

Whitchurch on Thames Parish Councillors

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Keith Brooks, Chairman

Keith moved to Whitchurch in 2002, joining the parish council in 2008. He was elected chairman in 2015. He is a retired scientist and enjoys walking, gardening, theatre, concerts, travelling and working out at the gym. His particular interest is the environment and our impact on it. He studied this at Plymouth Polytechnic on his way to becoming a doctor of biochemistry. He is married to Dianne, a project manager with an education business partnership.



Jim Donahue, Vice-chairman



Jim joined the parish council in 2011 after moving to Whitchurch from Pangbourne in 2008. Having moved to the UK from his native US in 1997, Jim is a chronicler of British landscapes and community life and has published photographic books on Whitchurch, Pangbourne and now Henley. His day job is project manager in the mobile telecoms industry and he tries to apply these skills when tackling some of the issues we see around the village. Jim can often be seen on walks down Hardwick Road and through Hardwick estate with his son William.

David Bowen

Dave has lived in Whitchurch with his wife Hayley since 2008 and joined the parish council in May 2015. His day job is working within the transport sector providing training for train drivers. He has a passion for the law and is currently studying towards a law degree with the Open University as well as assisting those requiring employment-related help and advice. He enjoys cycling, film-making, photography and boating. He represents our section of the River Thames on the Thames Motor Boaters Association and can often be seen out on the river.



Caroline Hart



Carrie has lived in Whitchurch for nearly two years with her partner Nick and her 10-year-old son Henry. A chartered engineer by profession, she looks forward to contributing to the village as a member of the parish council, which she joined in 2015. Her focus this year will be the new village green pavilion and reviewing traffic flow and parking. The Harts are a sociable and sporty family who enjoy playing lawn tennis and real tennis - and on a sunny day can often be found at the cricket pitch or down by the river.

Rachel Hatcher

Rachel and her husband Ben have lived in the village since 2013 and have two small daughters. She works as a marketing project manager in the telecoms industry. Rachel joined the Parish Council in December 2015, having already joined the Traffic and Pavements Advisory Group (TAPAG). Often walking around the local area with her children, she is keen to slow vehicles down and to help us all make the most of the lovely village we live in. As well as going out cycling as a family, Rachel also enjoys running, reading and playing the piano.



Denise Huxtable



Denise has lived in Whitchurch since 1999 with her husband Jerry and three children. After starting out as a teacher of English as a foreign language, Denise worked for many years as a software engineer before taking a break from employment to educate her children at home for a while. She now works at Citizens Advice Reading as financial capability and energy programme co-ordinator. Denise enjoys jogging and cycling in the local countryside and is keen to ensure that Whitchurch remains an inclusive and thriving community. Denise joined the Parish Council in December 2016.

Sarah Hanfrey

Sarah moved to Whitchurch from London in 2012. Having started her career at an investment bank, where she worked on foreign exchange pricing models, she now runs a software company supplying national and international law firms. She is a governor of Whitchurch Primary School where her focus subject is Maths. She joined the Parish Council in October 2017, having contributed to a village working group. In her free time she enjoys singing with Pangbourne Choral Society, walking Milly dog with her partner Tim Suiter and watching European language crime dramas.



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