

Mayor of Trafford

Councillor Jane Brophy

Municipal Year 2025-26



The mayor's consort during her mayoral year is Mr. John Brophy.

Cllr Jane Brophy was first elected to Trafford Council in 1994 representing Village Ward in Timperley. She had a gap of five years whilst her children were very young and then returned in 2003. In total she has been a councillor for 26 years representing the Timperley area (currently Timperley North Ward).

She went to Sandilands primary school in the Brooklands area, and secondary school in Chorlton, Manchester and has lived with her family in Timperley for over 30 years. She studied Biochemistry at the University of Leeds, and then went on to train in Nutrition and Dietetics as a postgraduate also in Leeds.

She moved back into the Timperley area in 1990 to work as a researcher/nutritionist for The Vegetarian Society whilst it was based in Altrincham. In this role she developed the Research and Information Unit and authored all their nutritional information. This work followed a year of living in London working in the press office for the Liberal Democrat MPs in the House of Commons, Westminster, under Paddy Ashdown MP's leadership of the Party.

Since then, Jane has had a long career in the NHS and until August 2024 she worked at Wythenshawe Hospital as a Diabetes Dietitian. In this role she particularly enjoyed delivering training courses that helped people live well with diabetes also being team leader for the Diabetes and Weight Management services.

Her health roles have been many and varied including working as a 5 A Day Co-ordinator promoting fruit and vegetable consumption, Sure Start Dietitian, Training and Development Co-ordinator (Food & Health) Chief Officer for the South Manchester Community Health Council and HENRY (Health Exercise Nutrition for the Really Young) Trainer and Programme Manager.

For a period between 2019 - 2020 she left her NHS work to take up the elected role as Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for the North West of England. She was a full member of both the Employment & Social Affairs Committee; and the Delegation to Brazil and as a substitute member on the Environment, Public Health & Food Safety Committee and the Delegation to Afghanistan. As a Liberal Democrat MEP Jane was a member of the Renew Europe group in the European Parliament. Unfortunately, this role finished far too soon after only nine months.

She served on the Trafford Health Scrutiny Committee for over a decade, also the Health & Wellbeing Board and more recently the Accounts & Audit Committee. Over the years she has served as a School Governor for Altrincham College, the Willows Primary School, Heyes Lane Primary School and Cloverlea Primary School.

She has been a champion for many causes within her community, being a founding member of the Friends of Pickering Lodge Park and Friends of Moss Park Gardens. She was one of the first in Trafford to initiate local litter picking activities in Timperley and continues to support environmental community groups. Recently in 2024 she has re-ignited the Timperley Civic Society bringing together an enthusiastic group of people who are currently fundraising to bring Christmas Lights back into Timperley Village.

Jane has a love of music, nature and gardening and relishes having time for her hobbies. She is a passionate member of Altrincham Baptist Church having first attended in 1998. Since retiring from her NHS work in August she has re-joined the gym (and was hoping to run 10K again until her body said no). She has been more successful at music having passed her Grade 4 Clarinet Exam in March this year. She also joins John at the Hale and Altrincham Chess Club from time to time.

Jane was one of the first UK Woodland Trust councillor trees champion and she has met Princess Anne in this role when the Blue Peter time capsule was moved from London to Salford in an event involving the Woodland Trust and tree planting.

She remains passionate about promoting trees, green spaces, and biodiversity within our urban area. Within the Liberal Democrats she is known as an original Green Lib Dem having campaigned to combat climate change and protect biodiversity for many decades. Within Trafford Council she has been a champion for many environmental causes and has brought forward motions on issues such as climate change and promoting 20 mph zones in Trafford.

Jane's chosen charities for her Mayoral year are The ME Association, Trafford Carers Centre and supporting parks in Trafford.