

## **Linda Verner**

**I am Linda Verner** and I am the new Chairman of Cold Ash Parish Council. My husband and I moved up from Sutton in Surrey at the end of 2009 - my husband and I wanted to move near to Newbury to be near our son and his family, who were living in Woolton Hill.

Within weeks of moving in to Cold Ash, I was approached about joining the Parish Council. I had been chairman of our local residents' association in Sutton for several years as well as being a governor of primary school with a hearing-impaired unit, where I was also chairman of the finance committee. However, I decided that a new incomer might not be welcome on an established parish council and spent my first four years here observing and learning!

Joining the parish council in 2013, I took a special interest in planning applications, having fought and improved many developments in Sutton over many years. Cold Ash is very different and I have broadened my knowledge of planning considerably in the past few years.

Historically, I worked in medical administration for many years, and, following retirement from that environment, I have worked closely with my husband, Richard, in running our two small companies. Like many people in the parish, we work from home, although we do still have a small office base back in Sutton, so get the best of both worlds.

I hope that I can serve the parish well as parish council chairman, and hope that every parishioner feels able to approach me and the parish council when they need. Our contact details are at the end of this Parish News.

