

## Cllr Paul Tate



### Personal Profile

I have lived and worked in Ashford since 1972, moving to Singleton in the parish of Great Chart in 1984. Both our children were born here and attended Great Chart Primary School. Our son James first attended the school at its original site in Great Chart and our daughter Charlotte was in the first intake of children at its new site in Singleton. Whilst they were at school, I was active in the Parents Association, helping to organise and run many fund-raising events. When James was in the Great Chart Cubs & Scouts, I helped with various activities including being volunteered for a week of Scout camp!

I spent my professional career as a Design Technology teacher until I retired in 2011. The first 29 years at The Towers School, where besides teaching DT, I developed a 'Work Experience' programme which was later used as a model by KCC for other schools. I managed to survive 21 years of Norfolk Broads trips with Yr8 students. For my sins I organised and led the 'Canals' trips for the older students for many years where we had 6 narrowboats which we took around the 'Warwickshire Ring'. I can even claim fame to the story lines for 4 episodes of 'Grange Hill' which the producers based around our rules & organization of the week!

The last 10 years of teaching were spent at Highworth Grammar School teaching DT and A level Product Design. Whilst there I built up the department's CAD/CAM facilities and developed skills in this area enabling students to achieve some outstanding results. Students' work was displayed by several companies at national exhibitions and was used by the exam board to show other schools. During the last 4 years at HGS I was seconded to KCC for 1 day per week to work with a range of schools that needed assistance with DT staff training, organization, student performance and the production of a range of booklets to assist both staff and students.

For the last 12 years I have also been be a moderator for both AS & A Level Product Design for the OCR exam board.

I have also been a Trustee of Great Chart Village Hall for several years before becoming the chairman of the Trustees. I have been involved in the plans to update the hall, and overseen the refurbishment of the hall toilets and kitchen facilities to modern standards to ensure the halls continued success and preserve the character of this historic building for the community.

I have lived in The Street Great Chart since 1995 and am currently involved with other 'Street' residents in examining possible schemes to relieve the 'rat running' through Great Chart in morning for the safety of residents and pedestrians waiting for buses. A few years ago I was active in encouraging the traffic calming schemes when entering the village.