

Hetton Town Council



Hetton Town Council supports International Women's Day in video showcase



Hetton Town Councillor Lynsey Gibson in a video extract

Hetton Town Council is marking International Women's Day on 8 March by taking part in a video created by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to showcase women in the town and parish council sector.

Councillor Lynsey Gibson, who represents the East Rainton and Moorsley Ward was nominated by the Town Council to take part.

Councillor Gibson said "As a resident I already took a strong interest in the local community, fighting against unwanted housing developments and anti-social behaviour. When a council vacancy arose in 2021, I decided to stand and was elected.

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Since then, the role has provided opportunities to engage with local people and groups to find out their needs; making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward.”

Councillor Dave Geddis, Hetton Town Mayor added “The Town Council comprises 21 Councillors, 10 of whom are women. This represents an excellent balance when compared with NALC’s recent elections survey report which found that just 38% of elected councillors identified as female.”

The theme of this year’s International Women’s Day is *Break the Bias*, a call to action for individuals and organisations to help break down the biases that women face on a day to day basis. In order to help *Break the Bias* in your local community, visit NALC’s [Make A Change](#) webpage which offers resources to those from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election to their local councils.

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