

# Local & Involved...

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**Independent Councillor Roy Gerstner** [recently posted on his Community Activist blog](#), that he is supporting me as a “Local’ – Well Informed – Active – Community – Candidate”.

I’m not usually one for blowing my own trumpet, but I do think this is one aspect which sets me apart from the other candidates.

So, I’d like to list some of the local organisations and events I am involved in:

- Whittlesey Town Council – elected 2023, serving for four years.
- WTC Planning Committee
- Ward councillor for the Coates and Eastrea Ward (including Turves) – Together with my co-ward councillor, Bob Wicks, we work tirelessly to support local residents, answering queries and problems.
- WTC Music On The Square Working Group – I have volunteered for this event for several years and am now the Event Lead for 2025, taking responsibility for the safe hosting of this event, which attracts over 500 visitors to the town.
- Chair of New Queen Street and Stanground Surgeries Patient Participation Group – I have been an active member of the PPG for some time and last year took over as Chair as the group moves into fund-raising activities to purchase new equipment for the surgery.
- Trustee and Secretary of the Whittlesea Society – a local history focussed group that meets bi-monthly. I also produce the bi-monthly newsletter for the society which is distributed by email, by hand and by post to the society’s members.
- Trustee and Committee Member for The Storer’s of Eastrea charity (The Herds and Bulls Grass Society) – an ancient grant-giving charity to relieve hardship for the people of Eastrea.
- Trustee and Committee Member for the Eastrea Village Hall Trust – the trust oversees and manages the excellent Eastrea Village Hall
- Editor and Producer of ‘Eastrea News’ – a quarterly newsletter delivered free of charge to every home in Eastrea, focussed on local news and events relevant to the local residents.
- Supporter of the Coates Village Community Living Room – a weekly coffee morning & ‘hub’ for local residents in Coates village hall, operated and run by Cambridgeshire ACRE.

That is by no means an exhaustive list – there’s so many things I am involved in. I sometimes wonder how I ever managed to find the time to work!

But, that is what Roy means when he said “*Local – Well Informed – Active – Community – Candidate*”.

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