

Use your votes! Candidates for Parish Councillor elections;

Each of the candidates standing for the upcoming Parish Council elections has provided a short piece to introduce themselves to you. **You can vote for up to 11 candidates.**

Kevin Cox

I was born and raised in the village in the early sixties. The village hall was my primary school and Tim Nicols was Coulson's The Butchers. I joined the Army in the early seventies and had an enjoyable career for nearly 30 years. On leaving the services I opened a tile business in Huntingdon and returned home in 2006.

I am actively involved in village events and have worked alongside the parish council to improve the village playing field. This included the building of the play area and refurbishment of the pavilion.

I am a practical individual and have a dry sense of humour. As illustrated in my last contribution to WOTH. Henson Way was an "April Fools". I would like to thank the anonymous resident from Western Ave who sent me a letter objecting to my proposal.

Aidan Davey

I have lived in the village for three years, having moved from a larger town looking for a quieter life with some outdoor space for myself, my wife, our two cats and our dog.

We got the outside space, but have been blown away by how much goes on in Easton thanks to the active community and I have found myself quite busy!

Shortly after moving I joined Harmony on the Hill choir and have taken part in the village gala, remembrance and memorial events, horticultural society events and enjoyed the playing fields.

Following this warm welcome and in gratitude for the teams who make this happen, I want to see it continue and joining the parish council is one way I can give something back and support the community for the future.

Inside and outside of work, I have been involved in several commercial and creative projects which have helped me develop organisational and teamwork skills.

I believe in keeping it simple, doing what you say you will do - when you say you are going to do it, and putting the end user at the centre of every decision you make.

Best of luck to all nominees!

Jak Garner

After moving to the village just over three years ago I have been lucky enough to enjoy the warm welcome and the fantastic village spirit - the highlight of course being the annual village gala that combines all the best bits of this little village at its social epicentre, The Blue Bell. Since my partner and I welcomed our daughter into the world last year as an

Easton On The Hill “native” it became clear to me that there’s still lots more that can be done to make this village a better and a more enjoyable place for the children of the future to grow up in. I hope that if elected, I could help, with my connections as managing director of a local construction company, to get best value for the village on its spending and ensure the money spent goes as far as possible to providing a better village for us all. In short, if anything can be done to help further the village spirit and provide a better future for the next generation, I’ll be getting behind it!

Robin Holwell

I am a village resident and farmer. I have lived here all my life (over 50 years) and I am the third generation in my family to farm at Fairview Farm (on the east side of the village), after my Grandparents and Great Uncle moved to the village in 1932. With my Great Uncle, Grandfather and Father all having been part of the Parish Council, I also wanted to become a Parish Councillor to try to care for and help improve this village many of us call home.

I have been a Parish Councillor for the last 4 years and enjoyed being involved in many projects and on the Trees and Greens Working Group and Nature Recovery work. I help whenever I can with some of the more practical aspects, with my knowledge and resources.

I would like to continue to be a part of the next council term, to help with continuity and awareness of the history/decisions.

Catherine Kaye

Hi, I’m Catherine, wife, mother, granny. We moved to Easton on the Hill five years ago, it was covid and lockdown. However it didn’t take long to realise what a special place this is and I just love living here. After being here for that time, I felt I should step up and become more involved in village life. I have a background in sales, management and have successfully run my own business in Stamford. I am happy to listen, don’t rush in to decisions and have the future of the village at heart.

I also think that in difficult times, a village council is the best form of democracy and can make a positive difference to life in our beautiful village.

Gareth Kendall

I have lived in Easton on the Hill for the past 10 years and feel fortunate to live in such a vibrant and close-knit community.

After a career in law, I am confident that I have the necessary skills and experience to work collaboratively with fellow councillors to continue the development and safe keeping of this wonderful village.

Jordan Lyons

Hello I’m Jordan. I’m 33 and live on West street in Easton on the Hill. I’ve been in the

village nearly 3 years previously living and growing up in Stamford. We have recently renovated our property and look forward to being a part of the community here for a good few years. We have a 10 month old little girl called Tabitha and I have recently returned to work at a construction company in Corby which I have been at for the last 10 years.

This is my first opportunity to stand and I'm keen to be a part of the decisions being made to help better the village and the wider community. I can bring fresh opinion and have the view of being a parent to a young child. I don't have the most experience but look forward to getting stuck in to discussions!

