



# UFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Personal Statements from Ufford Parish Council Candidates

The following twelve people have been nominated for the position of Parish Councillor to Ufford:

BENNETT, Keith Stanley	CROCKER, Nick
EDWORTHY, Patricia Ann	FINDLEY, David Allan Richard
FOSKETT, Guy Henry Railstone	HAWTHORNE, Jane Margaret
JONES, Kathryn Mary	MAYHEW, Stephen Norman
O'MALLEY, Ashley Fiona Helen	PEARCE, David Laurence
SKINNER, John Lynton	SMITH, Nigel Christopher Victor

The election will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019.**

A personal Statement from each candidate is below (in alphabetical order):

### **BENNETT, Keith Stanley**

“Having retired from a management role with an international bank in the City of London I moved up from commuter land in Kent to School Lane, Ufford, in 2011. I was looking for a more gentle pace of life and a place with a strong community spirit - something I have found that Ufford has in abundance. The warm and friendly reception my wife and I received on arrival inspired me to help various village organisations and I joined the parish council some 4.5 years ago. My areas of special interest being Finance and Documentation whilst I have also undertaken Special Projects.

I would love to continue working on the council serving the local community and helping to preserve the heritage, character and charm of this beautiful Suffolk village, whilst at the same time endeavouring to improve facilities where funding allows.”

### **CROCKER, Nick**

“I moved to Ufford from London in July 2013. Keen to support the village, I joined the Parish Council in May 2014. Since joining, I have supported the building of the village play park, been a member of the woodlands committee, helped to organise the village’s celebration of the Queen’s 90th birthday as well as participating in all the Parish Council’s regular business. I was also part of the team that organised the Ufford Arts Festival last year.

I live on the High Street and run my own business from home, Red House Textiles. Since moving to Suffolk, I have divided my time between managing the business, running the home I share with my partner and three dogs, village and county volunteering activity and being a trustee for Art for Cure, the Suffolk based breast cancer charity. In my spare time, I enjoy interiors, gardening and walking our dogs in the beautiful Suffolk countryside."

**EDWORTHY, Patricia Ann**

"I am a retired optometrist, and lived in Woodbridge and latterly Ufford for 45years. My business experience was gained from owning an optometry practice and director of a small engineering firm. Bringing up a family in Woodbridge meant I was involved with all sorts of social activities from sea scouts to tennis clubs.

From these experiences my interests on the council have been on the finance committee, giving and getting suitable grants and using our limited resources wisely. In the Special Projects team we have raised money and obtained suitable funding to create the Play Park and recreational facilities for all ages and a smart new car park. I am a council representative on the Woods Committee and help here with activities and work. Having these excellent facilities will promote health and well-being for all Ufford and as your Councillor I will continue to promote these and to budget."

**FINDLEY, David Allan Richard**

"After a career in the pharmaceutical and engineering industries, I retired and moved to Ufford from Kent 18 months ago.

Appreciating the strong sense of community in Ufford, I volunteered as Parish Footpath Warden and in my first year, helped restore the Clapper Path route and now am developing a Volunteer Working Party to maintain the footpath network. I recently co-led the campaign against the Sizewell C proposal to close our popular footpath rail crossing, which resulted in over 220 letters of objection.

In Kent, I served as a School Governor at my local Primary School and volunteered in the successful village Community Shop. I was Vice Chair of Governors for an independent school and a Non-Executive Director for Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust.

I would bring energy, enthusiasm and considerable council/ board experience to the Parish Council alongside my interests in environmental and planning issues."

**FOSKETT, Guy Henry Railstone**

"I have lived and worked in Bromeswell and Ufford all my life, the last 32 years bringing up a family in lower Ufford which gives me a very good understanding of the problems and advantages that our village has.

I have been on the parish council for about 10 years and was chairman for about 2 and a half years. I hope that I now have a good understanding of how the council works and believe I can use this knowledge to benefit Ufford."

