

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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GRAHAM JOHN HOLMES

I have been a resident of Cranbrook since 1964 and a member of the Parish Council for some years. I am married to Pauline and we have one son, Nicholas.

My working career was spent in the insurance industry, firstly as a Broker and then as an Underwriter for a Syndicate in the Lloyds of London insurance market. On retirement, I took up volunteering for the National Trust at Sissinghurst Castle and am now in my sixth year. In addition, I am a Trustee and volunteer at the Lashenden Air Warfare Museum at Headcorn Aerodrome and also spend some of my spare time writing for a couple of publications.

Since joining the Council I have endeavoured to offer my career skills and an interest in the environment as well as sharing my long term connections with local sports clubs. This had led me to sit on both the Environmental Management Committee as well as the Economic & Community Development Committee, of which I am Chairman.

Having acquired a reasonable knowledge and understanding of the Parish, I felt well placed to become a Councillor and be part of the decision making process. I have always held the view that Councillors will serve their community best by always endeavouring to support the wishes of the community, irrespective of their personal opinions. I hope that by following these aspirations it will be possible for Cranbrook and Sissinghurst to be a better place to live, that it will continue to attract visitors and enable businesses to thrive and achieve their objectives.