## Haltwhistle Place Programme Pen Portrait



## lan Hutchinson County Councillor Northumberland County Councillor

I represent the Division of Haltwhistle which incorporates, Haltwhistle town and the Parishes of, Plenmellor with Whitfield, Kirkhaugh with Knarsdale, Hartleyburn, Coanwood and Featherstone, quite a large rural area.

I was born in Whitfield \*\* years ago, going to Whitfield School, living most of my life in the West Allen Valley and eventually ended up farming Emley Farm, the farm where I was born.

I became a Parish Councillor at Whitfield with Plenmellor in the 80's, then in 1998 (I think) was elected to represent West Tynedale on Tynedale District Council. It was in 2007 when the County became a Unitary Council, I decided to stand for election in the Division of Haltwhistle and was successfully elected to the new Unitary Northumberland County Council and have retained the seat to this day.

I sit on the following committees: -

- Full Council
- Licensing and Regulatory (Chairman)
- Strategic Planning
- Local Area Council / Planning (Tynedale)
- Local Development Framework (Working Group)
- Director Kielder Partnership (Outside Body)