

**Karen Scanlon**

I am a north Halifax mother of three children. I was born in Wheatley and attended St Malachys and The Halifax Catholic High School.

I am and always have been very active in my local community – some of the projects I have been involved with during the last 12 years include:

- Setting up and starting the Junior Warden Programme across north Halifax - last year we celebrated 10 years of the scheme)
- Setting up and developing 64 Neighbourhood Watch groups across North Halifax
- Setting up the Ovenden Road Safety group which has provided high visibility jackets for all children in key stage 1 at schools in Ovenden and delivered Kerb- Kraft in North Halifax schools
- Setting up and running the Friends of Shroggs Park- a group set up to look at redeveloping the Park to its former glory
- Helping to tackle anti-social behaviour by working with a group of 30 young people aged 16-24 years to set up an open-aged football team - Ovenden Phoenix Football
- Setting up and running the Project 12:31 to offer diversionary activities on a weekly basis for young people
- Running and developing the annual North Halifax Neighbourhood Awards for the last 9 years
- Working closely with the Safer Cleaner Greener Partnership

I also like to socialise with my friends and family and run various Facebook Pages