

PARISH COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Biographies of the three candidates for the Parish Council elections on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

Paula Arnold.

I have been living locally in Great Shelford for nine years, and previously lived in Harston for 30 years.

I have worked in corporate finance and accounts for 40 years, and am currently working from home, continuing book-keeping. In my career and personal life I have been a good mediator, defusing challenging situations.

Since moving to Shelford, I appreciate and enjoy nature, wildlife and green space far more than I was able to. I love working in the garden, retaining as much of the traditional plants as I can, and even grow some vegetables. I try to implement and encourage more recycling, at home and with friends.

The green spaces in Great Shelford contribute to the appeal of the village, but the roads are struggling. If elected I would strive to improve and maintain our green spaces, by protecting our beautiful old trees that give so much. New replacement saplings are not an equal replacement. I would also like to encourage more recycling in the village, with either bottle banks, plastic banks, newspapers and textile banks in public places. I would like to see some better roadwork co-ordination, and traffic management, as the tailbacks with the traffic pollution are getting really noticeable.

Gregory Price

I have lived in the village, with my partner and our dog, since 2010. I currently work for a national hospital group, managing large contracts for NHS care across the UK. I previously worked in the NHS locally and regionally, and in professional regulation nationally. My partner is a medical consultant at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

I have also worked in the voluntary sector, both in paid and voluntary roles, including at a board level for two national organisations, and I hold a post-graduate Certificate in Charity Management.

I am a keen cyclist, and enjoy travelling both in the UK and abroad.

My professional life has given me a range of skills and experience to use as a Parish Councillor, including the ability to interact with people from all walks of life and at all levels, from local residents to Government ministers, the development of new services, project development and management, financial management and organisational trouble-shooting and dealing with governance issues.

I have a keen interest in health issues, particularly around the provisions of local health services, transport issues, including encouraging sustainable solutions and addressing social isolation and the provision of inclusive services to all local residents.

Theo Wilson

I grew up in the village and attended the primary school and Sawston Village College prior to leaving for university in 2004. I studied for a Chemistry degree and doctorate in Leeds, and then worked as an atmospheric scientist at the University. During this time I was lucky enough to spend extended periods on ship based field campaigns, collecting data in remote places including the Arctic. A new job working for a medical device company in Cambridge brought me back to the village in 2016.

I have been involved in bell ringing at St. Mary's Church for many years and continue to take an active role in the band – including ringing for special occasions such as the centenary of the end of WW1 and the 125th Anniversary of Shelford school. Quick plug: the band's focus this year is recruiting new ringers so if you're interested in giving it a go please email us at ring.gtshelford.bells@gmail.com.

I'd like to join Great Shelford Parish Council to give something back to the community. I am particularly interested in working to maintain the viability of our shopping areas on Woollards Lane and the High Street i.e. encouraging new and existing businesses as well as trying to encourage people to shop locally where possible.