

Councillor Mervyn (Vyn) Thornhill

Vyn was elected on to the Council in 2010, he was re-elected in May 2014 but unsuccessful at the May 2018 election but was co-opted back on to the Council in March 2019.

I have lived in Euxton for the past thirty years and retired in 2012. During my working life I was a civil engineer and project manager, most of it dealing with big road schemes for the Highways Agency (as it was then - now Highways England).

My interests for the main part lie outdoors. We have a large garden on the edge of the village which seems to get larger as I get older. Gerry, my wife, and I enjoy watching the wildlife that frequents the garden. Unfortunately, as in many other parts of Euxton, the fields next to our house have now been developed for housing and we have swapped the deer for houses and streetlights.

I still do a fair bit of walking but, another result of advancing age, the walks become shorter and less arduous and only happen in dry weather. I am generally interested in the wider environment – nature, history, architecture etc, whether on foot or on trips out in the car. Indoors I am the household chef and get great enjoyment from preparing food and even more from eating it, especially when accompanied by the odd drop of wine.

I have been a parish councillor since 2019 and, before that, from 2010 to 2018. My particular interests as a councillor are in the local environment, seeking to preserve what is good about Euxton and, if possible, improving it. Euxton will continue to be subject to pressure for new development and I will do what I can to resist over development and to help make new development fit as best as possible into the village.

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