

Has been active in the community of Birchington and Thanet for many years, variously chairing the Residents Association, Chamber of Commerce and now long standing trustee of the Birchington Village centre.

Local Government experience includes membership of Thanet District Council from 1976 as independent member for Birchington, serving as council leader and Chair of Policy and Finance committee for six years and Mayor of Margate 1982/83.

Chair of Birchington parish council since 2015.

Currently Chair of Kent Association of Local Councils Thanet Area Committee and Chair of Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Former experience includes school governor for forty years including Chair of Governors for seventeen years.

Active committee and board member of Southern Housing Group Limited for thirty years, retiring in 2018.