

Hello!

I'm [REDACTED] and live in West Rainton. As a born and bred West Rainton lad I have a deep connection to the village. From attending the local primary school as a youngster to knocking out shapes on the dancefloor at the Jubilee Hall Youth club as a teenager, the village has been central to not just me, but to my friends and family who also live here.

Upon leaving university, after studying history at Northumbria University, I began a career in Human Resources in the private sector. After a range of human resources leadership roles across two private companies, spanning 14 years, I currently work for IKEA as a human resources practitioner within the London Market: specialising in employment law and relations – splitting my time between living in the North East and working in London.

In addition to my professional commitments, I have also been able to play a key role in IKEA's community partnerships strategy within the London Market; project leading renovations for charities such as Hackney Quest, Ignite Youth in Harrow as well as driving inclusion through project leading IKEA's branding presence at London Pride for several years. Skills which I have developed can hopefully be transferable to a role as Parish Councillor.

I am motivated to pursue the opportunity of Parish Councillor within the West Rainton and Leamside Parish Council due to my passion for politics and the aim to get closer to local issues that affect the lives of all local residents to hopefully add value and make a difference.

Finally, as an individual, behaviours to me are just as important as competence. Acting with compassion and empathy, in an open and honest way, is fundamental to what I stand for – ensuring others have the confidence to feel safe speaking up and sharing their thoughts in the knowledge their opinions and feelings will be respected.

For more information on my personal and professional background please feel free to visit my [REDACTED] www.linkedin.com/in/stevenedwardcorfield

Thank you.