

Conrad Hewitson-Townley

My wife and I moved to Ashdon in 2021, wanting to bring our family up in a small village and for our children to attend a village school which plays a significant role in the community that it serves.

I have 3 daughters and intend for them to all go to Ashdon primary school, so I will be connected to the school for the next 10 years.

I have a strong belief that as a parent you have a responsibility to engage and contribute to the school which your children attend, and I feel that I can give my time to help as a parent governor.

As I have entered the education system as parent, I have seen the additional challenges that rural school face compared to ones within town or cities. There are additional cost pressures due to location, funding challenges etc. I have always prided myself on finding solutions to difficult challenges which are sustainable and feel that I could bring this skill set to Ashdon Primary school

Mathew Kilby

Hi, I am Mat Kilby! I am father of Thane and Elowyn, husband of Alana and professionally the Director of IT at BirdLife International.

BirdLife is an international NGO, and in my role, I head up all aspects of our technology engagements: Web, Software development, Data engineering and Support.

This and previous roles have required me to be a strategic leader, planning our engagements worldwide over a five-year forecast with many projects and differing technical disciplines, within the tight budgetary constraints that come with a nonprofit.

Before BirdLife my career has mainly been in IT support in the SME sector, so I am very used to wearing many 'different hats'. I have always been in tech but in a variety of different sectors, financial, education, manufacturing to name a few.

I am an avid reader and storyteller, as my kids can testify from 'Daddy's tall tales' which is a regular demand in our household. I love stories and always have done so, finding their use to engage an audience both professionally and with teaching my children. Also, importantly, for fun.

Marion Russen

My name is Marion. My daughter has started in reception in September 2024 and I have a two year-old son. I am a French and Spanish teacher in a local secondary school. In addition to this, I am Head of Languages and Progress Lead for Year 11 students.

I am truly passionate about education and most importantly how we can ensure that all children can get the maximum opportunities in school. I truly believe that community is an essential part of the school life and success. I am truly impressed at Ashdon Primary School's involvement in the community and its drive to success for all learners.

I hope that my set of skills would be beneficial to the school, but I would also expect to learn a lot in the process.