

**Parish Councillor:
David Blake**

Elected: May 2021

Committee Member: Facility and Services Committee and Personnel Committee



David spent most of his career in corporate communications & government relations in financial services and banking in the City.

Before he moved to Hawkhurst in 2018 he was heavily involved in the Boroughs of Bexley and Greenwich, where he served on various boards and committees in the NHS, education, regeneration, the arts and leisure services. He was also involved in various charities over the years.

He is a Liveryman and Past Master of one of the oldest City Livery Companies dating back to the 1300s, in which he still plays an active part. He is a retired Justice of the Peace.

When he retired he wanted to move out of the London area into an area more like the small town in rural Lancashire he lived in until his move to London in the sixties. He and his wife, Monica, chose Hawkhurst because it was central to areas in which they spent time with their then two young children and where they have friends in Kent and East Sussex. His children, now married, have given them five grandchildren. Apart from them, his interests include collecting and reading books [he had to get rid of some 3,000 when they downsized; thankfully Hawkhurst Library and various local National Trust venues were very helpful], music, the arts, politics and gardening.

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