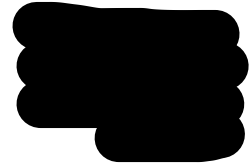


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Kirkbymoorside Town Council  
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Dear Councillors,

I would like to apply to become a Town Councillor for Kirkbymoorside, and I understand that I need to apply to yourselves with details of my background and the reasons why I would like to be considered to join you.

I have lived in Kirkbymoorside for about two and a half years, having previously lived in Nawton, Beadlam, just up the road. I had wanted to live in Kirkbymoorside for a long time, and we moved as soon as a suitable house came up: my desire to live here was due to the excellent sense of community in Kirkbymoorside, a community I would like to serve.

You may know that I have been involved in community projects over the last year or so – last year with the Town’s Jubilee celebrations, and this year with Fiver Fest, assisting with publicity, photography and the loan of our PA (for the Jubilee). I’ve tried to really push the Totally Locally message, doing photo articles on many of the shops for social media, which I understand has contributed to an increase in customers in the shops and cafés featured.

I am a professional Health and Safety Practitioner currently working for St Peter’s School in York, where I have responsibility for 1,200 children and 425 adults on a day-to-day basis. I also have had my own H & S Consultancy company of nearly 25 years, providing advice and training nationally. I mention this as my work experience gives me lots of transferable skills – I’m very comfortable with reading and interpreting legislation, writing policy and reports and with speaking to small and large groups (from 1-1 to a full football stadium).

I am an author, having had 10 books published, the last 3 based in North Yorkshire, and also a keen landscape photographer, having previously run a gallery selling my work. This experience in writing and photography is hopefully useful, particularly in promoting the town.

I will be retiring from St Peter’s this summer, which will give me more time for writing and my other passions of gardening (I have an allotment on Gillamoor Road) and music, with plans to start a local acoustic music club. My husband and I have run music events for many years, and whilst we were living in the East Riding we were awarded the East Riding Chairman’s Award for ‘Enhancing the Social Wellbeing of the East Riding of Yorkshire’, in recognition of a monthly community music project we ran to bring together a diverse range of amateur to professional performers to involve and entertain rural residents.

I have a great deal of experience of running and chairing committees: I set up and currently chair a Health and Safety Forum for independent schools across Yorkshire and the north. Several years ago, I chaired the Malton Forward Planning Group, which was a fascinating insight into the work of a town council. I helped develop the Town Plan, particularly looking at reducing pollution and easing traffic congestion, but also focused on protecting local amenities such as the horse walks around Malton.

I feel that the community is very important, and it's something that we need to promote and cherish in Kirkbymoorside. I hope that I could be an asset in a small way to the Town Council and would be grateful if you would consider my application.

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Jean Illingworth CMIOSH

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