



New Forest District Council

Chairman's Biography



The Chairman of the Council for the year 2021/22 is Councillor Derek Tipp.

Derek lived his early years at Barton-on-Sea. At aged 8 the family moved to Highcliffe where his father was the proprietor of Highcliffe Garage for many years. He attended Brockenhurst Grammar School and then went on to obtain a degree in chemistry.

Derek's first employment was as a research chemist in a research laboratory in Totton on the former Burt Boulton and Hayward site. When the facility closed, he became a science teacher and taught in secondary schools in Southampton for many years.

Following this, Derek and his wife, Andrea, ran their own successful property company. When this was sold, he stood as a candidate for New Forest District Council in 1999 and has remained a councillor since then. He is also a governor at Bartley Junior School. Derek and Andrea have lived at Netley Marsh for the past thirty years. They have three grown-up sons who all live in the New Forest area and six grandsons and one granddaughter.