

Reasons for Seeking Co-option

Please complete the following sections, each of which should not exceed 250 words in length.

I am seeking co-option to the Council because...

I have a deep-rooted commitment to our community's well-being and with a global perspective (having lived and worked in Dubai, Saudi Arabia and Africa) I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to the work of the Tavistock Town Council. I am passionate about maintaining Tavistock's unique and historic Identity of the Town whilst embracing that the town represents a Diverse community that is an extremely positive place to live, work, and raise future generations. My family are embedded within Tavistock and I have had a close association with the Town for most of my life.

The skills and expertise I would bring to the Council are...

I have had the privilege of witnessing the growth and development of our town firsthand and I have experienced the challenges faced by Business owners and families in the town.

This experience has instilled in me a profound appreciation for the unique character and heritage of Tavistock, as well as a strong desire to actively participate in shaping its future.

My professional background has equipped me with valuable skills in relevant skills such as communication within diverse environments, leadership, problem-solving, collaboration, budgetary management that I believe will be instrumental in fulfilling the duties of a town councillor effectively.

If appointed as a Tavistock Town Councillor, I am committed to:

1. Advocating for the interests and welfare of all Tavistock residents, regardless of background or circumstance.
2. Collaborating with fellow councillors and community stakeholders to develop and implement policies that promote sustainable growth, economic prosperity, and social inclusion.

3. Engaging with residents through open communication channels, public forums, and community events to ensure transparency and accountability in decision-making processes.
4. Prioritizing environmental stewardship and conservation efforts to preserve Tavistock's natural beauty and resources for future generations.
5. Supporting initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents, including improvements to infrastructure, public services, and recreational facilities.

In closing, I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to serve as a Tavistock Town Councillor and contribute meaningfully to the betterment of our community.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how I can contribute to the continued success and prosperity of Tavistock.

My links to Tavistock and knowledge of the area are...

Whilst I have worked around the world, Tavistock has been my home for 18 years, firstly owning a property in Westbridge cottages and then moving to Whitchurch. My wife has been a teacher at Whitchurch primary for 18 years, my Children have attended Whitchurch Primary.

In my time living in Tavistock I have been a previously been a business owner with a shop in the town centre.

My parents were Tavistock Residents and are Buried in the Town and members of my family work in the town.

Growing up I Spent my Youth working on a family members smallholding in Mary Tavy.

I now combine working as a "work from home" overseas consultant with Part Time work near Chagford

Transparency – my friendships, relationships or other association with any current Town Councillors are as follows (indicate name of Councillor and nature of connection e.g. friend, members of the same group or organisation etc. If none, please state 'none') ...

I have no direct relationships or close friendships with any member of the town council.