

Richard Brown



I was brought up in East Africa and moved to the UK in my late teens, where I attended university and received an MA degree in Engineering. I then worked in the aerospace industry, latterly as Deputy Engineering Manager for cockpit display systems at Smiths Industries, before joining the Civil Service in 1992. My work involved a great deal of travel, mostly to the USA, where I still maintain contact with my work colleagues.

Until recently I also continued a liaison with the aviation industry, giving lectures on display technology to Air Force test pilots and to postgraduate avionics students at Bristol University.

I am married to Margaret Brown and we have two adult children, both married.

We moved to Shipton in 1978. In those days Shipton was a smaller community than it is now and, between Margaret and myself, we knew just about everyone in the village. Car parking was not a problem in those days!

I retired in 2009 and was then able to devote more time to Shipton affairs and to hobbies such as photography and gliding. I was also able to donate some time to ITSA, a charity that refurbishes unwanted computers and ships them to schools in Africa, where they are used to train African secondary-school children in IT skills.

This is my second period of service as a Parish Councillor. I had to step down last time because my work took me away from Shipton so much that it became impossible for me to devote sufficient time to Parish affairs. After retiring I rejoined the Council in 2010.

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