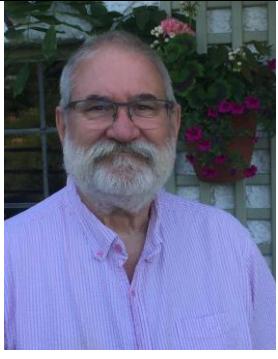


Thorverton Parish Council Members - September 2020

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|  | <p><u>Neville Lane (Chairman)</u></p> <p>I became a Parish Councillor in May 2015 and was elected Chairman in May 2019. I moved to Thorverton with my wife and two young children in 1996, having previously lived in Surrey. For 34 years of my working life, until my retirement in 2017, I was a civil servant with the Ministry of Agriculture and Defra, so I have developed an interest in farming matters, which I have been able to maintain as a volunteer with the Farming Community Network.</p> <p>I have enjoyed editing the village magazine, <i>Focus on Thorverton</i>, for the last 15 years. I am a keen tennis and bridge player and also enjoy time on my allotment in Thorverton.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Andrew Foster (Vice Chairman)</u></p> <p>Although born in Devon, I spent most of my life in South Bucks before being fortunate enough to move to Thorverton; I recognise that this is a special place to live and would like to contribute towards the community using my commercial and management background.</p> <p>I'm a keen walker so regularly use the local footpaths and country lanes; as an enthusiastic rugby fan all my life, I now especially enjoy supporting the Chiefs. I live in Berrysbridge with my wife, where there is always plenty of work to do in the garden.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Stuart Crang</u></p> <p>I was born at Bidwell, and after time spent at university and working as a chartered surveyor, have farmed there for more than thirty years.</p> <p>I have been on the Parish Council since 2007, serving as Chairman for six years, so it would be fair to conclude that I think it is an important and worthwhile, albeit small, cog in the machinery of government. My other parish commitment is as a Trustee of the Leonard Trust.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Sam Fice</u></p> <p>I am new on the Parish Council scene having only joined the Council in March 2020. I have lived in Thorverton for 40 years and have close family ties to the village with my children being the 6th generation of our family to attend the village Primary School.</p> <p>I have an engineering background and have operated my company from the local area for the past 13 years. I hope to be able to use my practical knowledge to help the parish. Away from work I enjoy family life and sport.</p> |
|  | <p><u>John Hodge</u></p> <p>I was born in the village, attended the local primary school, then "Tiverton Grammar School", followed by an electrical apprenticeship and several years as electrician. I joined BT in 1973 and worked for them just under 40 years. When I got married first time I had to leave the village as nothing was available to rent or buy, so I have an interest in housing for the younger people. I moved back home in 2011, following the passing of my parents, to the family home with my second wife.</p> <p>I belong to various organizations ie RBL, local history society, and for several years was involved as booking agent for the Memorial Hall. After the Country Show died after two bad wet years, I was involved in the starting up of the "Funday" which has been taken over by the Hall now.</p> |

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|  | <p><u>Adam McKee</u></p> <p>My name is Adam McKee. I have lived in Thorverton for 10 years and am married with two young children. I am a Firefighter within Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, for which I have served 24 years.</p> <p>I have been a committee member for Thorverton Pre School for four years with the last two being the Chair.</p> <p>I have a committed and proactive attitude towards things and will do my best for our wonderful village.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Graham Sims</u></p> <p>I have lived in Thorverton all my life and was elected onto the Parish Council in 1999. I worked in the Steelstock Industry for 44 Years starting as an H G V driver, retiring as warehouse manager. I am member of the Thorverton Speed Watch and I like to see a safe and tidy village.</p> <p>I like all kinds of sport, playing football for Thorverton AFC for 20 years plus. My hobbies are fishing and classic cars.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Trevor Sanders</u></p> <p>I was born in Cheriton Fitzpaine and lived there until the age of 18 before moving to Exeter and then Crediton. I began working for a local electronics company in Crediton called Graphic, where I am now the Sales Director.</p> <p>I am married to Sally and have two children (now grown up). Having lived in Crediton for the past 20 or so years I wanted to move to a village and there seemed no better choice than Thorverton. We have been here nearly three years and I am keen to add whatever I can to the local community and play an active role.</p> <p>I am keen Rugby fan and enjoy cycling.</p> |
|  | <p><u>David Waldron</u></p> <p>I first lived in Thorverton in 1976 and returned here in 2011 to enjoy an active retirement.</p> <p>I wanted to contribute to village community life and first became a Trustee of the Memorial Hall, spending two years as Treasurer and securing significant grant funding for its major refurbishment project. I was elected a Parish Councillor in 2015 and my aim is to build an even better Community for the benefit of all.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Keeley Wells</u></p> <p>I was elected as Parish Councillor in May 2019. I am a Thorverton local having been here all of my life and raising my two children here. I work as an Accountant for Devon County Council in Children's Services. I am a keen netballer and like to keep fit.</p> <p>I would like to bring local issues to the attention of the Council and help make decisions that will benefit our wonderful village and keep it a fantastic place to live.</p> |



Alison Marshall (Clerk)

In 2014 I left behind 30 years in retail banking to join the world of local government. My first new role, in January 2015, was as part time Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council and, in April of that same year, I also became part time Personal Assistant to the County Officer at Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC). Over the next couple of years I became a qualified Council Clerk, by gaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration, and also set up a self-employed business involved in the annual auditing of town and parish councils across Devon and Somerset. More recently I have moved from DALC and have taken up the position of part time Clerk to Feniton Parish Council in East Devon.

I was born in Plympton and have lived in Devon most of my life. In 1997 I moved to the beautiful village of Thorverton with my husband, Colin, and we currently have a dog, two cats and a boisterous grandson who takes up all our spare time!

Neville Matthews (Handyman)

Neville has been the Parish Handyman since September 2019 and often receives compliments on the work he completes around the parish. Neville has worked for Devon County Council, with focus on tree management, bridge maintenance and grass cutting, and has also run a self-employed business concentrating on silt clearance and flood prevention. Neville lives in Thorverton and has a vast knowledge of the parish. Now that he has retired from mainstream work he is happy to throw himself into this part time role.