

Councillor Neil Hall

I am a Preston lad, although I have lived in both Leyland & Grimsargh, and now I am proudly part of the greater Euxton Buckshaw community. I'm married with two grown up daughters and two grandsons. My wife Yvonne and I enjoy our retirement with walking, family genealogy and spending time with our family & grandsons. Much to Yvonne's pleasure I'm a keen cook and often take 'the helm' in the kitchen. I also have a canoe on which I take to the water from time to time.

My working life started at Leyland Motors where I took an engineering apprenticeship. On completion of my apprenticeship I joined the merchant navy. After five years at sea as an engineer officer I returned to Leyland and moved from drawing office to marketing and onto export sales. My last roll at Leyland was as Commercial Director for a BL subsidiary of Landrover Leyland International responsible for Francophone countries in West Africa. Post Landrover Leyland I have worked for Bedford Trucks and Audi VW Porsche in both the UK and Middle East.

The first time I was co-opted onto the Euxton Parish Council I was given a "Good Councillor Guide" as part of my induction pack. There was one paragraph within the book that I will remember... "you are now part of the democratic framework of the country representing your community"... As the first tier of local government parish councils are uniquely placed to represent and contribute to our local community. When one looks at some of the projects that have been completed and that are planned within the Euxton Buckshaw community the parish council do just that and I'm both honoured & proud to be part of the team.

I have always been interested in the community where I have lived and I am now in a position to give something back using some of the skills that I have picked up along the way. Having lived and worked around the world I have developed a non-judgmental attitude and enjoyed learning about the diversity of people. I believe in inclusion for everyone. I don't mind expansion and growth providing it is justified, measured and needed. Furthermore I do want to preserve our green belt, which in many instances today we appear to treat in an all too commercial way. So if you see me on one of my daily walks through our Euxton Community, don't hesitate to stop me, whether it is just a 'hello' or if you have an issue to discuss or a question to ask.

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