

Pen portrait - Cllr Jamie Arnold

Who am I?

I'm Jamie Arnold, and I currently manage the Air Ambulance charity shop in the town, having previously been Assistant Manager at the Co-op.

Why did I join the council?

I joined the council to try and help give a voice to many people that make up our community, the manual labourers, cleaners and shop workers (like me!) who too often feel ignored by those in power or who are spoken about rather than heard. While our town is undeniably beautiful and picturesque it has many of the same problems that larger inner-city communities have such as lack of healthcare and childminding facilities, poor housing opportunities for those on lower incomes and limited social mobility. These are the issues that keep me engaged with volunteering for the Town Council and will hopefully continue to do so for the years to come.

What have I done?

I have mainly been involved with the Estates Committee, looking after the relatively large number of buildings which fall with our remit. I am keen to make sure that our buildings are used to support the various groups which support young mums and older people.

My future plans...

I plan to stand for re-election in May 2025, and hope to work with fellow councillors, both new and old, to help Oundle grow for the benefit of all of its residents.

What can I do for new councillors?

Joining the council is daunting, especially if like me you have little experience of this kind of task – and are nervous about speaking out. That's especially so when you are dealing with those who have been on the council for many years.

However, I hope to use the experience I have gained to support new councillors, by sharing what I have learnt and have done.

Come join us!