

Cllr Therese Evans Biography

Therese Evans was born and educated in Portsmouth. She graduated in French, German and Italian from the University of London and completed a Certificate in Education at Southampton University. Therese taught Modern Languages for over 30 years in a variety of schools, sixth form colleges and further education colleges and was Head of Languages in several of these. She has also acted as an external examiner in 'A' and A/S level oral French for two examination boards.

She was first elected to Winchester City Council in 1995 as Liberal Democrat member for Wickham Ward which at that time also included Whiteley. She successfully defended her seat and was re-elected in 1999, 2002 and 2004. On the Council she served as Chair of Environmental Health Committee and was then elected Deputy Mayor and then took the post as the 802nd Mayor of Winchester 2001/2. From 2002 until 2006 she was elected Deputy Leader of the Council with the Portfolio for Culture, Heritage and Sport on the Cabinet. In May 2006 and again in 2007 she was elected Leader of the Liberal Democrats, the Main opposition Party, on the Council. She is also a member of Planning Development Control and Principal Scrutiny Committees.

She represents the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association on the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Associated Playing Fields Association and in 2005 was elected to the Board of Tourism South East as non-executive Director.

She has served on the national LGA Public Protection Forum and is currently an accredited peer Member with the IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency) where she has taken part in peer reviews of local authorities.

Therese was elected twice as the Member representative on the Management Board of Tourism SE and served on the Board for 6 years. In January 2012 she was selected to the Management Board of the SE Arts Regional Council.

Therese is married to David, a dental surgeon, has two daughters and has lived in Wickham for over 30 years. For many years she was a Governor at Swanmore College of Technology and served as a Trustee on the Bishops Waltham and Meon Valley Citizen's Advice Bureau. She now remains a Wickham Parish Councillor, President of Wickham Twinning Association and is a Director on the Management Board of the Earthworks Trust at the Sustainability Centre at East Meon.