



## Ian Sargent

**Date elected:** 4 May 2007

**Roles and Responsibilities:** Member of Planning & Highways Committee (2007 – 2010), Member of Environment & Leisure Committee (2007 – 2010)

**Parish Council Representative on outside bodies:** None

**Training:** Power of Well Being 2009.

**Interests:** Football, golf and the gardening

**Memberships:** none

**Statement:** I am 46 and have lived in the village of Herne all my life. I was born at Strode Farm in Lower Herne Road and attended Herne C of E Primary School and then Herne Bay Secondary School. On leaving I went to work for Dennis Bradshaw at Busheyfields Nursery for 5 years. I learnt a vast amount about trees, shrubs, climbing plants and roses. From there I started my own gardening business, due to a variety of reasons this was not successful.

I took a job on a farm in Thanet and not long after that started up my own business again, gardening and landscaping for domestic customers, school grounds and larger garden contractors. This lasted for 17 years until I was offered a slight career change and am now currently employed back at Strode Farm. Life has gone full circle and I am enjoying an 'easier' life.

Now that I have more free time I enjoy playing golf, although, not very well and I am currently Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for our village football team! Herne United, I am pleased to say, are having a very good year. The team started with a handful of mates and have progressed well in the few years they have been formed. Both of these hobbies give me an enormous amount of pleasure and relaxation.

I also enjoy gardening at home, when I can find the time to do some, and being a parish councillor is a great way of meeting people from the community and trying to help them if and when I can.

I have made a lot of friends in the village, some I have known from childhood and some are more recent; I think friendship is very important. Whether they are new or established ones I like to think that I will always be there to help them if they should need it.

Lastly, but certainly not least is to mention my Labrador, Misty and the two cats, Snowy and Fergi, they help to keep me fit, healthy and entertained, especially on cold winters nights.

Thank you for taking the time to read a bit about me and I hope to meet you some time in the future.