

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council

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A Christian Minister serving people with pastoral care and visionary leadership experience.

After being with Barclays as cashier, I made a career change into church pastoral work and have spent over forty years in this role. I was first connected with Cranbrook in 1972 then in 1997 we moved here at the inception of The Vine Church. Now my wife and I are involved in various community activities, whilst still being anchored as co-leaders of The Vine.

Besides our church responsibilities, several other roles keep us busy: The Primary School; Out Of School Club; The High Weald Academy; Seniors' Lunch Club; and of course the Parish Council. In my spare time (*what's that?*), I love books, making music, gardening, DIY and the great outdoors. Our two married sons also live with their own families in Cranbrook.

We are here with a real heart for the town, and a heart to see it prosper. Although economy is very important, key issues are best tackled, not just with cash, but with caring, serving and community-minded hearts working together. I believe the Parish Council has a key role to play in this respect. Cranbrook has sustained some fairly big changes in recent years, and today decisions need to be made with care and visionary perception.

In my fifth year as a councillor, it is a time of considerable challenge and opportunity in our parish. I want to see a community united and equipped to welcome visitors to our historic heritage town. I believe a key in all this is to see the longed-for Community Centre moving from vision to reality. Unity, co-operation, and diversity are the way forward in development.

I am here to serve the town as best as I can in this respect.