

# Chelmsley Wood Neighbourhood Board Members

## Stand Up and Speak Up

We are looking for people who live in, love Chelmsley Wood and who want to make it an even better place, to join the new Chelmsley Wood Neighbourhood Board and drive the delivery of the UK government's Pride In Place programme in Chelmsley Wood. This is an important opportunity to play a key role in shaping long-term opportunities, changes and improvements in Chelmsley Wood, supported by £20 million government investment over the next 10 years.

By joining the board, you will have a shared responsibility with other board members for:

- Deciding the neighbourhood boundaries of the Chelmsley Wood Pride In Place programme, who and where will directly benefit from it.
- Developing and approving the Chelmsley Wood Pride In Place Plan, making decisions about community priorities and how the first four years of funding will be spent in Chelmsley Wood (approximately £8million).
- Ensuring that the Plan is genuinely community-led and the product of extensive engagement with people who live and work in Chelmsley Wood.
- Keeping the community informed and involved in how the plan is delivered and funding used.
- Holding people to account, on behalf of the community, for the delivery of the plan and how funding is being used for the community's benefit.

We need our community to stand up and speak up, so we are also welcoming interest from anyone who lives in Chelmsley Wood who wants to participate in some way to the Pride In Place programme. If you don't want to apply to join the board, we still want to hear from you as there will be lots of opportunities to get involved, including:

- Community Forums and Town Hall style events
- Working groups and parties based around community priorities or themes
- Reference or advisory groups

Visit [Pride in Place | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#) to find out more, where you can:

- Start your application to join the Neighbourhood Board
- Express your interest in getting involved in the Pride In Place Programme more generally
- Sign-up to future newsletters and announcements, to keep informed



## About the Pride in Place Programme

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Chelmsley Wood has been chosen to take part in the UK Government's Pride in Place programme. The programme is intended to empower residents and communities in deprived neighbourhoods to decide how long-term funding is invested to:

- Build stronger communities
- Improve public spaces, facilities and neighbourhood environments
- Give residents a stronger voice in local decision-making

The Neighbourhood Board will have the central role in bringing together local residents, community groups, councillors and agencies to shape the neighbourhood's 10-year vision and its 4-year investment plan, ensuring decisions are firmly based on what matters most to local people.

You can find out more via:

- [Pride in Place Programme prospectus - GOV.UK](#)
- [Pride in Place Strategy - GOV.UK](#)
- [Pride in Place Programme: FAQ - GOV.UK](#)
- [Chelmsley Wood East \(E02002088\) - ONS](#)
- [Solihull Council – Chelmsley Wood Pride In Place Programme \(February 2026\)](#)
- [Pride in Place | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

## Who we're looking for

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We're looking for people who live here, who love Chelmsley Wood and want to work to make it even better. Here's a list of what we want:

- People who live in Chelmsley Wood and have a strong connection to our community, committed to making it an even better place to live.
- People who can work with others, are prepared to listen, discuss and find shared solutions.
- A mix of people who are creative, risk-takers, hands-on, thinkers, fair, can handle differences in opinions, willing to learn.
- Residents who care about the whole community, not just their own agendas
- People with skills, knowledge, experience and passion in one or more of the following areas:
  - Children and families



- Young people, education and opportunity
- Older people
- Health and wellbeing
- Community safety and security
- Business and work
- Arts and culture
- Sport and physical activity
- Environment, nature and sustainability

You will also need to be able to commit to an average of one day per month, and available for evening and/or weekend meetings and events. We will also be initially looking to appoint people for a minimum term of three years, before bringing on new people to the board.

We are aiming to appoint 5-10 people to the Neighbourhood Board, with a blend of skills and experiences and that can represent the whole of Chelmsley Wood's community.

### **Your responsibilities**

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Your time will be spent in meeting preparations, attendance at meetings and events, leading actions and activity on behalf of the board. Your specific responsibilities will be:

- Representing the Community
  - Bring forward local experiences, concerns and ideas.
  - Make sure the Board hears from a wide range of residents, not just familiar or confident voices.
- Taking Part in Board Meetings and Decisions
  - Attend regular Board meetings (likely once a month).
  - Listen actively and contribute thoughtfully.
  - Help the Board understand what will genuinely benefit Chelmsley Wood.
- Supporting Community Engagement
  - Take part in community conversations, workshops or local events that help gather residents' views.
  - Share updates with neighbours, groups and networks to keep people informed.
- Working in Partnership
  - Work respectfully with other Board Members, including the Chair, councillors, the MP, Council staff and community agencies/services.
  - Keep an open mind and be willing to hear different perspectives.
- Promoting Fairness and Inclusion
  - Help ensure Board decisions reflect the diversity of the neighbourhood.
  - Encourage ideas and participation from groups who may not usually get involved.

- Uphold national expectations for fairness, transparency and inclusive decision-making.

All Board members must uphold and role-model the legally recognised Seven Principles of Public Life, which underpin all Pride in Place governance. These are below, with details in Appendix A.

1. Selflessness
2. Integrity
3. Objectivity
4. Accountability
5. Openness
6. Honesty
7. Leadership

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### **Our offer and support for you**

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While this is expected to be a volunteer role, we will be providing an offer to Board members that includes support with childcare, IT equipment and internet access, travel, as well as training and development opportunities.

You will be supported throughout by the board chair, your fellow board members and Council officers.

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### **How to apply**

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To apply for the role please visit [Pride in Place | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#) to complete the online form. You can use the same form to express an interest in getting involved in the Pride In Place programme in other ways, as well as signing up to future newsletters and announcements.

During the process you may also be required to provide two referees who can confirm professional history and skills, as well as personal traits and suitability for the role. We may also ask you to complete a DBS check.

The application deadline is midnight on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026, with shortlisting and interviews planned for the following couple of weeks. We will make appointments by mid-July.

If you love Chelmsley Wood and want to work to make it an even better place, then we want to hear from you.



## Contact us

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If you have any questions about Pride in Place or would like to receive our newsletter, please email [prideinplace@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:prideinplace@solihull.gov.uk).

## Appendix A: The Nolan Principles of Public Life

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All Board members must uphold and role-model the legally recognised Seven Principles of Public Life, which underpin all Pride in Place governance. These principles guide how public funds must be managed, how decisions are made, and how the Neighbourhood Board operates collectively.

1. **Selflessness** - Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.
2. **Integrity** – Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.
3. **Objectivity** - Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.
4. **Accountability** - Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.
5. **Openness** - Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.
6. **Honesty** - Holders of public office should be truthful.
7. **Leadership** - Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.