

David Selby

I was born and went to school just outside Preston, Lancashire. I moved to Durham for my university years before embarking upon a career in education. I worked in senior schools in Surrey and South London, finishing my full-time career as a Deputy Head of 15 years in 2020. I currently work part time at the same school, liaising with institutions and agents overseas to bring students to study at the school as well as setting up schools overseas.

I also work in the PR company founded and headed by my wife, Katherine, focusing on clients whose business is: Health and Wellbeing; Inclusivity, Diversity & Equity and Menopause in the Workplace, amongst others.

Since 'retiring' from full-time education I have qualified as a Personal Trainer (something I do intend to put to use!) and, during the first lockdown, have written and had published a light-hearted storybook with all proceeds going to the NHS.

I remain passionate about health and fitness. I'm a very regular attendee at the Weald Sports Centre in the gym and a variety of classes. I'm also a member of The Weald of Kent Golf Club, loving playing there.

I have always looked to help other people and try to make things as good as they can be. Katherine and I moved into Cranbrook in December 2022 and, after getting settled, I looked to 'get involved' in order to serve and try to help the community. In my career, I was used to supporting and speaking up for people who didn't always have the opportunity or inclination to do so for themselves. I am a fervent believer in communicating and liaising with as many people as possible. Only by so doing will the things that are important to the people who live within the borough have a platform where discussions and actions can be undertaken. I am very grateful to

have been welcomed onto the council and very fortunate to work with people who are so passionate about the community.

I will be truly open and listen to all. I have special interest in the following issues: health and wellbeing; education; road safety and celebratory events. I'd also like to start the Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Preston North End Supporters Club but live more in hope than expectation of achieving this aim.