

## Anu Bailey's Bio

I was born in India into an Army family. My childhood and teenage years were heavily influenced by the British culture which is prominent in the Indian Army, so as a natural transition, I moved to the UK when I turned 21 for further studies. I studied Masters in Business Administration (MBA) MBA in International studies and Economics from Leeds University where I also held my first job as an Economist. Following that, I moved into the financial sector which is where I have grown by career for the last 17 years. Having worked in Banking, Investments and Asset Management, I am now working in the Insurance Industry as a senior executive overseeing customer strategies, conduct and risk management.

Having lived in Leeds for nearly 15 years, I relocated to Newbury in 2015 where I met my husband, who is a born and bred Berkshire man. I am a mum to my two step sons; 11 and 14 years old and three cats and whatever else the kids and cats decide to adopt on any given day!

I have lived in Newbury Parkway and then Enborne Parish in the last 5 years whilst getting to know this beautiful town and surrounding areas. Both my husband and I are keen lovers of the quintessential English country life and the countryside. Our search to find the perfect spot which gives us that, and easy access to London and the motorways, brought us to Cold Ash in November 2020. We fell in love with the beauty and charms of Cold Ash Village as we saw more of it during the house hunting process and now hope to live here for the rest of our lives.

At a professional level, I enjoy a rich and diverse life. Due to my wide ranging experience, I often support industry consultations with HMRC and the FCA giving me considerable experience in navigating regulations and public sector. I am a member of various industry bodies and the Institute of Directors which helps me influence good practices across my professional sector. However, I am equally keen to have a rich and engaging personal life. Whilst living in Leeds, I lead various charitable causes supporting younger generations and running soup kitchens and during my time in Enborne, I have continued to support local causes and fund raising through my love for aviation sports and gardening projects. Now with roots put down in Cold Ash, I am eager to be part of my new community. I hope to bring my professional experience, diversity and love for the local area to the Parish Councillor role.

