

**Alwick  
Borderlands Place Programme  
Pen Portrait**



**Gordon Castle  
County Councillor, Alwick  
Northumberland County Council**

I have been a county councillor since 2005 and a town councillor since 1999. I retired early from the RAF as a Group Captain in 1995 aged 47 and worked for 24 years at Barter Books, Alwick, as manager, retiring in 2019. I am closely involved in Alwick's political, sporting and cultural life. I was born, educated and have lived in Alwick all my life apart from 25 years RAF service. I attended Newcastle University from 1970-73 (sponsored by the RAF) graduating in Philosophy. I am married with 2 children both grown up with families who also live in Alwick.