I'm married, with three children, and four grandchildren, some of whom still live in the area.

I was born and brought up in Cranbrook, going to the Primary School, before it became the doctors, and then the Grammar School, where I met my wife. After leaving school, I went to work in Lloyds Bank in the town, rather than going to university.

However, like so many, I ended up leaving the town in order to progress my career and, after 16 years with the bank, I left to join SEEBoard (now UK Power Networks), until I retired towards the end of 2016. There my work covered many financial and IT aspects, ranging from single domestic installations up to major infrastructure developments.

I never really left Cranbrook, and Cranbrook has certainly never left me, which is why I became part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and now, also, as a Parish Councillor. I have been fortunate enough to return to my roots and I am discovering afresh the things that I love about this part of the world. There is a great community spirit within the town and I want to try to help that spirit continue for generations to come.