

# Meet our Council

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## Tim Parker (Chair)



Tim Parker became Chairman of the National Trust on 8 November 2014. He has enjoyed a long business as CEO of several well-known companies. After a spell in the Treasury as an economist, he studied at the London Business School, and soon after was appointed as general manager of a subsidiary of Thorn EMI based in Chicago. In 1989 he led the management buy-out of Kenwood, the kitchen appliances company. Subsequently Tim has been CEO of Clarks, the shoe company, Kwik-Fit, the AA, and until recently, Samsonite, where he remains Chairman. Tim has been Chairman of Channel Nine TV in Australia and the Autobar Group, Europe's largest vending company. He has also served as a non-executive director on the Boards of Legal & General, Alliance Boots and Compass Group. He is also a director and owner of the British Pathé film archive.

## Orna NiChionna (Deputy Chair)



Orna was appointed to the Council in 2013 by the Soil Association, and appointed to the Board of Trustees in the same year. She was appointed Deputy Chairman in 2014. Orna takes whatever opportunities she can to alert people to the importance and fragility of the complex ecosystems that sustain us, and to the need to stop taking them for granted. She was Chair of the Soil Association from 2007 to 2013 and is still a member of its Council. She studied Electronic Engineering in Dublin and Cork, holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, and became the first female Partner in McKinsey's London office in 1990. Her focus at McKinsey, where she spent a total of 18 years, was on consumers and retailers. She hopes and believes that her skills and experience in strategy, finance and governance, as well as her passion for protecting the environment, are helpful in her role on Council. She has been a member of the National Trust for many years and has been a Trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum since 2012. She has served on various corporate boards since leaving McKinsey in 2001 and is currently a non-executive director of Royal Mail plc.

## Steve Anderson MSc



Steve was elected to Council in November 2014. His professional career is in policing and more recently with Citizens Advice. He is a strong advocate of the need for the National Trust to improve its reach to younger audiences, people living with disability, those from metropolitan areas or with Black and Minority Ethnic heritage. He has been a 'scrub-bashing' conservation volunteer since 1992 and is a trustee for the Campaign to Protect Rural England. He is also a keen walker.

## **Peter Bate**



Peter was appointed to the Council by the Tenants Association of the National Trust in 2013. He has worked in sales and marketing with a home improvement company in the South West of England for over 20 years. With his wife, Sally, he has lived in a Grade Two Listed National Trust cottage with roots back to the sixteenth century, on the edge of Exmoor, for nearly 25 years. They love their home, garden, coast and countryside and other shared passions include showing horses and dressage. Peter is a great football fan and was Director of Football at the 100 plus year old Minehead Town Football Club for four seasons up to the millennium year. All of these on a voluntary basis as is his work in the field of tenant/landlord relationships and dispute resolution.

## **Clare Broom**



Clare was elected to the Council in 2009 and appointed to the Board of Trustees in September 2011. Clare lives in Devon and has a background in conservation and countryside management. She spent nearly 30 years working in the University sector and was a deputy vice-chancellor for four years. She has a professional planning qualification and has also worked as a consultant for both the private and public sector. Clare was chairman of the National Trust's Regional Committee for Devon and Cornwall from 2006-10. She was appointed as Chairman of the SW Regional Committee from September 2010. She is an elected member of the National Trust's Council and a DEFRA appointee on the Environment Agency's South West Regional Flood Defence Committee. She is a former Trustee of two County Wildlife Trusts and is a Trustee of the Seale-Hayne Educational Trust.

## **Professor Valerie Brown**



Val was appointed to the Council by the RSPB in 2013. Her career has been in academia, specialising in ecology and conservation, particularly in the agri-environment. She was formerly Professor of Agro-Ecology and Director of the Centre for Agri-Environmental Research (CAER) at the University of Reading. Most of Val's early career was spent at Imperial College, the University of London, from where she moved to become Director of the CABI International Institute of Entomology in London, an inter-governmental organisation. Val has served as scientific advisor to Defra and Natural England's agri-environment research programme for over 10 years. She has been a member of NERC Council, Defra's Research Priorities Group and Science Advisory Group and English Nature's Natural Sciences Advisory Group and held positions in various international organisations. She has served as Vice President of the British Ecological and the Royal Entomological Societies and was a member of the 'Making Space for Nature' panel. Val lives in rural Somerset and is actively involved in the work of both Somerset and Devon Wildlife Trusts.

