

Hailsham Town Councillor Biography:

Anne Marie Ricketts

I have lived in Hailsham for 52 years. My children went to school here and still live locally. I am a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

I trained as a nurse 40 years ago after a more diverse career of being a dancer and singer with various bands.

I grew up in the village of east Dean, so when I moved to Hailsham, it seemed a very big town, which of course at the time it wasn't - but has grown considerably since.

I have a love of animals and I am vegetarian. I have two little dogs – Megan and Willow – who are a big part of my life.

I chose to become a town councillor to hopefully support the residents of Hailsham, to be a voice for them and believe that, as a councillor, should seek out the views, wants and wishes of residents – and represent those views.

I care passionately about the town I live in, about maintaining green spaces and helping make Hailsham somewhere future generations can live in and be proud to call home.

My priorities in my role as town councillor are to challenge what I believe to be overdevelopment of the town, to ensure that green spaces are maintained, our environment is not damaged by the destruction of wildlife, pollution and overcrowding.

Other priorities include to encourage the community to come together and ensure disabled residents are not forgotten. We desperately need proper toilet facilities in the town for physically disabled residents. I also want to promote the understanding of residents who suffer from dementia and other life challenging conditions and would like to see a minor injuries unit in Hailsham, which would take the pressure of GPs and the Eastbourne DGH.

Please contact me if you would like to hear more about what I believe in or if I can support you and take any concerns forward to both the Town Council or to Wealden District Council.

I am more than happy to be contacted by phone or email. You elected me, so please use me to support you.