

NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES

A total of 22 candidates have offered themselves for election to the 14 places on North Hinksey Parish Council on 2nd May 2019. All but 5 of them have sent statements, listed below. The District Council elections for two District Councillors take place at the same time, but these are party political. You can vote for Emily Smith and Debby Hallett for the Lib Dems, for Erica Davis and Maurice O'Donoghue for Labour, for James Moreton Wakely and Michael Murray for the Conservatives, or for Katherine Phillips for the Green Party. Editor

Pauline Allen

I have lived with my family in the parish for 41 years. I am not a member of any political party or group. I care very much about Local Priorities and Local Issues. If elected, I will campaign against Uncontrolled Parking. I am very much against unnecessary development which is gradually destroying our green open spaces and wildlife. I will also fight to get developers to complete Unfinished Roads and Works on local estates. I will support the Scouts with the Renewal of their Lease. I believe in preserving the Quality of Life in this area for all age groups. I want to see Improved Communication and Consultation. I will do my best to speak up for the concerns of local residents and represent their views.



Alistair Bastin

I'd like to help Botley and North Hinksey become a better place for all of us to live, work and raise families. I've lived in Oxford for decades, and moved to Botley a few years ago. I first met the Parish Council while working on a planning issue, and after the *Sprout's* request for new Councillors I thought I'd throw my hat into the ring. I'm interested in helping the Parish achieve its goals, so I'm offering my skills in communication, analysis and



campaigning to contribute to all of this. I ask for your support. You can read more at www.communitycouncillors.uk

Lorna Berrett

In four years as a Parish Councillor I've learned a lot and seen what can be achieved. I've helped to improve communications with the new NHPC website and Facebook page. As chair of the Seacourt Hall Management Committee I've built good relationships with Mace and SDC, negotiating to ensure we have the best hall facilities for the community. I walk past the growing hub building daily and I'm excited about the potential of the new Hall. Together with the proposals for the Pavilion we have opportunities to create an even better Botley for our growing community. Read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk



Darren Blase

I have attended Parish Council meetings as a parishioner for as long as I have managed the North Hinksey Youth Club, that is over 7 years. The time is right to stand and help secure the future for our young people. I support the need for a new sports/community building to replace the current, rather old and run-down buildings; hopefully the new Pavilion will give local groups a suitable and sustainable building for the next 50 years. To further support the needs of the community, let's take this opportunity to ask again, is there still strong support for a multi-use wheeled facility to replace the Botley Skate Bowl? Read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk

Judi Bolder

I have lived in North Hinksey most of my life and have been a parish councillor for the past four years, working towards improving facilities for our young people. Botley was highlighted in a Vale of White Horse report 2009 as having inadequate facilities for teenagers, and I feel we are now making headway with the installation of the new play equipment on the Louie Memorial fields and the plans for the



redevelopment of the Pavilion – hopefully to include a skatepark. I would like to have the opportunity to see this project through to completion. I believe that Councillors For Our Community can achieve this and so much more. You can read all about us at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk

Chris Church

I've lived and run a business here in Botley since 2012. I formerly worked in London, though I was born in Oxford. I have been on the Parish Council for five years. I founded the 'Best of Botley' awards in 2016 to celebrate local community life – I'd like to see that become an annual event. Botley faces many pressures – new development, traffic, air pollution, and the Expressway. The parish council has only limited powers, so we need to use those powers as effectively as possible. We need a council that works as hard as it can to help create an even better Botley. You can read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk



Erica Davis

Running for Parish Council Election because I am committed in community involvement and engagement. Believe in keeping North Hinksey green and in community sustainability. With two teenage children I am keen to ensure that young people are actively involved in the local issues which affect them. Community Safety is a top priority as is fighting austerity. I love North Hinksey and as a long standing resident want to improve the lives of those who live and work in the parish.



Martin Dowie *No information received*



Ann Dykes

I have served on the Parish Council for over 20 years, working on the Planning, Allotments and Remembrance Committees and also representing the Parish Council on the Seacourt Hall Management Committee, (which is a charity body set up to run the Seacourt Community Hall for the benefit of all the Parish). If elected again I will endeavour to continue to serve the community in a fair and honest way. I find it a very rewarding job and a privilege to serve the community. You can read more at www.Community.Councillors.uk



