

Bellingham Place Programme Pen Portrait



Councillor John Riddle County Councillor for Bellingham Ward Northumberland County Council

Born and bred in Northumberland, a fifth-generation farmer. I was heavily involved with Bellingham and Northumberland federation of young farmers and before getting married lead on several exchange overseas visits.

I became involved in Politics when my arm was twisted to stand for election, since then I have Chaired many committees at NCC and currently I am Cabinet member with responsibility for Local Services, also a Board member for the development company, Advance Northumberland.

I have a long involvement with National Parks both locally and nationally, still serving as a member of Northumberland National Park.

I was awarded an OBE by the Queen in 2015 for services to Youth, Communities and Business.