

COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION APPLICATION FORM

Please detail any experience you have that may be relevant to Wigmore Group Parish Council. (If necessary, please continue on a separate piece of paper)

Is there any other information that you would like to disclose regarding your application? (If necessary, please continue on a separate piece of paper)

DECLARATION
Signed:
Name:
Date:

Please return this completed form, together with the completed Co-option Eligibility Form to:

**Mrs Maggie Brown, The Clerk, Wigmore Group Parish Council,
The Quern, Chapel Lawn, Bucknell SY7 0BW
Tel: 07398 222 310 Email: clerk@wigmoregroupparishcouncil.gov.uk**

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The information provided on this application form will remain private and confidential.

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CO-OPTION ELIGIBILITY FORM

1. In order to be eligible for co-option as a Wigmore Group Parish Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below.

- a) I am registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- b) I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
- c) My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or
- d) I have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

Please indicate ALL of the above which apply to you.

2. Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if he/she:

- a) Holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
- b) Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or
- c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

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CO-OPTION ELIGIBILITY FORM cont.

This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

- i. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;
- ii. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part;
- iii. If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In i and ii above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In iii., it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

DECLARATION
I (insert name)
hereby confirm that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of Wigmore Group Parish Councillor, and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.
SIGNATURE
NAME
DATE

Co-opted Councillor Person Specification

COMPETENCY	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Personal Attributes	• Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community.	• Can bring a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Council.
Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability	• Ability to listen constructively. • A good team player. • Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects. • Solid interest in local matters. • Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community. • Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see others views and accept majority decisions. • Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly. • Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships with all members and staff. • Ability and willingness to work with the Council's partners (e.g. voluntary groups, other parish Councils, principal authority, charities). • Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training.	• Experience of working or being a member in a local authority or other public body. • Experience of working with voluntary and or local community / interest groups. • Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to town and parish Councils or local authorities. • Experience of delivering presentations.
Circumstances	• Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the Council (or meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) and other appropriate events at most times including evenings and weekends. • Flexible. • Enthusiastic.	