



My name is Anne Clarke

I have lived in Hatfield most of my life. During my adult years I have had a variety of community roles. I have been a Cub leader and led a local conservation group, organising working parties in Stream Woods and Badgers Wood. I have also helped deliver adult literacy classes at Oaklands College.

In 2007 I spent 2 months in India where I volunteered as a pre-school leader. I developed a programme for volunteers, set up a toy library and funded a toilet building project at a school in the village where I was volunteering. I currently volunteer one day a week in a local hospice as a complementary therapist.

In the 1960s I went to school on this site, although it was known by a different name then. I became a governor because I enjoy community work and chose this school because I had positive memories of my time here as a child and wanted to give something back to the school. As a governor I am part of a team that is responsible for overseeing the work of the school and for providing direction and guidance for the future. This team is made up of school staff, community members and parents. More information about this role is available on the school's website under Governance. I have been Chair of Governors for just over a year, prior to this I served as a governor. I attend regular training, meetings and spend time in school meeting with pupils to ascertain their views and wishes about their school and with teachers to discuss pupil progress. I meet regularly with Mrs Davis and amongst other duties participate in the interview process for teaching staff.

My professional background is in social care, prior to this I worked as a classroom assistant in mainstream education. I consider myself to be a life-long learner an ethos that I share with Oak View School. It was as a mature student that upgraded my qualifications, first with GCSEs then I trained as a social worker at The University of Hertfordshire. I have continued my self-development and have trained as a sports massage therapist in my spare time, upgrading and developing my skills regularly. I have also completed a foundation course in Art Therapy again at the University of Hertfordshire.

My hobbies include gardening – I have an allotment. I love reading and have a passion for books. I enjoy art and craft activities such as painting and glass fusion. I enjoy walking, cycling and spending time with my family.