

**Part 1**

Your FULL name	Stuart Edward Harper		
Address of applicant	Line 1	9 Hinderton Road	
	Line 2		
	Line 3		
	<b>Neston</b>		Postcode
Ward vacancy	<b>NESTON WARD</b>		
Please give details of any academic, professional, or work qualifications you feel would be of value to the Council	I have a PhD in astrophysics from the University of Manchester, and have been working for the Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics for the past five years as a research scientist. My work gives me an expert knowledge on modern science and computing which will no doubt be an asset to the local council.		
Please give details of any personal qualities you feel would be of value to the Council when considering your application	I grew up in Neston, attended the local schools, and have a long family history in the area and as such I have a strong bond to the town that drives me to want to do something more to help make Neston even better than it already is. Until last year I had been living away from Neston for work and education, but would frequently visit due to my family still being in the town. Since moving back to Neston I am also trying to become more involved with local community, from attending local events to recently joining the local amateur dramatics society (the Neston Players).		
Please set out any life experiences that you may wish to declare in support of your application or anything else you consider as appropriate information you feel would be of value to the Council	I believe that being able to clearly communicate and present ideas is a critical part of any role that requires direct public engagement. My experience as a researcher regularly requires me to present complex ideas in a clear and succinct way. I have presented talks at all levels of expertise—from fellow astronomers within my field, to the general public during science outreach events.		
Please set out the reasons why you believe you would be a valuable addition to the Town Council	In summary, I would make a valuable addition to the town council as I am a passionate, rooted local resident who can bring new expertise on science and technology to the discussions on the local area.		