

Councillor Joan Williamson

Joan was elected to the Parish Council in May 2018.

I have lived in Euxton for over 9 years and feel adopted here by the friendly folk. I was born in East Lancashire in Burnley but have lived in other parts of the country, once on the other side of the Pennines!

Most of my working life has been spent in the public sector although I have worked for private companies too. Fortunately, whilst student grants were available, I was able to complete a BA honours degree and went on to study for a Master's degree which I self-funded by teaching English as a Foreign Language. I have taught in this subject area both at College and University level.

Volunteering at an Advice Centre, I was a client advisor and helped train new volunteer advisors, work vital for community, enabling people to have confidence to progress issues themselves.

Now retired from paid work, I feel able to give time to the community I live in. Having both used libraries and worked in one, keeping our library open is high on my list of priorities. Euxton Library is such an asset for all residents.

I am a member of The Religious Society of Friends in Chorley and serve in various roles. These include Pastoral matters, facilitating various groups and contributing to the wider body of Pendle Hill Quakers.

Dance, keep fit classes, reading and walking Willow, my neighbour's dog, in the tranquil beauty of Ransnap Wood are other pursuits I enjoy. I am also a member of Unison Retired Members Group having served as a union representative in my work life.

It is humbling to have been selected to serve on the Parish Council and I am looking forward to learning from other Councillors to be able to do justice to the role.

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