Tony McAllister

I have been a resident of EOTH for 60 odd years, educated through the then system of EOTH infants and primary schools, KingsCliffe middle and Oundle Comprehensive. Employment; self-employed since the age of 20 years, running a sole trader building and maintenance company, currently sub-contracting for a Whittlesey based firm as an ecclesiastical, masonry installer repairer.

Have played for various sporting teams at the playing field, mainly football and helping to coach the then youth side. Other ties to Easton; both my youngest children were born and educated here, I have been part of community fund raising team at various events including the Soul in the Marquee mark at the Blue Bell. Looking forward, I would like to bring something to the council with regard to building and conservation projects, which I believe are at the forefront of the council's targets. I have enjoyed being a Councillor for the last few years, additionally on the planning committee and playing field working group, and hope to be elected again to continue the good work.

Duncan Mitchell

I have lived in EOTH since birth and am proud to be a 3rd generation farmer.

I am invested in our village and know most of the residents, old and new. The village is diverse and has had to evolve constantly to ensure it remains a safe and community focused village. I believe I am well placed to represent the village as I am well-known, fair, honest and my farming responsibilities give me a unique perspective of the village, its needs and priorities which will benefit the many.

It is important to me and my family that EOTH continues to thrive, for the future and stability of my young son, Seth (2yo).

I am passionate about history and enjoy sharing knowledge about EOTH as there are so many stories.

I am a natural problem solver and have a calm and considered nature, so I can see beyond the emotion and provide tangible solutions and rationale. My extensive knowledge of our village will bring a different and well-needed perspective to the Parish Council.

Russ Pye

I am currently a Parish Councillor for Wittering village, and I have been active on their council for the past 3 years after moving to the area in 1999 with the Royal Air Force.

Although I have this commitment, I am also involved with the Easton on the Hill community and I spend half of my free time in the village as for the past 4 seasons I have been involved with the football team that use the playing field. As I spend a lot of time in the village, I feel I should do my bit and volunteer to become a Councillor and hopefully bring my knowledge and experience from my time on Wittering's Parish Council, My day job is Project/Facility Manager and I look after the Wittering Parish buildings and keep them in a good state of repair and useable to the community.

My wife is also an active member within Easton as she is a carer and is often in the village for her work. My aim is to work with the community and help to build on the success of the previous councils in developing the community/buildings and spirit of the village.

Jodie Stephenson

Having called this village home for 14 years, I've grown deeply connected to its charm and community spirit. For much of this time, my career as a Marketing Director for a global engineering company took me across the world, including three years in the USA, but it also meant I spent much of my time away from home. Now, self-employed, I have the flexibility to immerse myself in village life and give back to the community that has been my anchor.

Previously, I served as a Trustee for Citizens Advice, a role that taught me the value of listening, problem-solving, and advocating for others—skills I'm eager to bring to the role of councillor. I'm looking for a new challenge that allows me to contribute meaningfully while getting to know my neighbors better.

On a personal note, I lost my husband two years ago, a life event that has deepened my appreciation for the importance of community and connection. I'm passionate about fostering a thriving, inclusive environment where everyone feels heard and valued.

I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as your councillor and work together to make our village an even better place to live.

Simon Woodman

I was born and raised in the village where I attended the Primary School before moving on to Kingscliffe and then onto Oundle Prince William Secondary School. After finishing 6th form, I went to work at a local large-scale farm. I then went on to do 3 years at an agricultural college. After finishing that I went back to work on the farm before spending over 10 years working on farms all over the world and finally coming back to the UK in 2006 where I have been doing a variety of jobs from working back on the farm to driving a

London bus. Before taking my HGV, test and driving lorries on agency work before having 3 years working at Ketton cement before moving on to driving for Royal Mail as a network driver for the national hub taking the mail to all corners of the UK. After 9 years for postman pat, I changed roles and am now one of only 20 weighbridge calibration drivers in the UK.

I still do some farm work in my free time for a farmer in the village as well as some European truck driving for the music and F1 industry.

I'm open minded and think outside of the box with a can do attitude and have lots of local knowledge and contacts. I have many interests including travel, motor sports, machinery new and old and how things work. I was a member of the Horticultural Society committee for about 10 years mainly dealing with the marquee and the show, schedule and the scoring system as well as the printing.

I'm looking forward to working with the Parish Council and pushing forward the plan of the village.

A note from Emma Laurance

I am writing this with a very heavy heart. Unfortunately I am having to withdraw my nomination for Parish Council due to personal reasons. I truly hope and wish all the best for everyone who is running.

Many thanks for everything