

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF



Are you interested in becoming a Town Councillor?

Bingley Town Council currently have two vacancies for Councillors for the Gilstead and Priestthorpe Wards. Bingley Town Council will fill the vacancies using the procedure for co-option. This document can be found on the Town Council's website under the Documents section, or via the following link:

<https://bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/documents/btc-procedure-for-the-co-option-of-candidates/?wpdmdl=229219&refresh=646dda96b42071684920982>

As a local councillor you would be one of over 80,000 local councillors in England. Local councillors are volunteers and are held accountable by local people for things that happen locally. You would make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community.

Bingley Town Council is an ambitious and active council and has had a considerable positive impact in Bingley. Examples of the work of Bingley Town Council include the re-provision of public toilets (including a Changing Place toilet), repainting street furniture, providing floral displays throughout the parish, organising litter picks and awarding grants to local community organisations, all in response to residents' feedback.

As a councillor you would have a responsibility to attend and contribute at meetings and to represent the people who live in the Gilstead/Priestthorpe Wards. You would not be required to live in the wards. Eligibility criteria, and possible reasons a person would be disqualified from being a town councillor, are explained in the appendix to the procedures for co-option document. Please read these carefully.

If you would like to be considered for co-option to Bingley Town Council, please submit an application by email by noon on Tuesday 11th July 2023. Your application must include:

- a biography,
- reasons why you wish to become a town councillor, and
- what you can offer to the council.

You must also confirm that you meet all of the eligibility tests, namely age, residence, criminal record and bankruptcy that apply to prospective town councillors.

All candidates will be invited to attend the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 6.30pm at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley. The Council will consider the co-option of the potential candidates at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 25th July 2023 6.30pm at Cottingley Town Hall, Main Street, Cottingley.

Please contact the Town Clerk via townclerk@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk or 07529 222679 if you require any information or would like to discuss the process in further detail.