

Councillor Biography:

ANNE MARIE RICKETTS

General information about myself:

I have lived in Hailsham for 48 years, my three children grew up here and attended local schools. I am a registered nurse and after 33 years of working for the NHS, I retired 5 years ago – but am still registered as we really don't have enough nurses. I love gardening and have an allotment at Battle Road. I love to dance and I used to be a lead singer and dancer in the 1960s. Music is still very much part of my life.

Why I chose to become a town councillor:

I am passionate about community spirit. I care very much about Hailsham and have a keen interest in how the town is developing. I have attended meetings as a member of the public and come to the conclusion that I really want to be part of this and make a difference. I heard Cllr David White speak at a meeting and he really inspired me. So I thought 'why not?' I want to do this.

What my priorities are for Hailsham in my role as councillor:

Listening to the people who elected me and acting on issues they raise. I am passionate about maintaining our green spaces, about the environment, about the need to maintain the habitat of our birds and other wildlife. I want Hailsham to be a truly disability-friendly town - all disabilities, not just those that are obvious. Also, to foster community spirit.

Other information:

I intend to hold regular meetings with residents in my ward – Hailsham North West. You elected me and it is now my job to represent you.