre and the Charlbury Football and Sports Club to aid the completion of two excellent new facilities that will benefit the whole community for years to come. I was also pleased to inaugurate the Honoured Citizens Award scheme in 2018 to recognise the efforts, often unseen, of dedicated volunteers and to celebrate the contribution that volunteering makes to the town and community.