

OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Co-option Application Form

Personal details

Name: Anya O'Donnell

Address:

Telephone No.:

Email Address:

Occupation: Recent graduate, currently working at Bijoux de Mimi (jewellery shop)

Which ward are you interested in becoming a councillor for: Oakham North West

Have you ever served on any Council before? (If yes, give details): No, this would be my first Council role

Current community activities

Member of the tennis club; in the process of joining the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. I've also previously worked at a local veterinary practice in the area. As a student, I volunteered regularly, and I'm keen to pick that back up now that I'm settled back in Oakham.

Relevant experience

I recently graduated from Oxford Brookes University with a degree in Biological Sciences, where my studies covered animal neurobiology, behavioural ecology, and conservation. I represented my class as a student member of the University Council, giving me first-hand experience of committee structures, meeting procedure, and representing the views of a group I was accountable to. Alongside my studies, I've worked at a local vet's practice and currently work at Bijoux de Mimi, both of which have sharpened my communication and customer-facing skills. I also bring strong research, statistical analysis, and writing skills from my degree.

Why do you consider yourself a suitable candidate?

Having grown up nearby and always living in the area, I am deeply invested in Oakham's future and want to give back to the community that has shaped me. My degree equipped me with strong analytical and communication skills, and representing my class on the University Council demonstrated to me that I can engage constructively in group decision-making. Between volunteering through school, working locally, and being part of the tennis club, I already have roots here. I'd welcome the chance to formalise that involvement and help make decisions that benefit residents, particularly younger people and newcomers to the town.

Eligibility declarations

Tick these on the official form once you've confirmed each applies to you

- ☒ I am 18 years of age or over
- ☒ I am a British citizen / eligible Commonwealth citizen / Irish citizen / qualifying EU citizen
- ☒ I have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it for the whole of the 12 months before applying (this should cover you, living in Barleythorpe)
- ☒ The disqualification declarations (bankruptcy, convictions, etc.)

I confirm all of the statements above apply to me.

Signature

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Date: 12/08/2026