## **Anne Casement**



Anne was re-elected to the Council in November 2015. Her undergraduate degree in Botany led to a long and varied career with the National Trust in Northern Ireland, firstly as a property warden and subsequently compiling management plans for all its properties. This then broadened to include the preparation of interpretative material and compilation of landscape and garden surveys. Anne's current career as a freelance historian resulted from the opportunity to develop discoveries at Mount Stewart, County Down, into a doctoral thesis on the management of landed estates in Ulster in the mid-nineteenth century, and to become to some degree skilled as an architectural historian. Her findings have appeared in several academic journals and her 2010 book *An Admiral's Eye View*. She takes an active interest in the planning-related matters at both a national and local level, particularly the success and well-being of her local Conservation Areas. She served for six years on the Historic Buildings Council (NI), and presently fulfils governance positions with the Northern Ireland Environment Link and Irish Architectural Archive. With her husband, Anne cares for a Listed Victorian house and farm in County Antrim, and treasures walking in wild places, listening to music and promoting and enjoying local produce.

## **Christopher Catling**



Christopher was elected to the Council in 2017. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Robert Caudwell**



Robert was appointed to the Council by the National Farmers Union in 2015. He is a delegate on the National Farmers Union council on behalf of Holland Lincolnshire county branch, and chairs the HQ audit and remuneration committee. Robert has 40 years of experience of farming in South Lincolnshire on the family farm growing a range of arable and field scale horticultural crops. Robert has been involved in the construction and maintenance of private sea defences in partnership with other landowners. He has been a member of the local Internal Drainage Board and Chaired the Anglian Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, working with DEFRA and the Environment Agency from 1/7/2005-30/6/2015. Robert continues to campaign for improved flood defences and currently advises the National Farmers Union on flooding issues. He is a member of Witham Sailing Club and Boston Rugby Club.

## **Barbara Cooper CBE**



Barbara was elected to the Council in 2012, re-elected in 2015 for a second term and in January 2016 became senior member of Council. Following a full career in the Royal Air Force - she is still a part-time Reservist officer - Barbara enjoys volunteering at her local NT site and visiting NT properties around the country. She has a keen interest in governance and was involved in the working group that recommended recent changes to the role and size of the Council. Barbara is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Hon President of her local Air Training Corps Squadrons and a Trustee of the Royal Air Force Club.

## **Jonica Fox**



Jonica was elected to the Council in 2012. She is a member of the London & South East Regional Advisory Board – with eight years valuable experience. She is a keen supporter of widening membership and accessibility. Her background is in international marketing specialising in operational logistics, product development, project management and team building; working successfully and sensitively across culturally diverse markets. As a small farmer, she has had hands-on experience of sustainable farming and landscape management and has been active in developing the UK Sustainable Viticulture Code through her volunteer work in this sector.

## **Cristina George**



Cristina was elected to the Council in 2012. She was the tenant- custodian of Philipps House from 1997 to 2015 when she and her husband bought a 40-year lease on the property. They spent the first 10 years restoring the house and gardens and making the property more or less self- funding by developing a wedding business and three flats. As the first ever National Trust tenant to be elected to Council, Cristina is interested in issues surrounding the Trust's Let Estate and has also served on a sub-committee guiding and developing the Trust's vision for volunteering. Her early career was in fund-raising, first for The Forces Help Society; then the Royal Academy of Arts where she helped establish the Corporate Membership Scheme; and lastly The Royal College of Music where she ran the charitable appeals, business sponsorship and commercial activities as Director of Development. She went on with her husband to develop a business manufacturing reproduction oil paintings and ran a retail operation on the Fulham Road, London. An English Graduate of the University of London and mother of three, she returned to university in 2004 to qualify as a Secondary Teacher of English. She currently works at Warminster School (a mixed independent school), where she teaches a full range of pupils aged 11-18 and is also involved in marketing.

