









## Balderton Parish Councillors

	Name	Ward	About
1	<b>Vanessa Bracegirdle</b> 	Rowan	<p>I have lived in Balderton since 2016, choosing to move across the country and start a new life here. I became a parish councillor in May 2023 following the campaign to protect Balderton Lake. I was staggered at how the voice of local people was disregarded by some councillors at that time and vowed to myself if my election was successful then I would, where possible, take on board the wishes of the voters. As a dog owner you will see me out at Balderton Lake most days.</p>
2	<b>Ronalie Bright</b> 	South	<p>I have lived in Balderton for the past fifteen years, seeing the changes and demands that new housing have brought to the area, I am keen to help retain, strengthen and promote Balderton's village identity. Within the community, I would like to work towards seeing more value and use given to small green spaces within residential and built areas, upgrading their status as an area for all residents to enjoy. I am interested in all aspects of our parish from environment to wildlife protection and more.</p>



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3	<b>Jane Buxton</b> 	North	<p>I have lived in Balderton for 25 years, raising a family and making a home here. During the pandemic, I fully appreciated the support of our local community and joined Balderton Parish council to help try and improve communications and services delivered locally. Our Parish has some wonderful facilities and I enjoy working with the staff and members, to ensure we listen to the people of Balderton. I value openness, transparency and trust, as against local authorities telling residents what they are getting. I will take note of your views and strive to give the community a voice to help shape our local environment for the better.</p>
4	<b>Karen Callingham</b> 	Rowan	<p>I have a strong connection to Balderton having attended the Grove School and lived in the village since 1987. It has been a great place to bring up my family and I have enjoyed being involved in the local community. It was a very proud moment when I was elected in May 2023 and it is a privilege to be more involved in the community. I abhor litter. It is a danger to wildlife and a blight on our village. I am often out litter picking. Please stop for a chat if you see me.</p>
5	<b>Martyn Cox</b> 	South	

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6	<b>Mandie Elson</b> 	<b>Milton</b>	<p>My name is Mandie Elson and I have lived in and around Balderton most of my life. You will see me jogging around our beautiful lake, with my purple hair, taking in the wonderful wildlife and greeting people with a hello and a smile. I am very passionate about the outdoors and keeping our village clean, tidy and appealing to all.</p> <p>An area I'm actively involved in is sport and I am keen to look at how we can engage our youngsters in a variety of sports be it team orientated or as individuals along with providing new initiatives and activities for all our Balderton residents.</p>
7	<b>Roy Fairbairn</b> 	<b>South</b>	<p>I have been a resident of Balderton for 38 years.</p>
8	<b>Simon Forde</b> 	<b>South</b>	<p>I settled in Balderton in 2019 and run a publishing business in medieval history. My main hobby is running and also regularly watch non-league football. I want our footways, bike paths and public transport to be far better. I'm keen to see more open space for residents of Balderton—we have a shortage of land for youngsters, for allotments, and natural green space. I'm personally very aware of the cost-of-living crisis and the impact of rises in taxes. I am also a district Councillor for Newark &amp; Sherwood.</p>



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9	<b>Jean Hall</b> 	<b>South</b>	<p>I was born and bred in Balderton. I was educated here and have worked here for 28 years for the same company. I love my community and want to represent their needs.</p> <p>I am certainly a dog person, and you will see me around the village with my little Shih Tzu every day. I love spending time with family and friends, enjoy travel and am an adrenaline junkie (abseiling, cliff diving swimming with sharks and skydiving)</p> <p>I am a vice chair of Newark and Sherwood District Council and Chair of the Licencing Committee there. I am an independent Councillor. My biggest ambition as a councillor is to aid and improve wellbeing for all residents. I am a passionate community orientated person. I aim to create a more equally treated stronger knitted and more represented village.</p>
10	<b>Mac Mallard</b> 	<b>North</b>	



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11	<b>Leigh Marshall</b> 	North	<p>I grew up in the Village of Balderton and I'm a keen runner with Newark Athletics Club and England Masters Running Teams. As a pro-active member of the community litter picking team, I take pride in helping out on the village clean ups.</p> <p>Time spent in nature is important to me and I initially stood for Council to help preserve Balderton Lake. I am pleased to be a member of the current council elected in May 2023 and I'm grateful for the faith that the Parishioners have placed in us.</p>
12	<b>Debbie Moore</b> 	South	<p>I have been a resident of Newark since June 2019 and have loved living in the area ever since. Having been involved in various local causes over this time and being an avid dog walker, I have met many like minded people from Balderton who have the same passion as I do for the local history, beauty and natural surroundings. This led to a desire to support the community and I was honoured to be elected onto Balderton Parish Council in 2023. I intend to continue representing the residents by putting Balderton and the needs of the community first.</p>
13		South	<p>My name is Anna Rutkowska. I have lived in Newark since 2014 and Balderton since 2019. I am passionate about community engagement, and as the founder of a charity organisation, I pledge to ensure that the community's voice is heard. I have volunteered with various organisations. I have a background in project management, education, and psychology. My boys attended Chuter Ede Balderton, and I would like to make stronger links with Balderton families as a councillor. I advocate for preserving our green spaces and making Balderton safe for children and families.</p>

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<b>14</b>	<b>Joy Sellars</b> 	<b>Rowan</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Dean Scott</b> 	<b>North</b>	