

PETER TURNER. I was born in Winchelsea and have lived here all my life. I was educated at the old Winchelsea Primary School and Rye Grammar School. On leaving School I worked locally for several employers in Winchelsea and Rye, all having some connection with the building industry, including the family builder's business.

Eventually, I joined Local Government where I qualified as a Chartered Town Planner primarily dealing with planning applications, appeals and enforcement. I continued in this role until I retired. My time in Local Government was spent with Local Authorities in Kent. During this part of my career, I held senior branch positions in both NALGO and its successor Unison, but not as a 'political' activist. I joined, because the Union negotiated my employment terms and conditions, including pay and I was always taught that it was easier to influence things from the inside.

I have long had an interest in the local community, having been Secretary to the Gardener's and Allotment Holders Society and the New Hall Management Committee. I am a member of the Bowls Club. I am a vice-president of the Cricket Club. In my younger days I played football for Icklesham Casuals. I first became a Parish Councillor in the late 1960's and have been a councillor at various times since, as my career permitted. I was not willing to remain a Councillor when my career commitments meant that I could not represent the people fully. I have been Chairman of the Parish Council several times throughout that period.

I am a director of the Icklesham Parish Community Land Trust. This is a Community Benefit Society open to all residents of the Parish who share its objectives. It is currently working on a project to build 15 units of accommodation in Icklesham, at affordable rents for local people.

I am also a director of the Rye Partnership, another community benefit organization that seeks to promote regeneration in Rye and the surrounding area.

In my leisure time I have an allotment, I play flat green bowls in the summer and, in the winter, enjoy the occasional quiz. *****