## **Sarah Green**



Sarah was elected to the Council in 2017. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Sarah Haidry**



Sarah was appointed to the Council by the Prince's Trust in December 2012. She was most recently the Company Secretary to The Prince's Trust Group from 2011-16. She was responsible for all Corporate Governance, providing guidance and advice to the Trustee and Advisory Boards of the Trust and its subsidiaries, in addition to being the Royal Liaison. Sarah helped found and is a former Trustee of Prince's Trust International. She began her career at a software company, then worked for the Chairman and Managing Director of Nelson Bakewell Ltd, before joining them to set up the Trehaven Group of companies.

## **Dr Ruth Hall CB, FRCP, FRCPCH, FFPH**



Ruth was appointed to the Council by Natural Resources Wales in 2015. Before joining NRW's Board as a non-executive, she was a member of the Environment Agency's Board, with community involvement and public benefit as particular aspects to champion in each of these appointments. With a professional background in health services and public health, and as a previous Chief Medical Officer for Wales, she has held long-standing interest in environmental and cultural influences on health and wellbeing. Working in this context in various settings outside as well as within the health sector, she has experience of practice and policy development and has acted as an adviser to NICE and to OFWAT. Ruth is a member of the Canal and River Trust's All Wales Partnership, which includes involvement in heritage aspects of waterways, and a Governor of Wales's Public Policy Institute. She chairs Wales' National Access Forum, a land access discussion forum for relevant organisations including the National Trust, and has an honorary chair at the University of the West of England. Ruth and her family have lived in south Cheshire, on the Welsh border, for many years.

## **Elizabeth Hamilton**



Elizabeth Hamilton was appointed to the Council in 2016 by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). With degrees in geography and ecology, she has worked and volunteered in countryside and wildlife conservation since 1977. She spent three years in Devon researching woodland history and ecology, followed by over eight years working for the Woodland Trust, initially as its first woodland management specialist and subsequently as Deputy Director. Later, as a self-employed consultant, she undertook a variety of assignments for public, private, corporate and voluntary sector clients. Following a short career break she returned to live in her native county of Hertfordshire 20 years ago and since then has worked in the family's investment property company. Elizabeth is a member of CPRE's National Trustee Board (until 2017), and was chair of the Hertfordshire branch of CPRE from 2009-14. She was on the Steering Committee of the Chilterns Special Trees and Woodlands Project, and is a member of the Chilterns Local Action Group, which distributes EU grants under the LEADER programme. She writes regularly on countryside issues for Hertfordshire Life magazine and is especially interested in promoting access to countryside close to urban areas. She has walked extensively in Hertfordshire, in the Chilterns where she lives and throughout Great Britain.

## **Dr Marion Harney BA (Hons), MPhil, PhD**



Marion was appointed to the Council by the Garden Historical Society in 2015. Marion is the Director of Studies, Conservation of Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes at the University of Bath, a Trustee of the Garden History Society and has recently been elected as Chair of their Joint Conservation committee. Marion supports a number of conservation initiatives including a joint Bath & North East Somerset and Cotswold AONB workshop to explore the possibility of Landscape Partnership's funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the green setting of the Bath World Heritage site. In recent past she has been an invited speaker for the European Conservation Summer School, University of Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Programme and the University of Plymouth. Marion acted as advisor and researcher for an exhibition of research work held at the Refectoire des Cordeliers at the Sorbonne, Paris (2009). Marion's main interests are the history and theory of historic, designed and cultural landscapes and their conservation. She has a particular interest in eighteenth century landscape and literature and in the digital reconstruction of lost landscapes.

## **Robert Hunter**

Robert was appointed to the Council in 2017 by the Historic Houses Association. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Caroline Kay**



Caroline was elected to the Council in 2017. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Joanne Kelly**



Joanne was appointed to the Council in 2015 by the John Lewis Partnership. She is the Head of Executive Progression for John Lewis and before that the Head of Partner Development for Waitrose. She trained initially as an occupational psychologist and has a Masters in Executive Coaching. Much of her career has been in the airline industry where she joined British Airways as a general management graduate trainee. During her time with BA she lived and worked in Australia, Japan and the US. After leaving BA she worked for Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, BP and Prudential. She is particularly interested in the future of leadership in a rapidly changing world. Joanne has sat on the board of Hounslow Action for Youth and is a member of the Victoria & Albert Museum. Working for Waitrose she has a specific interest in sustainably produced, local and seasonal food.

