

Warminster Neighbourhood Plan

MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

AMELIA AP ELLIS

Topic Group: Environment, Heritage & Design

Lived in Warminster on and off since 1981

I work as a Regenerative Gardener, with a career spanning 20+ years - mostly working on large private estates but also some clients with small domestic gardens.

I have recently set up a small scale Rewilding Advisory Service, helping people to maximise the biodiversity in their gardens, and I am also hoping to soon qualify as a Lowland Walking Leader in order to help marginalised groups access the local countryside.

I set up and co-ordinate the Incredible Edible Community Garden and I am also a member of Sustainable Warminster.

In 2020 I was part of a group that helped draft the Town Council's Green Spaces policy.

COUNCILLOR BILL PARKS

Wiltshire Council Warminster North and Rural
Town Council Warminster North

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Grown up and lived in Warminster all my life and have witness the town's growth and development.

Studied civil engineer at Portsmouth gaining a degree to become an Incorporated Engineer of the Engineering Council; Member of The Institute Highways and Transportation; and Fellow of The Institute of Highway Engineers.

Worked for civil engineering contractors during my early career to then join Wiltshire Council employed as an officer in highways and more latterly street scene. Resigned in 2020 as Head of Service Highways after 37 years' service to seek election as a Unitary Wiltshire Councillor and Town Councillor.

Previously served as a West Wiltshire District and Town Councillor.

COUNCILLOR DENIS BRETT
Town Council Warminster East

Topic Group: Housing & Community and Getting Around
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Lived in Warminster since 1992
Born in Colchester, Essex

After a year as a reporter on the Chester Evening Gazette I joined the British Army, in 1967, attaining degrees in History and Theology in order to pursue a vocation as an assistant Army Chaplain and, after retiring from the Army, a full-time Church of England Priest.

As Rector of Bishopstrow and Boreham I was involved in all aspects of Warminster life: setting up the Warminster Food Bank, The Link, organising lunches and other projects for those living alone, Chair of Governors for Kingdown School, supporting the Warminster Scout Movement and British Legion as Chaplain, and Action on Homelessness.

Since I retired in 2015, I have been an active Councillor, driving forward the Splashpad and helping to gain Green Flag status for the park, Chairing the Parks, Planning and Finance Committees, and am currently Patron of, and supporting, Sustainable Warminster.

COUNCILLOR PHIL KEEBLE
Town Council Warminster West

Topic Group: Economy & Town Centre (Chair)
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Lived in Warminster since 1993
Born in Essex

30 years as Corporate Facilities Manager, Construction Project Sponsor, Construction Project Manager, Area Project Manager, and finishing as Deputy Head Construction Projects and Programme Manager for major London rationalisation, relocation and rebuild programme.

Retired in 2017 and I now focus on running a Cancer Support Group and as Warminster Town Councillor being elected to Council in February 2021.

After a year as member of Council Planning Advisory Committee, I am now Chair for current year to May 2023.

Member of Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Group putting in many hours of volunteer work to improve the Grovelands wildlife area for benefit of everyone.

DOROTHY TREASURE

Topic Group: Environment, Heritage and Design

Lived in Warminster since 1989. Born in Trowbridge.

I started on a Community Programme project looking at industrial heritage in North Wilts back in the 80s which kick-started an interest in vernacular architecture. Did several years with the National Trust, Wessex Region's vernacular buildings survey based at Stourhead, recording the Trust's smaller estate buildings mainly at Stourhead, Lacock, and the region's farms. From there I became the Organiser and Principal Buildings Historian with Wiltshire Buildings Record, heading up commissioned recordings of buildings for planning and for interest throughout the county and beyond. I take a special interest in Warminster's built environment and enjoy investigating its buildings and speaking in public about it. Recently, WBR was instrumental in dating a number of Warminster's buildings back to c1500 with the aid of Warminster Civic Society's funding.

HARRIET JAMES

Topic Group: Environment, Heritage & Design (Chair) and Getting Around
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

I have lived in Warminster since 2004. My children went to school here.
I have a music degree and worked as orchestral musician and music teacher.
Then I ran my own business letter cutting in stone, also manufacturing and restoring old sundials, many on listed buildings. Now retired.

