

Liz Rijnenberg was elected to Brecon Town Council in May 2018 and represents St Mary ward where she lives.

After completing a degree in Social Policy and Administration at Nottingham University Liz trained as a social worker and later joined the Probation Service where she worked as a practitioner, subsequently moving into strategic roles including CEO positions in both England and Wales. During her working career Liz specialised in developing community services for women offenders in a bid to reduce the female prison population. She completed a MSt in Criminology at Cambridge University which included research into the impact of parental imprisonment on children. She was made an OBE in 2016 in recognition of her services to Probation.

Liz is now retired and sees being a member of the Town Council as a great opportunity to work with others to make Brecon an even better place to live, work and visit. Liz says:

*“Brecon is a wonderfully diverse place with so many opportunities - people of all ages and backgrounds can get involved in a range of clubs, groups and projects, many of which are supported by our Town Council”.*

Liz is involved in a number of local groups and is the current chair of L’Arche Brecon, a faith led Learning Disability Community established in Brecon in 1988.

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