## **John Lyon CB**



John Lyon was elected to the Council in 2013. He has spent most of his professional life in the public sector working in central government departments on legislation and policy. He was the senior official responsible for relations with the police and after that with judges and the legal profession. He was a member of the executive and Ministerial boards of two government departments. From 2008 to 2012 he was the House of Commons' independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. He is currently Director of Strategy and Implementation at the Woolf Institute in Cambridge and a lay panel member in the Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service. John has been a Trust member for coming up to 30 years. He particularly enjoys walking the hills and coastline of the west country, following in the footsteps of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Perhaps not so surprising since he is also a volunteer in the tea room at the Trust's award winning Coleridge Cottage in Somerset.

## Fay Mansell OBE



Fay Mansell was appointed to the Council in 2009 by the National Federation of Women's Institutes. She is a Trustee and Honorary Secretary of Gwent Wildlife Trust. After graduating from University College London, Fay's early career included biochemical research at the University of Sussex and later with a leading pharmaceutical company. Post-children, Fay has directed her energies to voluntary activity both locally and nationally, including Gwent Wildlife Trust, school support groups, 12 years as governor of a large comprehensive school and a spell in local government as clerk to the local Community Council. Fay was Chair of the National Federation of Women's Institutes from 2005-2009. Her involvement with the WI has included introducing science based activities in partnership with COPUS (Committee for the Public Understanding of Science) and campaigning on environment issues at a local and national level. She represented the WI on the Third Sector Task Force on Climate Change, the Environment and Sustainable Development. In 2009 she was awarded an OBE for services to women. Fay has always believed in being involved within the community and was attracted to the WI because of its power both in enriching the lives of its members and in influencing public life and attitudes. National WI policies are proposed and selected by the entire WI membership, but frequently coincide with Fay's particular concerns for protection of the environment and for social justice. Fay's interests include walking and climbing, gardening, embroidery and crafts of all descriptions, all of these being nurtured and extended in one way or another by National Trust properties.

## Bob Mark



Bob was elected to the Council in 2016. He has been a member of the South West Regional Advisory Board since 2010. Bob is a Senior Executive Advisor and former Partner with Strategy&, a network company of PWC. Strategy& are global Strategy Consultants. Bob has led major strategy, transformation and organisational change projects with Strategy& in Europe and the Middle East. He was formerly a Rear Admiral in the Royal Navy, spending 17 years as a Royal Navy Hydrographic Surveyor, managing ocean and coastal survey projects in many parts of the World. He has commanded three RN survey ships, and has been responsible for various aspects of UK national hydrographic and oceanographic policy. After completing a fellowship in management science, he switched focus and spent 3 years as the first Director Corporate Strategy for Defence Logistics. His final MOD post was as the Senior Naval Director at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, which focuses on strategies and policies to promote international security, stability and prosperity. He has been Master of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation and a Fellow and Chartered Director with the Institute of Directors. Bob and his wife have lived in the SW for over 30 years, during which time they have especially enjoyed walking its coasts. His interests include conservation, the arts and architecture.

## Emma Mee



Emma was elected to the Council in 2017. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Philip Monk**



Philip was elected to the Council in 2016. As a Mountain Leader, experienced Geography teacher and Chartered Geographer he is interested in helping the public to better understand and value the intrinsic qualities of the places protected by the National Trust. In particular, he believes that better communicating the challenges and conflicts managed by the Trust – the dichotomy of protecting working landscapes – is essential to the work of the Trust, and that there are many opportunities provided by both technology and people to create the dialogues that will be needed to find solutions and protect what we value. Philip volunteers with the Trust locally and is also a keen walker, climber and cyclist. He can be found on LinkedIn and Twitter.

