

Councillor Mervyn (Vyn) Thornhill

Vyn was elected on to the Council in 2010, he was re-elected in May 2014 but unsuccessful at the May 2018 election but was co-opted back on to the Council in March 2019.

Having lived in Lancashire virtually all my life I have lived in Euxton for the past twenty years.

I was a civil engineer. My background was in traffic and highway engineering but I joined the Highways Agency where I became Project Director of a large portfolio of major new motorway and trunk road schemes. I took early retirement from the Agency and then worked as a freelance with Liverpool Council project managing several schemes in the city centre road network.

My interests for the main part lie outdoors. Our house is right on the edge of the village looking out over fields and my wife, Gerry, and I take pleasure in watching the wildlife in and around the garden. I am a keen walker and am generally interested in the wider environment –nature, history, architecture etc. I enjoy food and cooking it, but with more enthusiasm than skill, and have been known to take the odd glass of wine!

Retirement has given me the opportunity to become more involved in the life of the village through being a member of the Parish Council. I think Euxton is a great place with many attractive features. However, I do also think that the vast amount of relatively new development has rather overwhelmed the old village and there is still more to come. The challenge is that of preserving and enhancing the village assets where possible whilst seeking to provide the facilities that it needs and tackling some of the less attractive features.

Through the Euxton Web and other sources I have been aware of the work put in by the Council and its staff to meet this challenge and, as a new member, I look forward to joining them.

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