

Gareth Evans was elected to Chichester District Council in May 2019 and is one of two District Councillors who represent the Loxwood Ward.

The Loxwood Ward covers the Parishes of Plaistow and Ifold, Kirdford, Loxwood, Wisborough Green, Northchapel and Ebernoe.

Gareth has a long association with the community having moved to the area in 1980 when he was just a few months old. Gareth resides with his wife, dad and their cat Thor in Ifold, where Gareth grew up.

Gareth is a working Councillor whose 'day job' is a teacher and Assistant Principal (Head of Lower School) in London.

Gareth sees his move into local politics as an extension of his experiences with community and volunteer work. He combines his teaching and Councillor responsibilities with volunteering with various organisations, including children's charities. Prior to being elected, Gareth set up Plastic Free Loxwood, the local branch of the Surfers Against Sewage campaign, which aims to get Plastic Free Community status for Loxwood ward.

Chichester District Council is responsible for Planning, Council Tax, Parking, Rubbish and Recycling.

Beyond this, the role of your District Councillor is to speak up for the community, find out about their needs and priorities and help to communicate this back to the Local Authority. As such, you can expect Gareth to be a very visible presence in the community, willing to support residents and local campaigns on any issue regardless of whether it falls within Chichester District Council's remit.

Gareth sits on the following committees and panels:

- Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee
- General Licensing Committee
- Grants and Concessions Panel
- Grants and Concessions Panel (Fast track applications)

Gareth has been appointed to the following outside bodies:

- Wey and Arun Canal Completion Steering Group

Gareth holds surgeries for residents to attend on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. These take place between 11.00am – 1pm and rotate across the ward. These are advertised on his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GarethEvansLoxwood/>

These dates are also advertised on Parish noticeboards and in some Parish Magazines.

If the times and locations advertised are unsuitable to you, Gareth is always willing to meet outside of these hours and in locations to suit.

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