Vanessa Garside called to see you

First Taunton Town Council Elections -Thursday 4th May 2023, 7am - 10pm



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My positive plan for Wilton & Sherford



Look After our Area

From litter in the streets to damaged bus shelters, Vanessa wants the town council to tidy up our area to make it somewhere we can be proud of.



Improve Cultural Offering in Taunton

Vanessa wants to help make Taunton a centre of art and culture, by encouraging more free events and music.



Create More in our Community

Vanessa wants to work with the local church to create and promote local community events.

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Vanessa Garside



I first came to Taunton as a young graduate teacher of English, Drama and Spanish at Bishop Fox's Grammar School for Girls and later at Richard Huish College. I have lived in Wilton and worked in Taunton for 33 years, introducing both children and adults to English and European culture. I am a Chartered Manager and a published author. For 10 years I was the President of the World Art Games UK.

I've experienced the joy of being a successful single parent and the heartache of being the sole carer of a dear mother with dementia. I've experienced Taunton in its heyday and its decline. I want you to help me rebuild Taunton as the welcoming, vibrant county town which we can all enjoy.

3 Priorities for Taunton:

- Make Taunton better for disabled and older people to get around the town. We will collaborate with Somerset Council to achieve this.
- Make Taunton more welcoming and climate aware by planting trees and improving public spaces.
- Make Taunton more caring by offering more opportunities to young people in our community. They are our future.

HAVE YOU GOT THE RIGHT ID TO VOTE?

In order to vote, you MUST now bring a valid ID to the polling station. This is a new regulation. You can sign up to become a postal voter by Monday 17th April to avoid this.

Examples of acceptable forms of ID:

Passport

- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Driving Licence Blue Badge

You can see further information and other acceptable forms of ID on the Electoral Commission's website at electoralcommission.org.uk as well as how to apply for a free ID if you don't already have a valid ID.