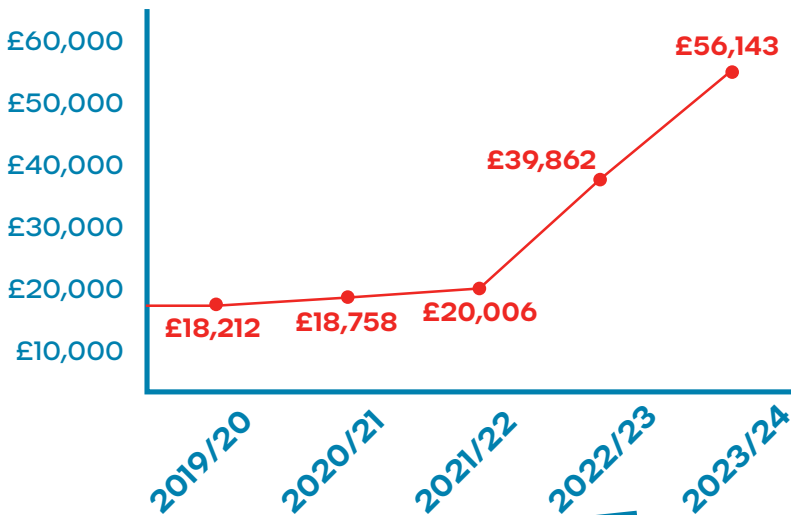


Stop the rapid increase in the Precept*

The increase in the precept since 2019



Why we are standing?

- Reduce council tax precept.
- Contain development
- Support the post office
- More public participation
- Better control of finances, spending more responsibly
- Return of sport to the recreation ground

* this is the part of your council tax that goes to the Parish Council.

Who we are



**My name is
Jane Collins**

**I would like to take
this opportunity to
introduce myself.**

My family and I
moved into Debden
when I was five
years old I attended
the village school and

was very happy there.

I eventually left Debden aged twenty then
went onto marry and have two sons.
Years later when my family had grown
and flown the nest my partner and I
moved back to Debden as I had such fond
memories of the village and the people
who lived here.

Having now lived in Debden for eight years
I feel the village has lost its way a little.



**My name is
Terence Hardy**

**I moved into
the village from
Hertfordshire in
March 2016 just
prior to retiring,
having spent most
of my working life in
the timber industry.**

After leaving school I joined a major
timber importer as a management
trainee. Whilst with the company I studied
timber technology on day release. From
this company I went on to work for two
city based timber agents. In my mid-
thirties up until I retired I was employed as
a timber trader.

My partner and I have been together
for over 23 years. I have two sons from
a previous marriage both working as
financial analysts in London. From an
early age I have had a love of horses
working at my uncle's livery stable and
riding whenever the opportunity was

I would very much like to help to bring
back some good old fashioned community
spirit.

One way of doing this would be to have a
place on the Parish Council.

If I received enough votes and was one
of the elected I would like to help bring
down our council tax precept to a more
acceptable rate.

Help make our P C meetings an enjoyable
evening with open question time a little
longer than the now fifteen minutes and
endeavour to answer questions on the
evening.

Help make all residents welcome and feel
they can have an input into village life
with questions and suggestions and know
that they would be listened to and their
comments valued.

Thank you for taking time to read.

If after reading you may feel you could
give me your vote.

**Jane Collins Coppice View, Thaxted Road,
Debden, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3LW.**

presented. Rugby is another interest,
supporting both my sons when they
played and being actively involved with
Woodford Rugby Club. These days I
get pleasure from owning dogs having
recently acquired another puppy.

A few years ago I was appointed to
the British Horse Racing Association
to perform a voluntary support role
coordinating horse racing events on
behalf of Qipco, sponsors of the British
Champion Series.

Having spent my working life in the
commercial world I am a skilled negotiator
with the capacity to bring people together
in achieving a beneficial outcome for all
parties. I am an approachable person
with the ability to see good in all people.

Honesty, hard work and utter integrity
without self-interest are my core values.

It would be an honour to serve the people
of the Parish.

