

Maggie Sutton Resume

I moved to Swanage in 2001 to take a senior teaching position at a local school. It was a very difficult although exciting decision. It required my husband and I live apart in the week to commute between Swanage and Staffordshire at the weekend for several years. We were very lucky to be able to afford 2 homes and not to say privileged to live and for me to work in such a beautiful area. We moved to Acton on a permanent basis in 2003 at our first Halloween there were a group of 8 or 9 children knocking on our front door for Trick and Treat. The following year there were less and each subsequent year until there were none. At present we have 8 children living in Acton, just 1 at the Swanage School, 2 and St George's school. There are only 3 couples with children, who are aged 40 or under. A significant number of properties are now second homes or holiday lets. Most permanent residents are aged 50, 60 and upwards. Simply young people are not able afford either to rent or buy. In addition there are also a number of older people now who are now renting in the hamlet. If we want our village to survive as a vibrant entity and not become a geriatric community then we must provide the means, that is homes for people to live as well as work here. I feel strongly that the CLT movement is our best way forward for for our children and their children and their future.