

## JOHN KLASCHKA - CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 KESGRAVE AND RUSHMERE ST ANDREW DIVISION

I was born in London in 1940. Educated as a professional engineer I hold a degree and doctorate from London University. Before starting my own IT business in 1980 I worked in government research and as the Engineering Director of a construction firm. I moved to Kesgrave in 1994. I am married to June and we have four grown up children from previous marriages.



I serve on the Management Team at the Kesgrave Community Centre as Secretary to the Board of Trustees responsible for legal issues, standards and good governance. I serve on the Board of Suffolk Young Enterprise and have worked as a volunteer business adviser at the Kesgrave High School for the past seven years. Within the Town I am a member of the Twelve Parishes Community Safety Forum and the Kesgrave and District Youth Forum.

I have served as Kesgrave's District Councillor for the East Ward since 2003. During my six year term I have chaired working groups tasked with finding more efficient ways of running the council including IT, waste collection, finance and planning and the development of shared services.

I have served as Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew's County Councillor since 2005. At the County I chair the Audit Committee which is responsible for internal and external audits, corporate governance and financial and risk management. I am Vice Chair of the Pension Fund, Statement of Accounts and Disciplinary and Grievance Committees. I am a member of the Waste Core Strategy Task Group which is working up the County's future policy on waste disposal.

I believe my first obligation is to take up any issues raised by the people and the community that I represent and to do all I can to get them resolved. During my four years as your County Councillor I have :-

- helped to resolve overflowing sewage, benefit claims, unexpected homelessness, inadequate street lighting, inconsiderate parking, neighbour disputes, overgrowing trees and bushes and waste collection
- helped to ensure that several detrimental planning applications were refused, obtained new bus stops and additional bus services to reduce overcrowding
- had ineffective soak aways reconstructed, roads and footpaths repaired and ensured that the new crossing on Dobbs Lane was fit for purpose.
- brought a new constructive urgency to the Grange Lane project steering it to a workable design and into the final furlong
- through my work in the committees and task group within County and District Councils helped to keep council tax rises to a minimum

If elected for a second term I pledge to :-

- come to the aid of any local people or groups that need my help and do all I can
- press for the Grange Lane project to be completed at the earliest
- work hard to ensure that the voice of Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew continues to be heard and acted on in the County Council
- work hard to deliver improved value for our taxes without compromising services through the introduction of better systems and ways of working
- use my skills and business experience to encourage co-operative and harmonious working between all sections of the community