

Dear councillors,

I would like to apply for the post of councillor, and to also offer my help on the parks committee.

I was brought up to believe that we should be active members of a proud community, and so, I would like to offer my services and appropriate skills to help our lovely little town.

I have lived in Kirkbymoorside for nearly two years, and was resident in Brawby for three years before that. I have two children, one attendant at Ryedale school year 7, and the other attends a specialist school near Thirsk. One of the main reasons we live in this area is how great it is for our children; the community, facilities, countryside and low crime rates are all wonderful features. I would like to help to preserve those values, both now, and on into the future.

I would be an advocate of ensuring Kirbymoorside works well for all resident groups. As a family man and father, my attention will likely be drawn to issues relating to family, teenagers and children.

At present, I care for my son during the week, and look after my daughter while my wife works in the week. I also own and manage a property in Leeds, and at present I am also doing some voluntary work in the library, casual consultancy and study. Recently, myself and two others have restarted Kirkbymoorside scout group.

For the last 20 years I have been a chef, run a small food business, and studied nutrition. The relevant skills I can offer are passion, commitment, communication, project management, and basic finance and office skills. I can also bake biscuits for meetings, though I know I face fierce competition in Kirby, standards are high!

I do not have much experience of council affairs and procedures, though I am keen to learn and support the status quo.

I live by the park, and use it regularly with the children and my dog. It is an excellent park, and we often use it to meet family with young family as it is 'much fun', well maintained, clean and safe. This is why I would like to help the play areas committee maintain this high standard for all to enjoy.

I would also declare a passion for environmental science issues, before I was a chef I gained a Physics degree. Kirkbymoorside has declared an allegiance to Green issues, and I would always be keen to support or research in this area too.

Regards

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