## **Phillip Mulligan**



Phil was appointed to the Council by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) in 2015. He has been a member of the TCV Board since 2010. Phil has also served as the Vice Chair of Defra's Civil Society Advisor Board, as a member of the Department of Transport's Motorists Forum, the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations and was the Vice Chair of One World Action. Phil is currently the CEO of the Landscape Institute (the professional body for landscape architects) and is a member of the Steering Group for the Professional Associations Research Network. Previously Phil has been the Executive Director of the United Nations Association UK, the CEO of Environmental Protection UK (formerly the National Society for Clean Air) and the Country Director for VSO Indonesia. Phil also led projects for Raleigh International and served on the Rainbow Warrior for Greenpeace. For many years Phil was a voluntary leader of National Trust Acorn Camps (working holidays). Phil completed PhD and Masters studies in International Development at Sussex University and undergraduate studies in Social and Political Science at Cambridge University. Now Phil spends his spare time trying to grow fruit, veg and flowers at his home on the south coast and running on the South Downs. He is married with two sons.

## **Nicky Philpott**

Nicky was appointed to the Council in 2017 by the Ramblers. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Dr Anne Powell OBE**



Anne was appointed to the Council by The Wildlife Trusts in 2015, and is a former member of the National Trust's Conservation Panel. With her particular interest in freshwater conservation and fisheries, Anne has supported policies to protect the natural world at a local and national level and is particularly concerned with the monitoring of freshwater invertebrates as important indicators of water quality. She began her career teaching biology to undergraduates in London and spent the next 40 years working within various agencies and organisations, including The Wildlife Trusts. Anne has held a variety of roles including trustee of the Freshwater Biological Association, WWF UK, the Thames Salmon Trust (now the Thames River Trust), council member of English Nature (now Natural England) and board member of the Environment Agency. Anne is the current Chair of Cumbria Wildlife Trust, a position held since 2008, and became a trustee of The Wildlife Trusts and the first Chair of The Wildlife Trusts England in 2012, when she also joined the Countries Committee. Anne is the author of a number of popular aquatic biology books, guides and articles in scientific journals. She was involved in technology transfer and academic–industry liaison in the UK, Europe and Mexico.

## **Oliver Reichardt**



Oliver was elected to the Council in 2016. He is the Director of Fellowship at the RSA and Executive Lead for its work on the Economy, Enterprise and Manufacturing. Before this he was Director of Delivery and Performance at the New Forest National Park Authority, leading the authority's work on community and visitor services, communications, special projects and operations. He previously held a variety of roles across civil society including at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and Overseas Development Institute. He holds an MBA from Cranfield School of Management and a Masters in Global Politics.

He lives in Hampshire and his hobbies include introducing his young sons to the beautiful countryside and growing a small orchard.

## **Miles Roberts**



Miles was appointed to the Council by the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (now The Arts Society) in 2017. He was an elected member of the Board of NADFAS for the maximum permitted six years and is a member of his local society's Church Recording team. He is a Chartered Accountant and a former partner in KPMG in London. Since retiring he has been inter alia a non-executive director of Ecclesiastical Insurance and CCLA Investment Management, the Treasurer of Guildford Cathedral and chairman of various audit

committees, including that of The Church Commissioners. He was Treasurer of The Silver Society for about 15 years and is on the Board of a local medical charity. He was also part of a small village team that built five courtyard gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show.

## Paul Roberts



Paul was elected to the Council in November 2015. He has enjoyed a wide-ranging commercial career in the technology and retail sectors, including strategic and operational leadership roles spanning channel and product management, technology, business development and marketing. He has also spent time mentoring and advising start-ups. A keen hill walker and climber, Paul is passionate about conserving and spreading the enjoyment of our wild spaces. He matches this with an academic background in history and archaeology through a degree in Classics from Oxford University. He is a non-executive director of Limalimo Enterprises Ltd, which runs an eco-lodge in the Simien Mountains national park in Ethiopia.

