

Dear Councillors

I am a resident of Kirkbymoorside and have lived here for 21 years. I am interested in joining the Town council as I feel I would like to be more involved in supporting my community. I feel I have the necessary skills to become a town councillor; I am a good communicator – I feel at ease talking to people whether it is on the streets of Kirkby or in council meetings, I am passionate about my town and want it to be the best it can, enabling and supporting children in their education and hobbies, and providing a safe place to live for all ages. I am also able to look at the wider picture of the town, think strategically about situations and be proactive and not reactive to concerns.

My husband and I moved to Kirkbymoorside 21 years ago when our children were 3 and 5. They attended the preschool, Kirkbymoorside CP School, Kirkby Kids club, as well as the cubs, scouts, brownies and guides. They also worked in local pubs and shops when they were of an age. They both attended Ryedale Secondary school.

In 1997 I worked as a supply teacher in Ryedale School, Lady Lumley's School, Helmsley School, and Kirkbymoorside until I permanently joined the teaching staff of Kirkbymoorside CP School in 1998. I worked there for many years before I became deputy Headteacher at Malton CP School. I am currently Headteacher at Sinnington CP School.

I have always been an active member of the town community whether it is as an enthusiastic member of the PTA, a committee member of the preschool, a volunteer youth club leader (when Kirkbymoorside had a youth club in the old canteen) or an organiser of the initial Kirby 10K 16 years ago.

After many years, I now feel I would like to volunteer as a town councillor and give my support to the town in a more formal capacity. I hope you consider my application for the post of Kirkbymoorside Town Councillor and look forward to talking with you all.

Jill L Wells