

Dr Robert Ashford

My career has been spent in optimization. My university education was at Cambridge, Lancaster and Warwick. My academic research is in modeling and integer programming. I co-founded Dash Optimization in 1984, where I pioneered the development of new modeling and solution technologies, driving the size, complexity and scope of viable optimizer technology. I am the original author of Xpress-MP, one of the world's leading optimization systems. Dash Optimization was sold to the Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO) in 2008 and I subsequently co-founded Optimization Direct, which is an IBM partner.

My wife and I moved from Leamington to Thurlaston in 2011 and very much enjoy being part of the village community - as well as the cleaner air and the quieter pace of rural life.

I have been a member of the fete committee for a number of years and am now pleased to try to help the village as a parish councilor.