

HVS thanks Wayne Smith for his tireless support for the Village and Village causes over so many years.

Wayne Smith has announced his intention to stand down from his roles as a Borough Councillor and as Chairman of the Hurst Parish Council at the next local elections in May.

He has been a dedicated supporter for Hurst and the whole Wokingham area – persuading many local volunteers to give their energy and time (never easy to achieve!) to local causes and campaigns, and galvanising local support when needed to object to potentially damaging planning requests which would not benefit the area or local people. His local knowledge and contacts and seemingly tireless effort have greatly benefitted the area.

There are many highlights over this long period: some with the Parish Council, some as a Wokingham Councillor and even coaching young Hurst football teams. Others were with the HVS – one in particular springs to mind:

In 2012 Hurst Village Society, under the leadership of Wayne, took the lead in preparing the Village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with 4 days of events throughout the village, culminating in a free day of family events with stalls and competitions open to all and a Hurst's Got Talent contest.

We are grateful for Wayne's support to the Village over so many years - he will certainly be missed.

Hurst Village Society