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Mini CV

On leaving EDS early 1989 we 'retired' to Cumbria.

After about six months of getting the house and garden into shape got a bit bored, even though we had two Irish Setters to entertain, and applied for the job of Practice Manager at the local GPs.

Thoroughly enjoyed 10 years at the Practice. No computer system when I arrived so immediately set about getting one in – Peter Williams came to the rescue!

Pulling the Practice into the twentieth century at the time was like pulling teeth!!

A large Practice – 10 partners , three surgery premises and the largest dispensing practice in the country, certainly stopped the boredom.

'Retired' again but after leaving there I was persuaded into standing, as a 'paper candidate' for Carlisle City Council. Needless to say with my luck, there were numerous recounts and I unfortunately got elected on the toss of a coin (for the Conservatives). I was a City Councillor for almost 9 years, a member of the Executive responsible for Communities and Housing for 3 of those years. Left 3 years ago, but once again persuaded to stand last month and now representing a rural ward, on the borders, with more sheep than people. I also sit on Brampton Parish Council.

Four grandchildren, all a delight but three of them 300 miles north and one 300 hundred miles south. One 3 year old Irish Setter and one 7 year old Cairn terrier, both of whom love visitors, so anyone travelling north or south and wanting a stopover, all are welcome!.

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