

ROBIN PUTTICK for Charlbury Town Council

I've lived in Charlbury for six years, with five of those serving on the Town Council. Charlbury is a special place, and it has been a privilege as a newcomer to be able to make some contribution to the life of the town. I have served on a number of sub-committees, working groups and local voluntary organisations. These have included the Finance Committee, The Gifford Trust, the Street Fair and the Environmental Working Group, and the Charlbury Conservation Area Advisory Group.

Looking to the future, It is clear that the main challenge for the Council is to effectively respond to the climate emergency, and provide practical solutions to the inevitable challenges this poses for us, tailored to our particular needs, for example facilities for charging electric vehicles.

My previous experience includes twelve years in an inner London Council (Brent). This was a tough school, but I learnt some valuable lessons about how local government works. I worked on many projects, mostly around I.T., including teaching staff and local people to use computers. After that I set up a company working with voluntary sector organisations, mostly doing EU and UK grant applications for them, and advising on governance issues.

My current pet project is to try and import an electric rickshaw (tuk-tuk) from India or China, and to trial this in Charlbury. As far as I can tell, this would be a first for our town.

I would very much like to continue to serve on the Council, so please give me your vote on the 6th May.