

Candidates standing in the Election for Parish Council

Lisa Bibby

I live at Hubbersty Head with my husband Adrian and our grown-up sons Will and Yves. Eager to make a positive contribution to the local community, I volunteered to join the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in 2020 hoping my background in project management and community engagement might prove useful.

Starting my career in the voluntary sector, I then worked in local government as a Chief Officer for 17 years. Since 2014, I have worked as an independent advisor, currently for Mind supporting the network of over 120 local charities. The connection between well-being and the quality of our environment is something I care passionately about.

A trustee at Queen Katherine School Multi-Academy Trust, I have held a number of board positions.

If elected, I commit to ensuring the Parish Council represents the interests of the whole community; listening to and understanding the views and needs of different groups whatever age.

Paul Cleasby

Angela Dobson

I came into the parish in 1986 after marrying into a farming family, helping out on the farm and bringing up four children in the parish one of which has returned to the parish. My back ground is mother, farmer's wife and nurse.

As a result, I feel I have a lot to offer. I have knowledge and understanding of the farming way of life and all the pressures that brings with it.

My nursing background and managerial skills give me a lot of insight in to community pressures and the need for better lifestyles and community planning.

I have a lot to bring to the parish and the communities within the parish, having a good eye for detail, while also being used to look at the bigger picture and planning for long term strategies.

Matthew Dobson

Alan Gerrard

After a long career in Process Engineering, latterly as a Global R&D Director in Unilever's Ice Cream Division, I moved to Crosthwaite 4 years ago. I believe volunteering for public service is the best way to give back to the community I live in. Within education, I have 27 years service as a School Governor and I'm currently Chair of Dallam Governors and a Trustee of the South Westmorland Multi-Academy Trust.

I was involved in opposing the Cross Howe development and presented our case at the Planning Committee, becoming knowledgeable in the LDNP's planning policies along the way. Last year I was successful in holding Planners to account for disregarding their policies on village housing development.

I am a Councillor and member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. In decision making, I'm guided by Nolan's 7 principles of public life: selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership.

Mary Harkness

I have lived in this area for 50 years, and served on your Parish Council for 14, (5 as Chair).

Crosthwaite and Lyth is a uniquely special community. How can the Parish Council help sustain this?

Yes, we must nurture our spectacular landscape and care better for our environment.

Yes, we must campaign for improved infrastructure and support homes for locals, where appropriate.

Yes, we must support our exceptional School, Playgroup, clubs, Hall, Church, Landowners and Field Trusts.

And we must value the culture and traditions of the people who have given us this legacy. Respect, friendliness, support and consideration for neighbours, our farmers and business owners, together with our "Can Do" ethos, is what makes our community so vibrant and unique.

I trust that my past work, achievements and service demonstrates my commitment to representing you again.

Proposer John Holmes. Secunder Martin Casson.

Simon Johnson

Following a successful career predominantly in environmental protection schemes I moved to Crosthwaite 6 years ago.

In September 2018 I was appointed by the Parish Council to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and have Chaired this since October 2018, working alongside fellow volunteers to support the Parish Council deliver its Neighbourhood Plan. Through this work I have become very familiar with National Planning Policy and LDNP Local Plan Policies.

I'm passionate about the Lake District and our Parish, volunteering in the training of Mountain Rescue search dogs and for environmental projects with Friends of the Lake District. I also coppice on Fellside Plantation.

I believe my enthusiasm and energy combined with my belief that greater engagement and inclusion of Parishioners in deciding our future will allow us to develop the Parish to meet the needs of Parishioners while protecting the unique landscape we are fortunate enough to live in.

Tracy Johnson

Andrew Metcalfe

Philip Mobbs

My name is Philip Mobbs and I live in Crosthwaite with my wife and youngest son having moved to the village in 2020 following my retirement from the Royal Air Force after 34 years as a pilot. I now work part-time as a Reservist Officer, with both the Regular RAF and the Air Cadet organisation, and also as an aspiring writer which leaves me with plenty of time to walk our two spaniels on the fells.

My military training and operational experience has given me many skills – organisational ability, decisiveness, good communication skills and the capability to work well within a team among them. I

am standing for the Parish Council in order to serve and support our community and help the parish to thrive into the future.

Edward Sharp

Dear fellow parishioners my name is Edward Sharp .I farm at Flodder Hall, Lyth ,we have a mixed dairy sheep and beef farm worked by five family members from three generations . I would hope to use some of my experiences of life in the parish from birth to businessman to help shape the future of the parish for the better with a belief that the parish should be a place where our younger generations want to and are able to make their future.

Robert Sykes

I moved to Crosthwaite from Kendal with my family in 1979. I have contributed to the village in various ways over the years – secretary of the PCC, secretary of the Sports Committee (which used to run the sheepdog trial, bonfire, horse trial and other events), Chairman of the Landowners. I was involved with the acquisition of land and setting up of the Recreation Field Trust. I led the committee which prepared the Parish Plan in 2007. I was chair of the Parish Council when the village resolved to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The village has changed significantly over the last 40 odd years, and no doubt that will continue. The important thing is that change is guided by us the inhabitants. I hope to continue to be a part of that.