### **HAWTHORNE, Jane Margaret**

"I have lived in the village for 23 years, served as a Councillor for several years, led on the development of Redwood Terrace with Hastoe Housing Association. With other Cllrs and residents, fund-raised for the re-development of the Play Park and as Chairman was involved in the purchase of Parklands Wood. Looking after our Woodland with members of the Friends of Parklands Wood is very rewarding, we have been involved with the Woodland Trail, Community Payback, a Forest School and the Woodland Trust who donated over 500 saplings. In past years I have served on the Garden Club, WI and the Friendly Bridge Club committees.

Professionally, I worked as an Occupational Therapist within Health and Social Services and then as an Expert Witness for Court.

I am committed to village resources being managed for the benefit of all the residents of Ufford and in trying to maintain our beautiful environment."

### **JONES, Kathryn Mary**

"I have lived in Ufford for 35 years, now retired after 25 years as a GP in Wickham Market.

I joined the Parish Council in 2012, and over the years I have taken a particular responsibility for Planning matters, Personnel and reviewing documents. I have been Chair of Ufford Parish Council since May 2018, and I was Vice Chair for 2 years before that.

My aim is to serve on the Parish Council and work with the local community to help to maintain Ufford as a thriving village, and a lovely place to live, and to respond to all the future challenges we may face."

### **MAYHEW, Stephen Norman**

"I moved to Ufford from Ipswich in May 2018, so I'm a relative newcomer, and would welcome the opportunity to get more involved in the local community.

I retired 2 years ago following a thirty year career in the food industry and latterly self-employed supporting local businesses. The only public posts that I have held before were when my 2 children were school age and I was a Parent Governor and Finance Chairperson at their primary school. I have represented groups in the past as an employee nominated Director of the Nestle UK pension fund. I have always had an interest in public service and now that I am retired, I have time to devote to this.

Other interests include training as a bereavement support volunteer this year and a committee post at my local golf club. I hope that I am able to serve on the parish council."

### **O'MALLEY, Ashley Fiona Helen**

"I've lived in Ufford for almost 12 years; I married local resident, Michael, in 2010.

I combine a busy home life as mum to 6 year old twins Mollie and Finbar, with a new career as a modern languages teacher, having previously spent 20 years providing specialist international trade advice to businesses.

I have volunteered throughout my life, supporting the Young Enterprise Initiative in schools, as well as co-running a large twins' club.

I am a keen walker and cyclist and would like to promote Ufford as a pedestrian and cycling friendly village – pushing my double buggy on the roads made me especially aware of the need to address the growing dangers of increased traffic in our village.

I love our village and raising my family here. As your Parish Councillor I will represent the views of all residents who also love Ufford life.”

**PEARCE, David Laurence**

“I have lived in Parklands for over 12 years and joined the parish council to provide a voice for Parklands in all aspects of planning, communal services and environment, where we had a notable success addressing sewage smells frequently affecting Parklands.

Since I have been a councillor of UPC the other councillors have been very supportive of issues impacting Parklands and I would like the opportunity to continue working with them representing all aspects of Ufford.”

**SKINNER, John Lynton**

“I have enjoyed being involved previously with Finance, Highways, village maintenance, the Recreation Ground and the Play Park.

Currently the difference is that I am no longer part of the Finance team, but I am the Parish Council representative on the Community Hall Committee.

I should like to take this rare opportunity to mention that this Committee would really appreciate one or two volunteers to help them run this very important community project. Understandably, this volunteer would come from one of the clubs that use the Hall.

I should like to continue as a Parish Councillor with similar activity.”

**SMITH, Nigel Christopher Victor**

“I have lived in the village for over 30 years and both my children have grown up here. Sadly, for us, they have moved away now for their own careers and lives but still return home to the village when they can and the family enjoys walking the footpaths and lanes together.

We have a special community here in Ufford and I would really like the village to remain as a village and for us all to maintain and improve the qualities of life that we currently have. As a Chartered Engineer, and recently retired, I am very interested in planning and development and have for the past few years been privileged to be a member of the parish council supporting you and the community with that interest”