

Brenda Wilson

I was born in Manchester but have lived in various places around the country (Hampshire, Birmingham, and Kent) before moving to Cambridgeshire in 1991.

I trained as a teacher in Sheffield with an additional year at Westminster College Oxford. In the course of my career, I have taught every age group from infants to retirees - and in almost every type of school - the only exception is a boy's grammar school. I came to Cambridgeshire as Headteacher of Swaffham Prior School, from where I retired in 2003. I then worked part-time for a number of years training parent volunteers in school to become classroom assistants. For a large proportion of my career I have been a member of a professional body, representing teachers in dispute and working for better conditions in schools and colleges.

I became a Parish Councillor when I retired and apart from a short time when I failed to return my application in time, I've served ever since. I have been Vice Chair, Chair of the Safety Committee, where I still serve, and also on the Finance & General Purposes Committee. I feel very lucky to be involved with such a vibrant, well served and friendly village.

On a personal note, I have three sons, two in Kent, one in Kenya, several grandchildren, who can be very demanding on my time; I'm a churchwarden of Swaffham Prior Church; a trustee of Burwell Museum (if you haven't been yet, you should); I'm involved with the U3A and I ring bells at Burwell Parish Church. I also enjoy spending time with friends, painting, travelling, reading, walking, and I work one day a fortnight for a local estate agent. What more could I ask of life?