

South Downs National Park Authority

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBER

ELECTION STATEMENT

East Hampshire District

I am a passionate advocate for the countryside as a living and working environment providing benefits for all of society. Hampshire born, I returned to East Tisted in the South Downs National Park area 18 years ago to work as Senior Policy Adviser for the National Farmers Union – I retired early, in 2020. Post pandemic and having time to become even more involved with my local community, I've realised that I still have a lot to contribute and am very excited by the possibility of joining the SDNP Authority, where my experience and skills can be put to good use. I was an Advisory Board member of the Surrey Hills AONB, and also worked with the New Forest National Park on various issues. I was a member of the Hampshire Police Rural Crime Partnership working closely with the Rural Team lead. I was a Local Action Group member for a number of different EU grant schemes, setting the strategic direction of the Local Action Plans, as well as assessing applications. Engaging with people in all spheres – the public, MPs, stakeholders, the media, on a one to one basis, through presentations and interviews, and at meetings – was a key part of my job role. This continues in my work as Parish Council Chair. In this latter role, I am very keen to ensure that all members of our community feel involved in what is happening in our village. I have initiated a new village newsletter to help with that.

