

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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MEET THE NEW CHAIRMAN

- Cllr Danielle Belton

SOME of you may already know me through my work in the Town and District, I am passionate about our area and strive to make positive change for residents and businesses alike.

I live in Rayleigh with my husband and new Vice Chair, Cllr Stuart Belton and my teenage son Mason. Our older children Connor and Megan are no longer at home! I have lived all over the Town since moving here with my family at 5 years old, but think we have now settled on Rawreth Lane!

Along with my Mum, I own Saving Energy Ltd, a local business specialising in the energy efficiency of homes – something that is very topical right now! I hold a number of board positions within the industry, as am committed to ensuring the UK's housing stock is improved so that residents can enjoy a comfortable and affordable home where energy is concerned.

I am also a competitive netballer! Along with teammates we started Leopards Netball Club a few years ago and have gone on to have multiple successes in the Basildon and Southend Netball Leagues. I am a firm believer in that sport is good for the body and mind!

I was elected to Rayleigh Town Council in 2021 by the Sweyne Park and Grange Ward, I had previously been and still am a Rochford District Councillor and liked the idea of being involved at Town Level to support the many initiatives that the Council were looking to take forward, such as events, improvements to open spaces and increased facilities.

Since joining the Town Council I have been the Chair of the Environment and Open Spaces committee and am extremely proud of the work done, namely looking after King George V playing field and winning numerous awards for it, securing a 125 year lease for John Fisher Open Space, so that the Council can begin to make much needed improvements to the play area, and can support local groups with better facilities and having table tennis and a pétanque rink installed in King Georges.

I am a huge supporter of the events organised by the Council such as Trinity Fair and the Christmas Lights, and this year I chaired the group that organised the picnic in the park, for the coronation of King Charles III. I believe community events are what sets Rayleigh apart from many other Towns in Essex and hope that they will long continue.

I very much look forward to meeting with residents and businesses in my coming year as Chairman, representing our fantastic Town.

The Town Council Chairman will be supported by Vice Chairman, Cllr Stuart Belton.

If you would like to invite our chairman to attend an event please contact the office, providing as much detail as possible clerk@rayleightowncouncil.gov.uk



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL AWARDS

THE Annual Town Meeting and Annual Awards was held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at The Sweyne Park School.

Our winners were as follows;

• Junior Sports Person – Harry Casey

- Adult Sports Person – Chloe Baker
- Best Sports Team – The FitzsWimarc School, under16s girls football team
- Junior High Achiever – Sam Love
- Youth Award – The Sweyne Park School

- Community Volunteer under 18 years – Jayden Crane
- Community Volunteer Adult – Lillian Archer
- Special Recognition Certificate – Charlotte Starkey
- Chairman's Award 2023 – Shelly Blackburn
- Citizen of the Year 2023 – Karl Cadman