**Terence Hardy Connlas Well, High Street,
Debden, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3LE.**



My name is Simon Langman

Aside from my business career I'm a keen cyclist and compete in triathlons and duathlons, representing Great Britain in 2009. We have

lovely countryside for cycling locally. I moved to Debden from Saffron Walden with my wife and two children (now adults) in 2006. I quickly volunteered to help in village life, working in the village shop for 18 months and cutting the grass at the Church. My family also enjoy supporting the village. During 2016, in the absence of support for a new village hall, a risk of losing the generous Army grant emerged. I led a group of residents to come up with a proposal to build on the current site, a hall in keeping with other buildings in the vicinity; succeeding in achieving a plan, supported by both a majority of residents and the Village Hall Trust (VHT), securing planning approval in six months. We raised additional funds via generous pledges from residents meaning that there was no need to resort to huge public loans/debt, or demolition of the pavilion, which the football club had volunteered to renovate. The VHT then withdrew their support. Having attended most Parish Council (PC) meetings over the last four years, I have become extremely concerned at how the current PC conduct meetings and record minutes. Healthy debate and residents' questions and/or concerns to the PC have sadly now been stifled. Questions can be sent in 48 hours before a meeting, but the Parish Clerk is not allowed to read these out. These questions are often not addressed, even after the meeting. Due to reasonable questions remaining unanswered, residents have had to resort to requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Some residents have been banned from asking questions for six months or more. Being a Councillor is challenging. I believe those in public service must demonstrate

high standards and transparency, working in the public interest and not for self-interest. The PC adopted the Code of Conduct including the Nolan Principles of Public Life, (Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership), I believe all those in office should follow this code. I am passionate about transparency and will strive for this if you elect me. I will ensure all residents have a voice and will work to bring our community together. Some will remember the 'Debden Strawberry Fairs' and regular fetes with children enjoying Fancy Dress arriving by decorated tractor and trailer, dog shows, the straw bales around the 'arena' and dancing at dusk to a local band. Such events build community cohesion, not to mention raise precious funds. The Parish Council must set high standards and be transparent & inclusive in working for our community. Everyone has the right to be heard. Your opinion matters. I will listen. I will act.

Simon Langman *Park House, Church Lane, Debden, Essex CB11 3LD.*



My name is Alan Willis

I have lived in the lovely village of Debden since 1987.

As a parish councillor you are elected to represent the views of all the parishioners not just a select few. You have a duty to be well informed about the local views and be able to make decisions that will benefit the community not harm it, We must bring this small community back together again and reduce the overly large parish spending.

Alan Willis *35 Highfields Debden CB11 3LN.*





My name is Stephen Jasper

**I was born in
London, and I have
lived in Debden
for 13 years which
I've found to be a
lovely place to live
and have built up a
great network of friends. I**

recently traced my family heritage back to 1570 living in Little Easton and Henham. I joined the Parish Council in 2010. We had 5 councillors and dealt with the everyday issues of village life, and listened to questions asked by villagers, it wasn't complicated.

I've decided to stand as a candidate for Debden Parish Council, because I want the Parish Council to get back to a form of normality, reduce politics and cut unnecessary waste of our funds.

Council Tax precept

Debden has come through the Covid Pandemic and like the rest of the country the combination of Brexit and the war in Ukraine has created massive increases in food and fuel cost which has impacted and changed the lives of everyone. Meanwhile, the precept percentage of our Council Tax has been increased from £15,000 to £56,000. If elected, I will return this to a more affordable level. I will also

ensure that voters will know exactly where all the money has gone over the last 4 years and will be more vigilant and careful on how the money is spent going forward.

Future of our Post Office

We run the risk of losing our Post Office due to increased costs in energy fuel. Arthur Davey is working to raise funds by hopefully setting up a 100 Club lottery. Debden Community Residents' Group have donated £520 along with £158 money raised by those who took part at The Progressive Supper organised by Jane Langham and Margaret Andrews. The Parish Council have yet to contribute but have recently spent £1000 on plans of the allotments! I believe saving our Post Office should be more important!

Debden developments

I'm concerned that there have been several developments in Debden not least the Thaxted Road 26 houses which was refused initially as over 40 residents and the PC opposed it. However, on advice from our District Councillor this has now gone to final approval which is concerning as there is now plans to build 9 bungalows on the other side of the village.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I'd like your vote to help me get elected and get to the bottom of the above issues. Any questions, please call me on 543 141 and I will be happy to talk to you.

Stephen Jasper 34 Highfields Debden CB11 3LN

Please vote for us!

You do not need to make seven votes.

Remember to bring photo ID to vote.



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