

HAZEL WILLIAMS MBE

I have been a Parish Councillor in Burwell since 1981 and served on East Cambridgeshire District Council for over 20 years, with a brief period as a County Councillor. Knowing how local government works has always been an advantage when liaising with them and looking for support for local groups.

30 years ago, I established and opened Burwell Day Centre and it continues to be the only independent charitable trust in the county running a full-time day centre for older people. I remain a trustee and chair the centre at the moment. I am also a trustee of Burwell Community Print, an active member of St. Mary's Church and Burwell Community Forum, probably best known for organising the Burwell at Large exhibition. Countywide interests include the Boards of Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and Cambridgeshire ACRE, who specialise in community development support for rural areas. I have just begun the first of three years as Ely Diocesan President for the Mothers' Union who support families and children both in this county and across the world.

I continue to be stimulated and inspired by the services provided by those who work and volunteer for these organisations. The parish council works at local level to provide services and promote the needs of our community. I am privileged to be one of those elected to carry out this role.

I was delighted to be awarded the MBE in 2010 for my work with charitable and community groups. I have lived in Burwell since 1977 and our five children all attended local schools. For relaxation my husband and I have a golden retriever and a caravan, and we enjoy gatherings which include our grown up children and their families.