

Appendix C



**Form for the nomination of a candidate for  
Honorary Burgess of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade 2019**

1. Name of nominee: **Mr Peter Hailes**  
*(this will remain confidential information until such time as the nomination has been considered and if appropriate, consent has been sought from the individual concerned)*
2. Date of nomination: **19 October 2018**
3. Name of person nominating (your name): **Ms V Cannon**
4. Your contact details i.e. address (including email), telephone number and, if you are a sitting Councillor, your ward

Address 1	<b>c/o LLTC</b>
Address 2	
Address 3	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Email address	

5. Honorary Burgess Criteria

Please tick to confirm that the nominee meets the following award criteria:

**Yes** the nominee has served the town in one or more voluntary capacities for at least seven years, performing services of benefit to the town or some vulnerable community within the town

**Yes** the nominee is not a serving Councillor, nor has been, during the previous term of the Council

6. Please provide information below, or attach a typed document, with a brief description of the services rendered by the nominee (and proof if possible). Identify the beneficiaries of the service(s), the dates and period(s) of the service(s), any offices held in organisations related to the service(s) and any honours awarded by other organisations for the same service(s).

Where possible, please do not specify names or other personal details in the information below for data protection purposes.

(Note the receipt of other honours does not disqualify the nomination but nominations are primarily intended for otherwise unrecognised service(s)).

Peter Hailes lives in the Parish and for many years, has invested his personal time and skills into supporting activities that benefit Leighton-Linslade communities. He remains today, a Trustee of All Saints Church Preservation Trust thus securing the future of a local iconic landmark building.

Peter also volunteers with the Bedfordshire Fire Service. Having been a Retained Fire Fighter for 29 plus years with Bedfordshire Fire Services, upon retiring Peter immediately became a volunteer for the services and would open the station to community users. Peter then volunteered with the Fire Cadet group since its inception in September 2015 and is responsible for taking the cadets for parade drill and knot tying. He has also kitted out the cadet cupboard as he is a chippie by trade.

Peter is a great source of information and helps with a fire service charity group over in Hemel Hempstead. They have an old fire engine, and he arranges for it to be brought over to our town on occasion.

Peter has also provided the Fire Cadet group with stirrup pumps and targets, which the cadets use during their fundraising activities. They allow children to squirt water from the stirrup pumps at the targets to knock them down. The children love it.

The appreciation of the Fire Cadet group was recently demonstrated in the call for nominees to turn on the 2018 Christmas Lights at the Christmas Festival event later this year. Peter was nominated by a current Fire Cadet, LS:

*From: LS*

*Date: 3 September 2018 at 23:24*

*Subject: LBO Christmas lights nomination*

*To: [news@lbobserver.co.uk](mailto:news@lbobserver.co.uk)*

*Hi! My name is LS and I'm a fire cadet from Leighton Buzzard Fire Station. I think Peter Hailes should turn the Christmas lights on this year because he's a credit to Leighton Buzzard. He does a fantastic job of town [crier] and is also an asset to the fire service after serving as an on call firefighter for 30 years or so. He's also a great cadet instructor (volunteer) and has taught me lots over the last few years. And continues to make a huge impact on our town.*

*Thanks,*

*LS*

Peter assists with the various fund-raising events in town with the Fire Cadets when not being Town Crier.

Pertinent to my nomination for Peter is the fact that for 13 years, Peter has provided long-service to this parish in the role of Leighton-Linslade Town Crier. This role was created by the Town Council and Peter was the outright winner of an open competition in 2005. He immediately took up the role of the Town's first Town Crier and has delivered impeccable service for the 13 years that followed.

There is no remuneration for the role and over the years Peter has been invited to speak of

his Town Crier experience to many local community groups and he has done so free of charge. When funding has been offered, Peter has passed it to the Mayor's Charity as per the expectation of the role.

Come rain or shine, Peter has attended the Council's events welcoming visitors and ensuring they are informed of the event programme. Peter has given continuity to Council events and is a very familiar part of them. It was Peter who announced the relaunch of the Town's market and as he did so, an unexpected hush came over the town, the bus stopped and quietened its engine and all eyes were on Peter as his voice echoed around Market Square.

His volunteering roles have merged when, as the story goes, whilst dressed in his Town Crier outfit, he received the on-call pager alarm from the Fire Service and he ran like superman taking off one costume through the streets wasting no time getting ready to wear the fireman's safety gear.

Peter's presence was much appreciated when in 2014, Peter saved the day. All was ready on the Friday evening stage at the Christmas Festival for Frank Bruno to switch on the Christmas lights. Yet all was not ready as there was no light switch to press! The call went out to locate Peter and get hold of his bell so that Bruno could ring the bell to announce the switch on of the lights. No one suspected that the 'boxing-bell' solution was not planned. (I've just given the secret away.)

This year, the Council learnt of Peter's wish to retire. Peter is very conscientious and whilst he has loved meeting people and representing the Council in his role as Town Crier, his voice is changing, and he does not wish to risk losing his voice and letting the Council down.

Peter has been so much a part of the town and its special occasions over 13 years that people have got used to him and perhaps, underappreciated his reliability and unfailing loyalty and impeccable representation of the Parish and its people. For this reason and his wider volunteering activity mentioned above, I wish to nominate Peter for the Honorary Burgess.

*Vivien Cannon*

7. The nomination you are submitting will be considered first by the Grants & Awards Sub-Committee. You will be contacted by the processing officer thereafter. Should the Sub-Committee decide to put forward the nomination, you will be asked to contact the nominee and seek their consent to proceed further.
8. In signing below, you give consent for the Town Council to store and retain the personal data provided, for the purpose of considering this nomination. The data will not be used for any other purpose or passed on to any third party. Data will be stored securely and destroyed after a period of time in accordance with the Town Council's Document Retention policy. The Town Council's Privacy Notice and associated policies are available to view on its website.

Signature *Vivien Cannon* Date 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018







## Vivien Cannon

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**Subject:** FW: Youth Promise Grant Fund Application EMAIL 1

**From:** John Field <John.Field@bedsfire.com>  
**Sent:** 27 September 2018 14:07  
**To:** Ian Howarth <Ian.Howarth@bedsfire.com>; Vivien Cannon <Vivien.Cannon@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Youth Promise Grant Fund Application EMAIL 1

Vivien,

Peter Hailes was a cadet instructor when the original cadets was established. He served as a retained fire fighter for several years and upon his retirement from the fire service, he immediately became a volunteer.

At first peter volunteered by opening the station to community users.

Peter has volunteered with the Cadet group since its inception in September 2015.

Peter is responsible for taking the cadets for parade drill and knot tying.

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Peter works for Central Bedfordshire Council still.

If you wanted more detailed information, let me know and I can try and obtain this.

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

**John Fi Tech IOSH**  
**Fire Safety Inspecting Officer**



**Southern Area Office- Luton**

Direct Line: 01582 875212

Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service, Southfields Road Kempston Beds MK42 7NR .

BFRS main enquiry line: 01234 845000

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