## **Richard Hanks**

I am Richard Hanks I have lived in West Berkshire all my life, I grew up in Speen, Newbury. I have been living in Cold Ash Parish since July 2007. I met my wonderful wife Olinka in 2014 and we married May 2018. We lucky enough to have an 11 month old Baby boy named Otis. My wife is originally from Slovakia. We travel there a few times a year when possible to visit family.

I have been working in the pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years. I have spent the majority of my career as a Manager in vaccine production. I work for Local pharmaceutical company that produce autogenous vaccines for animals.

I enjoy very much to be part of the local community. Approximately 6 years ago I joined the Acland memorial Hall committee. This has been a great way to meet other local villagers and make great friendships whilst also contributing to our lovely village. I also set up the Cold Ash and Ashmore Green Facebook group which now has over 1100 members and is a great way to share information within the local community.

As Family we enjoy exploring the parish on long walks with our two dogs Mabel and Mia. We also like to go away in our Classic caravan to enjoy holidays with our dogs. I enjoy all things car related, I am lucky enough to have a Lotus sports car and a classic 1968 VW beetle, and not forgetting a Motorcycle! I am a lifelong Reading FC fan.

I have joined the environment committee within the parish council. I would like to be able to make a difference and to be a part of shaping the future of our local community.

