Councillor Spotlight

An introduction from the newly elected Warwickshire County Councillor representing the Arden Ward

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It is with great pride and a deep sense of responsibility that I introduce myself as your newly elected County Councillor for the Arden division, which includes our wonderful parish of Tanworth-in-Arden. Whether or not I received your vote in the recent Warwickshire County Council elections, I want to begin by thanking every resident who took the time to vote and engage with the democratic process. Your participation is the foundation of our local democracy, and I am committed to ensuring your voices continue to shape the future of our community.

Having lived in Stratford since 2009, I have developed a strong appreciation for the unique character and heritage of our area. Tanworth-in-Arden, with its historic villages, rolling countryside, and vibrant community spirit, is a place I am proud to represent. Our parish is defined not only by its picturesque landscapes and valued green spaces but also by the strength of its residents and the depth of its traditions.

Amongst many immediate issues that need addressing, the recent adoption of the Neighbourhood Development Plan reflects the collective vision and priorities of our community. This plan, developed through consultation with residents and local stakeholders, sets out a clear framework for managing change while protecting what makes our parish special. It recognises the importance of steady, moderate growth that meets the needs of local people — particularly in terms of housing and economic opportunity — while safeguarding the Green Belt, our natural environment, and the historic character of our settlements. That said, I will not be afraid to challenge what sometimes appears to be a perceived consensus.

As your County Councillor, I will work closely with the Parish Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, and Warwickshire County Council to ensure that your interests are protected. I am particularly focused on:

- Holding the PCC to account over rising crime, often in areas adjacent to the parish, with a focus in and around Earlswood
- Supporting local businesses and services
- Championing improvements to infrastructure, such as better broadband
- Ensuring that new development is sensitive to the rural character
- Protecting our valued landscapes, ancient woodlands, and wildlife sites

There are many challenges ahead: the pressures of development, the need for affordable homes for local families, and the impact of increased traffic and changing demographics. My commitment is to listen to your concerns, represent your interests with integrity, and be a visible, accessible advocate for Tanworth-in-Arden at the county level.
Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting many of you at community events, parish meetings, and surgeries. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your ideas, questions, or if you need assistance with any local issue.
Together, we can ensure that Tanworth-in-Arden remains a thriving, welcoming, and resilient parish for all. Thank you once again for your trust and support.

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