

## **Pen portrait - Cllr Rob Fordham**

### **Who am I?**

I've lived in Oundle with my wife and young family since mid-2022 (my wife grew up here), and I work for a major pharmaceutical company. As a family we are involved in different sports and community groups and see ourselves settling in Oundle for many years.

### **Why did I join the council?**

I'm the newest of the Oundle Town Councillors, having joined in mid-2024, and wanted to become a councillor to contribute to the life of the town. It is important that the council understands and represents the diverse views of Oundle, so that decisions can be made to the benefit of all who live and work here. Working patterns and demographic needs have evolved over the last few years, and I hope to be able to reflect that in the way the town caters for our changing population.

### **What have I done?**

Since becoming a councillor, I have been actively involved in the Markets Working Group, engaging with residents and traders to improve Oundle's markets. I have helped prepare and conduct a survey amongst both traders and customers, and hope to see that help make a difference to the vibrancy of the markets we enjoy.

### **My future plans...**

I will stand for re-election in May this year, and over the next few years, hope to work with new and existing colleagues to help make Oundle a great place to live in and enjoy.

### **What can I do for new councillors?**

I am looking forward to continuing to contribute to the community and would encourage anyone considering becoming a Councillor to come and have a chat with us!