

## **Cllr Yolanda Barker**

Singleton West Ward



### Personal Profile

I have lived in the parish for 16 years now, but my heart has been here for 22 years as I used to live just outside the parish but everything I did involved using the facilities of Singleton and Great Chart. I aspired to live here so was very pleased when the opportunity arose. That was 16 years ago. I am now part of the team of parish councillors. I am Chairperson for the PC's Chilmington Green Working Group. My family are involved with supporting Flora the Singleton Giant. I coordinate Ewe-Nique: Therapeutic Crochet and Knitting Flock which is there to support people with chronic health conditions through craft. Some don't have health issues but just love the group all the same. I am part of the management team for Great Chart Playing Fields Association who are in charge of both playing fields, the play park, gym plus pavilion. I am Chairperson for MS Society South East Kent where we support people within our area who live with Multiple Sclerosis (as I do too). I am an MS Society UK Grants Panel who regularly offer grants to people affected by MS.

I have 2 children who are both now grown up. Peter, my awesome husband is also involved with most of the things I am plus he has the horrid role of being my carer too which has its own challenges. We are currently fostering my sons dog who is a lovely bundle of fluff. We are also grandparents to a 1 year old little boy and I love every moment we get to spend with him. It has opened my eyes up again to things going on locally for young families and grandparents too of course. Sharing with him the delights our open spaces have is very important to us.

I know our community is fabulous and we all need to join together to keeping it amazing whilst striving to make it even more incredible.