

Clevedon Town Council

Newsletter

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Chairman's message

I WOULD like to thank all of you who voted at the recent elections, and the council for electing me as the chairman.

It is fantastic to see so much interest in the position of being a councillor and we have had to co-opt three new councillors from a list of five applicants.

There are seven new members elected and, together with the 14 re-elected members, the council is now at full strength with 21 councillors representing the whole of Clevedon.

There is already a mountain of work before us, and the present economic situation is not going to make life any easier in the short term.

We are already trying to rectify the

appalling state of the roads and pot-holes in Clevedon, and a lot of people are concerned about the plight of the Triangle with so many shops closing down.

The role of the council and its volunteer members can be quite significant in the way that we formulate and influence ideas and the people or bodies who ultimately make things happen in our district.

As chairman I hope that I can keep the aspirations of Clevedon and its residents on a positive footing and help guide its ambitions forwards.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Blades

Welcome to our new town councillors

Their hopes and ambitions in their own words...

■ **Jane Geldart:** I am married to James and we have two children. Phoebe is nearly five years old and is at St Nicholas Chantry Primary School and Adam is nearly four and will be starting there in September. I run a business from home and a local network group for other mums who run their own businesses in Bristol and Somerset. I am also the current vice chairman of Clevedon Ladies' Circle.

I would like to help Clevedon take positive steps to meet more of our needs locally.

I am keen to do my best to maximise and maintain a vibrant and working town centre for the community and I would like to

support the town's responsibilities to families and young people.

Clevedon needs to be interesting, engaging and a secure community for us all. I will work with the District Council to give Clevedon better and safer roads.

■ **Graham Hill:** My wife and I have known Clevedon for the best part of 40 years and have lived here for 15 years. I walk my dog around the Walton area for nearly an hour-and-a-half every day, so feel that I would have the opportunity to both observe the condition of the ward and to meet, where appropriate, any constituent who may wish to discuss matters pertaining to the ward or town.

My extensive financial and commercial experience might also be of assistance to the council.

■ **Martin Hime:** During my professional life in Clevedon I have gained an understanding of the town and its population that, I feel, will allow me to make a valuable contribution to the work of the council. My family life, particularly my children's education, has given me useful insights into non-medical aspects of the town.

Work as a general practitioner

and hospital doctor has also given me skills such as good personal organisation and IT competency that should prove useful as a councillor.

As a councillor I would like to continue my interest in the health of the population, particularly the Cottage Hospital redevelopment and the promotion of safe, healthy and sustainable transport systems.

I would like to develop Clevedon's community life with particular emphasis on facilities for children, young people and the increasingly elderly population.

I would wish to promote the town and its development as a successful commercial and tourist centre with priority given to the development and improvement of the Triangle area and Hill Road.

■ **Ann Shopland:** Having lived and worked in Clevedon for more than 40 years and supported my husband in his council work, I feel that I am known to many and have some understanding of people's needs and those of Clevedon.

Now that I am elected to the council, it is my intention to do all that I can for the benefit of everyone living in the town and I

would ask for your support and help to accomplish that.

■ **Angela Walker:** I have lived in Clevedon for nearly 15 years. I have always had an interest in civic matters and have been involved in several campaigns concerning planning and other matters.

As a keen walker and user of public transport I meet many local people and talk about the town and local issues - this gives me an insight into what residents are thinking and what concerns they have.

Over a period of time I have attended both town and district council meetings, which gives me some knowledge as to the workings of local government. I will endeavour to give my time and efforts to do my best for Clevedon and its residents.

■ **Andrew Withers:** I am looking to end the attitude that "somebody else" is responsible for the town we live in - to foster an attitude that we all can contribute, young and old. For example, clearing snow used to be everybody's community task, but people became too frightened to do what they had once volunteered to do willingly for fear of being sued or being stopped by "authority".

New council
chairman
Chris Blades.



Your Clevedon Town Councillors

CENTRAL

Jane Geldart, 4 St Johns Avenue, BS21 7TQ. Tel: 01275 873673.

Linda Little, 87 Kenn Moor Drive, BS21 5AY. Tel: 01275 876155.

* **Nick Pennycott**, 15 Edgehill Road, BS21 7BZ. Tel: 01275 541504.

EAST

Ann Shopland, 67 Teignmouth Road, BS21 6DW. Tel: 01275 873107.

Jon Middleton, 2 Robin Lane, BS21 7EX. Tel: 01275 873004.

* **David Shopland**, 67 Teignmouth Road, BS21 6DW. Tel: 01275 873107.

NORTH

* **Robert Garner**, 14 Copse Road, BS21 7QL. Tel: 01275 792370.

Carole Wring, Gable Cottage, Park Road, BS21 7JG. Tel: 01275 874862.

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SOUTH

Martin Hime, 26 Castle Road, BS21 7DE. Tel: 01275 343168.

Graham Hill, Clarendon House, 14 Wellington Terrace, BS21 7PS. Tel: 01275 874044.

* **Linda Knott**, Woodside Cottage, 16 Cambridge Road, BS21 7HX. Tel: 01275 872170.

WALTON

Angela Walker, 9 Chapel Hill, BS21 7NL.

Andrew Withers, 3 Gable End, 33 Castle Road, BS21 7DA. Tel: 01275 342308.

* **John Norton-Sealey**, Trethowa, 2 Robin Lane, Walton St Mary, BS21 7EX. Tel: 01275 873004.

WEST

* **Chris Blades**, Clevedon Car & Van Hire Ltd, The Gas Works, Moor Lane, BS21 6EU. Tel: 01275 343168.

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YEO

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June meetings

- **1 June: Transport & Highways Committee.**
- **6 June: Allotments Committee.**
- **8 June: Finance and General Policy Committee.**
- **15 June: Planning Committee.**
- **22 June: Town Events and Amenities Committee.**
- **29 June: Environment and Property Committee.**

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon.

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