

Trevor Beckwith

Born 1944 in Middlesex. Moved to Sussex in 1953.

Joined the RAF in 1959 (aged 15) and served in the UK, Middle East and Germany (twice) until 1989. After discharge, we continued to live in my wife's home town of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Worked as a technical author at Marshalls Aerospace, Cambridge and then joined the civil service until retirement in 2010.

1995 elected to St Edmundsbury Borough Council (latterly West Suffolk Council) and served until 2023. Lost my seat in 2015 but regained it in 2016. Spent much of the period trying to resist out of control planners who have no concern for existing communities.

1996 appointed as a Justice of the Peace when Suffolk had numerous courts and served until compulsory retirement in 2014 when Suffolk had just one court.

1997 elected to Suffolk County Council. Lost in 2005 but re-elected in 2009 and remained until 2021. Many challenges involving Highways, both strategic and operational.

April 2023 after 38 years in the same house, we moved to a new-build house in Newent to be much closer to our son and daughter-in-law in Maisemore.