



Geoff Mitchell

Date elected: May 2015.

Roles and Responsibilities: to be advised

Training: to be advised

Interests: My interests are broad and focus primarily on maintaining our house, Mill pond and well which form part of the history of the Mill. Our responsibility to ensure that these historic features remain an open and valued part of the identity of Herne and we take our responsibility as stewards of the house very seriously.

Membership:

Statement: I moved into Herne village in 1984 and from that time the village has been my home and the place my family have been brought up, with all of my children attending the village school. As a family we support the Friends of the Mill.

I have sought to maintain an active involvement in the village which of late has manifested itself through a number of the village-wide initiatives organised through the Parish. We are actively involved in fundraising events – particularly the garden safari – and support the Windmill on open day events acknowledging the importance of supporting a strong sense of collective community in what is an ever changing and ever pressurised village environment.

Professionally, I am a Partner in an Architectural practice where the importance of maintaining and supporting the character of villages and settlements is key to our design approach. My involvement in designing significant residential settlements focuses one's mind on what makes a village important and relevant. My hope is that my experience in understanding the vital role played by Parish communities and the provision of village facilities will form part of the initiative to maintain Herne and Broomfield's clear sense of identity and place.

In addition the Practice organises a programme of fundraising events supporting a nominated charity which this year is Porchlight but we have in previous years donated money raised to the Pilgrims Hospice and Macmillan Trust.

We as a family endeavour to provide as much support and commitment as we can to the school – which our youngest daughter attends – the Church and the Parish, acknowledging that without these bedrocks of a village the community will intrinsically fail, which would be a loss to us all. I hope my role as a Parish Councillor will seek to ensure that we maintain what is a fine history of achievement through the Parish Council and help to continue its place as a relevant Parish which delivers for its community.

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