I am a founding member of the Sustainable Warminster community group and long-standing member of Friends of the Earth and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. I am a member of the Salisbury Plain Training Area Conservation Group and a volunteer bumble bee and butterfly surveyor for RSPB Wildlife Monitoring on Farms. I have a University Certificate in Biological Recording.

I wrote the Tree Trail for the Town Park and was a member of the Town Council's climate change working group which produced the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

I am a keen cyclist and own an electric bike.

JEREMY STADWARD

Topic Group: Housing & Communities and Getting Around
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Spent 32+ years in the army as an officer and on being head hunted by a global aerospace company spent a further 15 years in international sales and marketing. Recently retired.

Passionate about green energy and the environmental impact of ill considered development. Owns an EV and hopes to reduce his carbon footprint further. Keen to promote environmentally friendly development in Warminster. Also, keen to see the centre of Warminster grow into a vibrant town centre.

JON ELLIS

Topic Group: Economy & Town Centre and Getting Around (Chair)
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Warminster resident for 15 years having renovated an old farmhouse (Wiltshire 18 years), previously lived in Norfolk & Worcestershire.

Studied Manufacturing Engineering & Management at Nottingham in early 90's. Varied career from building an intranet (before the internet was a 'thing') in a wheel manufacturing company with roots back to smelting tin-plate for the Crimean War; stints across Europe in IT, Quality and Operations for a manufacturing supplies distributor; a brief spell learning the parcels-business with DHL/Yodel and then a crazy 8 years with Amazon building the logistics and delivery operation. Now semi-retired with my wife (still a few days of consulting), starting to enjoy travel again, novice bee-keeper and aspiring author.

NICK PEARNE

Topic Group: Economy & Town Centre and Environment, Heritage & Design
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Member of a Warminster Company for 28 years
Lived in Warminster since 2009
Born in Guildford

Set up an international electronics consulting co: BPA, in 1978
Set up an international technology marketing co: Selling Technology, in 1986
MD of Upton on Scudamore choir
Now retired and enjoying walking, singing, drinking coffee and picking blackberries.

Keen to help in finding out what Warminster Residents want and need and turning these aspirations into actualities.

SAMANTHA HILL

Topic Group: Economy & Town Centre and Environment

Number of years linked to the Warminster area and moved here in December 2021.

My background is firmly in theatre and media. From a theatre family, I trained as an actor, worked as a script editor for broadcasters and independent production companies. I am currently – and have almost always been - freelance, working across TV production, proofreading, script development; I work as a voiceover artist and sometimes actor/model. I also run my own actors' agency. That said, I have been involved in community projects for decades. I set up and ran a toy library, was PCC Secretary of my local church for nearly 15 years, volunteered with a homeless charity, ran an annual summer fair in my local park, and for nearly 20 years (on and off), I have been a school governor – currently vice chair, but I have chaired the board, too. I am a motivated self-starter, but with a keen eye for strategic development. I am passionate about my new home; this town has so much potential and I strongly believe that it's important to step up and share skills to enhance the environment for everybody.

VANESSA HARRISON

Topic Group: Environment Heritage & Design

Lived in Warminster since December 2015
Born in Harlow, but family originally from this area

Qualifications: BA (Hons), CELTA, DELTA, MBA, MSc, ARM and PG Cert

Studied modern languages and linguistics, trained as a teacher, but moved into business and management, working the entire education supply chain from publishing to exams and assessment.

As part of being a manager in large organisations, I was responsible for ISO management system standards and their respective certifications. As Academic Director in an international school, I used standards to assist with risk management, since the organisation was open 365 days a year, particularly business continuity (BS 25999, now ISO 22301).

I currently work internationally working in all the languages I know. I have been an ISO consultant for the last ten years, specialising in data protection, information security and business continuity. My ARM and PG Cert qualifications are professional risk management and information rights law qualifications respectively.

I help organisations implement and audit standards, teach auditing for BSI and sit on the national committee responsible for developing risk management standards. I represent the UK at the corresponding international ISO technical committee.
