## **Councillor Barry Williamson**

Barry was elected to the Parish Council in May 2018.

One feels humbled by the privilege of selection to serve on the Parish Council and the chance to contribute to the Euxton community.

Moving around for work, I've lived previously in a variety of towns and cities much varied in character and community. We came to Euxton nine years ago.

After twenty years working in local government, a couple of years as a member of an independent whole food co-operative, and then as a mature student I spent several years as a research student before ill-health intervened.

While working in the public sector I served as a union workplace representative. As a cyclist both commuting and touring my role as a cycling club secretary also embraced campaigning for cyclists' rights.

Latterly, as a wheelchair user an interest about accessibility issues is inevitable. For example, when out and about: lack of adequate dropped kerbs to enable safer road crossing is a perennial problem; as are vehicles parked over dropped kerbs; absence of raised kerbs at bus stops can also be an issue.

For worship, we attend Chorley Quaker meeting and endeavour to be an active part locally in the life and service of the Religious Society of Friends.

Reading is an abiding attraction: for continuing theological study; and a fascination with crime fiction especially that originating from the 'Golden Age of Murder' (with thanks to the staff in Euxton library for their wonderful help).

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