

Collette Drayson – 30.08.22

My partner Richard and I were born on the Isle of Purbeck. We moved to Langton almost 40 years ago. Richard and I have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. Our children and their partners have travelled however their choice has been to return to Purbeck and to raise their children in this beautiful area. We are blessed that my parents moved to Swanage in 1958 when my father became a teacher. My mother continues to live in Swanage.

I am passionate about supporting the ongoing sustainability and viability of villages such as Langton Matravers. It is vital that these communities continue to thrive and play an important role in the context of the wider Dorset/Global community.

I have worked at Poole and Swanage Hospital, Purbeck View School, and St Georges School.

Voluntary projects I have been involved with are: the retention of St Georges Village School, The Swanage School, the Langton Matravers Allotments, LM Village Hall Committee, The Purbeck Society, Pan Purbeck Action Campaign, LM Community Land Trust.

I was previously a member of Langton Parish Council for 9 years.

Our own children with a bit of help, have been able to access the housing market, however I am very aware of the increasing difficulty, even for those on good incomes are finding it almost impossible to access 'the market'. Outside of London Purbeck has the widest disparity between incomes and house prices. Similarly to London and other honey pot areas in the South East and West the current system of market led housing is not providing for nor meeting the needs of homes for the majority of working people. Young people and families are the life blood of our rural communities. I support the need for genuine affordable housing so that our rural villages can continue to thrive and be sustainable into the future.

For the above reasons, I support the aims and objectives of the Langton Matravers Community Land Trust and the wider CLT network.