

APPLICATION TO REJOIN JPC

As I few of you are aware, I was previously a member of the JPC and Vice Chair.

During my time on the council, I was responsible for securing many financial grants on behalf of the town. I oversaw the redevelopment of the Riverlands and Jubilee Park. I also instigated the Henley Trail and new signage points around the town. In addition to this I was responsible for the allotment project, securing more plots, a community plot for the WI and helped to devise a workable waiting list and collection of rent.

I am very passionate about our town and my driver for rejoining the JPC is to help our local High Street to thrive and to support our local businesses. I am also a member of the working party working on our Neighbourhood Plan.

I am Chair of FOHRS and responsible for obtaining in excess of £400k for the renovation of the station building. I fundamentally believe that by working with the JPC we can continue to make Henley a tourist destination whilst improving the existing facilities for our town residents.

I believe that we need to make the JPC more approachable to the residents of Henley. We should be engaging with the residents more frequently on the likes of social media, in order to engage their interests in our town developments. Monthly clinics should be held to encourage more input from the town's residents and business proprietors.

Since leaving, our town website and instagram and social media has fallen by the wayside. It is imperative that we bring these important communication streams back into the forefront.

If successful in my application to rejoin the JPC, I will work tirelessly to achieve the above aims.

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