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At Local Government reorganisation in 1997 he joined Bridport Town Council as Town Surveyor where he remained until retiring in 2007. He served on the Friends of Bridport Museum committee and the Bridport Millennium Green Trust.

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He is a trustee and treasurer for the Loders Village Hall Management Committee. He enjoys his garden and allotment which provide a plentiful supply of fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers to family and friends as well as good exercise for him!

On retirement he was invited to join the Rotary Club of Bridport where he met a group of like-minded people helping worthy causes and supporting the community. He was Club Secretary for about five years and President in 2017/18, the Club's 70th Anniversary year.

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