

Cllr Dr Linda Hall

By profession, I am an academic. After gaining my Ph.D. I became a senior lecturer in higher education, teaching English Literature for BA degrees and instructing trainee teachers in curriculum English. I also pioneered two taught MAs, one in Children's Literature, on which subject I now lecture for the U3A. During this period I became a regular contributor of polemical articles to the Times Educational Supplement, the Times Higher Ed. Supp, The Daily Telegraph, The Observer, et al. I also contribute academic papers for conferences and for learned journals, as well as authoring two books and writing chapters in four others. In addition, I write short stories and poetry.

During my time in academia I became a Hefce (HE Funding Council for England) inspector for universities and an Ofsted inspector for the primary phase. Since coming to Cranbrook in 2000 with my family I have lectured on literature and art history for the NT at Sissinghurst and Bateman's, as well as lecturing at Madingley College, Cambridge University.

In order to enrich my work on TWBC planning cttee and my understanding of heritage matters (being appointed TWBC Heritage Champion since 2004) ,for some years now I have been formally studying the History of Art and Architecture at Birkbeck College, London University, and now lecture on the connections between art history and literature.

I have been a TWBC cllr since 2002 and being a good listener know just what my constituents want. On their behalf I fought a five year long battle to save the old Council Offices from demolition to act as the town's community centre, twice coming close to success. I decided to become a parish cllr for the same reason I became a TWBC cllr, that is, to serve the interests of the residents of Cranbrook, who regularly stop me in the street and in shops to tell me what they want and what they don't want!

Cranbrook is a remarkable place, beautiful and quirky. Such places do not long survive the pressures of the modern world. My aim is to preserve our beautiful historic town and the landscape in which it sits and help retain its typically English human qualities of self-help, charitable giving and social responsibility. I am deeply impressed by Cranbrook's many clubs and societies all dedicated to lifelong learning, to giving pleasure through music, drama, etc., and to helping others. I became a cllr because of my love of England's history, traditions and heritage. Such an inheritance is easily lost in the modern age, and regretted

only when too late. I will continue to fight the many threats that will face Cranbrook in the coming years.