



Tony MERRY

Independent Candidate for
Charlbury Town Council
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Town Councils play an important role in the community and make decisions which affect the quality of life of residents and I want to continue to play a part in this. I have lived in Charlbury since 1985 and have been pleased to serve on Charlbury Town Council since 2012 which I feel gives me valuable experience.

I have been on the finance sub-committee and also councillor with responsibility for the Mill Field and Water Lane as well as being an Environmental Working Group member. I am also a parish council representative on the Cotswold Conservation Board. I am a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee and am very pleased to see that this will now shortly be going to a referendum on 10th June and encourage all to vote. It will give us a greater say in any new development as well as addressing the issue of climate change.

In addition to Morris dancing and bell-ringing I am a keen walker and chair Walkers are Welcome Charlbury as well as being a Cotswold voluntary warden. We have a very special environment here in Charlbury which should be preserved whilst responding to the changing needs of the local society. We need to protect and develop habitats for wildlife but also promote access so that everyone can enjoy the countryside.

The Town Council needs to be responsive to the views and wishes of the community and I look forward to the involvement of councillors from different backgrounds and experience, representing all points of view. We need to give people a better understanding of how the Town Council operates and is involved in decision making and the relationship to the District and County Councils.

I think there is a need to re-consider what the Town Council is doing and to make sure we are indeed serving the needs of the community in a time of change. We should have an innovative approach to issues such as caring for the environment, traffic and parking, climate change and supporting the many and varied activities taking place in Charlbury.

I look forward to your support in being able to take part in this process.

Promoted by Tony Merry of 22 Little Lees, Charlbury