

## **Jo Aylwin profile**

Jo Aylwin is a life long resident of Farnham. She is a solicitor by training, and still works part time in this profession. She is also a weaver and is building a practice in that craft. She has been involved in local affairs on a voluntary basis over the years, including acting as a parent governor and being chair of the Farnham Chamber of Commerce.

Jo was one of the founders of The Bishop's Meadow Trust, which is a registered charity which has raised £220,000 to purchase the water meadows that lie between West Street and the By-Pass, securing the land from development and keeping it as Farnham's green lung: a public open space and traditional meadow land. She continues to work with the Bishop's Meadow Trust as a trustee and is now building relationships between local schools and the Trust to get young people more involved in the future of the meadows.

Jo invented and ran the Blooming Art competition last year and this. Blooming Art is a free entry art competition, open to anyone living in Farnham, which was part of Farnham's activities for South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom. This year over 300 local people contributed towards Blooming Art, making it an outstanding community project.

Jo is committed to the well-being of the local community and sees having a seat on the County Council as another way to work towards a better town.