MICHAEL CROUCHER

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Michael, a Chartered Engineer, and his family, have lived in Liphook for 39 years, their children having attended Liphook schools; he served as Governor of both Liphook Primary Schools.



Michael has been a Parish Councillor for over 20 years and was a District Councillor for four years. As a Parish Councillor he has held the offices of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Council, and served as Chairman of all the main Council Committees, thereby giving him considerable knowledge of the Parish Council and its working structure. Over the last four years he was Chairman of the Liphook Heritage Centre Working Party, leading to generating funding for the Centre which is now located on the first floor of the Liphook Millennium Centre for the use of Liphook and its Community.

Michael as been part of the Parish Council's Appraisal Working Party, collecting and collating invaluable data on the Liphook's population demographics and infrastructure. This has enabled the creation of groups of Parishioners outside the control of the Parish Council to establish a number of Interest Groups to develop the Parish Plan, to be completed early next year. Both these documents will ultimately become an important tool for Planning Officers of District Council (EHDC) to use as guidance for future planning applications.

Michael is a Trustee of the East Hampshire Citizens Advice Bureau and also a Trustee of the River Wey Trust. He is a founder member of LiDBA, which runs the acclaimed Bike Ride each year, raising thousands of pounds for local Charities and during its lifetime has raised over £700,000 for local charities and social groups. Michael has also been Chairman of the Peak Day Centre for the past four years and recently helped them obtain on-going substantial funding.

Having been part of the Liphook community for many years, he has the experience and commitment to take Liphook forward into the future, whatever the obstacles and challenges, to help the community in whatever way necessary. He would like to make the Parish Council much more open and transparent in its dealings with Liphook's parishioners and to this end he will continue his on-going campaign to bring this about.

"I believe that parishioners should vote for Councillors who will deliver and not for those who attend meetings and do no further work".

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