



Bothenhampton & Walditch

Parish Council since 1886

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Dear Colin

I write to you on behalf of all of the councillors to thank you for your long service to the people of Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council.

You have kindly stayed on the Council for the last 18 months to help an entirely new team to find its feet and understand the basics of local government in a small parish.

This stability has been important in managing a few crises that none of us had expected, and in helping us to understand that council work must focus on the individual residents and their concerns. We have to be fair and try to reconcile them when they conflict.

Particularly in the matter of planning, we have learnt from your example, to take the views of neighbours into account. Certainly, training courses only give an overview and long practice is important.

We appreciate you have been very active in the local community over the years, in reporting potholes and defective road furniture wherever you see them in the Bridport area.

You have been involved over the years with environmental matters such as the Wanderwell quarry, keeping diversity in churchyards, and in gardening.

We wish you good fortune as you find time for other pursuits and look forward to seeing you about town in future, perhaps when it is once again possible to talk without shouting from two yards away.

Yours sincerely,

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