Steve Elliott

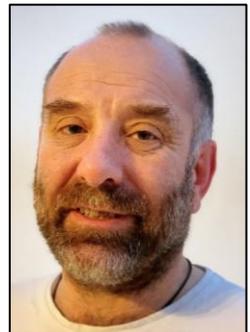


Having lived in Botley for 34 years and brought up my family here I feel that Botley is a great place to live. The Parish Council has a great opportunity to work with the developers of West Way Place to build a new hall for the community and also with the District Council to get a new Pavilion built on the upper Louie Memorial playing field. Having been a parish councillor some years ago when that Council was able to attract significant external funding, I know with your vote, we can help to do this again. Read more about Councillors for Our Community on

www.Community.Councillors.uk

Graham Fairclough

While new to standing as a Parish Councillor I am not new to Botley having grown up on Elms Rise and attended Botley Primary and Matthew Arnold Schools. Since returning to the area I have been busy establishing the Tilbury Fields Residents Association, where I am now the Chair. Having worked for the Residents to ensure that the estate is completed to the levels expected, now is the time to channel my energy and efforts into supporting the wider Botley community, bringing new enthusiasm to



ensure that residents of all ages, experience the opportunities that our great parish has to offer. Read more here www.CommunityCouncillors.uk

Esmail Gholami Babaahmadi *no information received*

Nima Gholami Babaahmadi *no information received*

Chris Hall – *no information received*

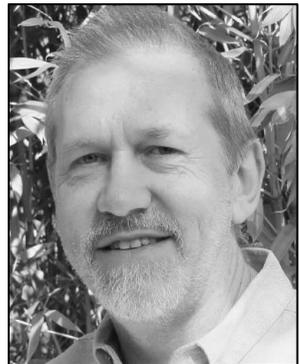
(Maria) Laura Jones

I work organising logistics and budgets. I like finding solutions to problems that arise, and I believe in a community that works together and listens to each other. We moved to Botley in 2012 and were taken by the sense of community. When my kids started school I started campaigning against air pollution with other parents, as Botley and North Hinksey Schools are affected by the A34. I chair FOBS (Friends of Botley School), we organise parents to apply for grants and run fundraising events. I love Botley and want a beautiful and safe neighbourhood for the whole community. Read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk



David Kay

As a Parish Councillor since 2012, and Chairman for the past four years, I have been involved in all of the Council's major activities from planning to communications to leisure facilities. These include significant involvement in the Botley Centre redevelopment, both as lead NHPC representative and a member of the Seacourt Hall Management Committee, guiding the Neighbourhood Plan Team in the production of a hugely beneficial Plan to help protect what we cherish locally, and leading Council's efforts opposing the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, which could potentially be massively damaging to our community. Read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk



Ag MacKeith

I've lived in Botley for ages, and if I'm elected this will be my fifth term on the Parish Council. While my children were growing up I joined local campaigns, and together we saved the nursery school (1980), built Botley Skatebowl (1990), and held tight to our library (1998 and 2010). As the editor of the *Sprout*, I help to keep the parish in touch. I'm glad to have had a hand in the sustainable building part of the Neighbourhood Plan, and I think it's time we revisited the arguments for and against a skate park, so the parish can move on from the stalemate that followed the huge 2012 petition. There's more about Councillors for our Community on this website www.CommunityCouncillors.uk.



John Marriott

I stand for election to represent everyone in all areas of this Parish by respecting a broad range of opinion, listening to local people on local issues and prioritising residents' views. I am in favour of improved communications and transparency from the Parish Council, leisure facilities and a new Pavilion that work for the whole community. I regularly help with the local conservation group the North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers, am an active supporter of our green spaces and have major concerns over local transport issues for commuters and cyclists. I have helped with the Remembrance Day arrangements in the past and have supported local residents on planning matters.



Maurice O'Donoghue

This is the first time I've been a candidate for the Parish Council, though I've been involved in community activities for years. I've lived in Botley for 18 years with my wife, a qualified childminder, and our young son, who attends Bartholomew School. I recently qualified as a rugby coach, to help my son's rugby development, I'd like to give a fresh input on leisure and youth activities in the area, as a parent and a coach. I'm also interested in contributing on



local environmental matters, including several large projects which threaten the Green Belt and the character of the area, such as the Flood Alleviation Scheme, the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and the proposed new pavilion on the Louie Memorial Fields.

Caroline Potter

My family and I have called Botley home for over 10 years. I got involved locally as a co-chair of West Way Community Concern in 2013, and I've been working to support and improve our valued community resources ever since. As a current Parish Councillor I've focused my efforts on securing high quality facilities for all ages through the West Way redevelopment and at the Louie Memorial Playing Fields. There is still lots of work to do – planning approvals, detailed designs, fundraising, etc. If re-elected I will give my full commitment to getting these projects done. Read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk



Andrew Pritchard *no information received*

Adam Rankin

I am currently serving as a Parish Councillor and wish to continue in the work that is bringing an even better Botley. Improved leisure facilities are key; the new equipment for older children already installed on the LM Field is popular. A new pavilion will promote the fields as the recreational heart of the Parish. As Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee, I believe it is important that we have our say on local housing and on the way infrastructure develops. Liaison with SDC over West Way Place & our new Community Hub are also vital. Please read more at www.CommunityCouncillors.uk

