



## Sheila Allen

Currently a Board member, I have been an active member of the Society for 19 years. I was on the Board from 1995 to 2001 and was re-elected in 2004 after a period living abroad. I am a Board representative on the Membership Strategy Committee and the Remuneration Committee and on the Party Council.

Thanks to the hard work of Staff, Management and the Board in the years since the merger Midcounties Co-operative has gone from strength to strength. Trading goals are being achieved despite fierce competition and current economic conditions and it remains a respected leader in the co-operative movement.

Despite its success many challenges still face the Society. It must remain loyal to its co-operative values and principles while at the same time improving its profitability and its ability to return a reasonable dividend to members and the community. I want to make sure that the Society continues to be a leader in promoting Fairtrade, supporting local producers and finding solutions to environmental challenges. It must continue to improve its stores and look for new business opportunities. I also want to make sure that it maintains its status as a strong independent society and continually improves its accountability to members. In addition I would support further measures for improving conditions and opportunities for all employees and for developing active members. As a former Woodcraft Folk leader I am keen to promote membership to younger people.

Please support my re-election to the Board.

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