

Keith Coombs: resume of relevant experience

I am a Chartered Mechanical Engineer with 20 years experience in the maintenance, refurbishment and construction of commercial property. I was made redundant 10 years ago when our office moved from Basingstoke to Leamington Spa and have since worked for myself, and have now retired.

I have been a Trustee of Swanage Pier for about 15 years and am the Diver's representative and am responsible for the maintenance of the Pier, we have just completed a £1.2M maintenance project.

The wages in Purbeck are at a much lower level than needed to purchase or rent a home, which means that many people have to leave the area to start a family and affordable housing is desperately needed. I joined the CLT to try to restart and then complete the previous affordable housing project in this village which was a joint enterprise between Langton Matravers Parish Council and the National Trust, and I believe that we are progressing successfully, all be it very slowly.