

My name is Pete Murray, and I reside in Cold Ash. I was recently elected as a parish councillor, and was asked to share something about myself.

I am a married father of two grown children who, oddly, still lives in the neighbourhood where he grew up. I grew up in Thatcham and spent my youth playing with my pals in the Cold Ash woods and the surrounding region. Because my parents and sister are still close, I like to think I know something about the parish, its history, ideals, and personality. I was a Senior Leader in a worldwide computer corporation for almost 35 years. I had the wonderful fortune to travel widely over the world, but my favourite place to return to was Cold Ash. I've spent my time travelling (not much recently, ....thank you Covid), investing in and assisting small businesses in growing, and teaching people to fly as a Flight Instructor at a West London airfield.

My involvement in the parish began with my work with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. As a consequence of our activities, our interactions, and Open Days, I've begun to meet more and more parishioners while assisting the parish.

But enough about me; the real question is, "So what?" and "How do I want to assist the parish?" So, I care about where I live, its character, and its preservation for the benefit of everybody. If I have any skills or expertise that may aid in the parish's preservation and growth, I am eager to give them wherever I can.