## Sanya Sheikh



Sanya was elected to the Council in 2015. After 17 years leading and delivering digital programmes for multi-national clients, Sanya is joining Centre for London as their Managing Director in January 2016. Sanya's insight into future technologies has led to her keen interest in fostering counterpoints to an increasingly technology-first culture. Following a campaign to save the town centre skyline, Sanya was elected to chair her local neighbourhood forum in 2014, and was appointed an Associate Governor of her local high school in 2015. Sanya believes we are in deeply personal relationships with our streets and the spaces through which we move; in developing neighbourhood planning in her area, Sanya hopes to encourage people to shape their own built environment, which so materially affects the wellbeing of individuals and successful cohesion of communities.

## David Smart (Trustee)



David was elected to the Council in 2012 and appointed to the Board of Trustees in January 2015. He has chaired the Trust's Investment Committee since 2008 and is a member of the Investment Committee. David worked in the investment management field for 34 years for Barings, County NatWest and Fiduciary Trust which was subsequently taken over by Franklin Templeton. He served on a number of the subsidiary boards of the last two and chaired the board of Fiduciary's Swiss Bank for a number of years. He currently serves on the investment committee of Beazley plc and of UNRWA, the UN agency which looks after Palestinian refugees in the Middle East. David has a particular interest in the maintenance of listed buildings and the improvement of the rural buildings in the Trust's care, including the use of external finance to achieve these aims.

## **Nick Stace (Trustee)**



Nick was appointed to the Board of Trustees in September 2017 and has been an elected member of the Council since 2015. He is the UK CEO of The Prince's Trust, as well as being a Board member of the Financial Conduct Authority and Chair of Governors at the Royal Agricultural University. Nick has spent many years leading consumer membership organisations in the UK at Which?, Australia at Choice, for European consumer umbrella body BEUC, and global lobbying and campaigning organisation Consumers' International. Nick spends as much time as possible in the great outdoors with his young family and is passionate about young people reconnecting with nature. Nick has seen the National Trust as a member, visiting Trust properties and countryside and as a partner in creating the Wild Network and the widely acclaimed film, Project Wild Thing.

## **Guy Trehane**



Guy was elected to the Council in 2017. More information will be available here shortly.

## **Derek Twine CBE FCIPD FRSA**



Derek was appointed to the Council by the Scout Association in 2013. He was chief executive of The Scout Association from 1996-2013. With more than half-a-million members, 100,000 volunteers, and 250 professional staff, he helped the Scout Movement to increase in youth membership, in adult volunteers, in diversity of participation, in diversification of income streams, in social relevance, in global solidarity, and in social engagement. He previously worked in higher education and in the third sector. He has been active in European and World youth and volunteer development, and in the wider UK voluntary and community sector. Derek currently chairs the commission into Charity Governance, and has previously chaired the Education and Training Committee of the National Youth Agency, and the training group of the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services. He was a member of the-then Youth Panel of the National Trust, and of working groups of ACEVO, NCVO and RSA. He has written widely, has presented evidence to parliamentary enquiries and committees, has lobbied governments on key issues and often represents youth work and the wider voluntary sector in the media. Derek is also vice-chair of the Church Urban Fund, and a member of the Strategic Advisory Board for the British Youth Council. He is a non-executive director, a Fellow of the RSA, a Chartered Fellow of the CIPD, and a Freeman of the City of London. Locally, he is an active member of his local church, and engaged with community charities. He was appointed CBE in 2007.

## Elizabeth Whitehouse



Elizabeth was elected to the Council in 2016. She worked as a mathematics teacher and then as an employment, discrimination and human rights solicitor, at the Equal Opportunities Commission, the British Medical Association and as a freelance trainer. Alongside her legal practice Elizabeth held a number of appointments on the boards of educational establishments and a NHS Trust and was a member of a Medical Research Ethics Committee. Elizabeth is currently a charity trustee, a member of the

Members Allowances Panel for a unitary Council and a National Trust volunteer. A Trust member since the 1970s, she has a lifelong love of the countryside and wild places.

## Professor E John Wibberley, MA, BSc (Hons), MTh, MSc, PhD, DipEd, NSch, FRGS, FRAg



John was appointed to the Council by the Royal Agricultural Society of England in 2014. He graduated from the University of Reading in agriculture in 1968, researched in soil microbiology, agronomy and agricultural extension, and is a Nuffield Farming Scholar having studied survival of family-worked dairy farms in Europe, USA and Israel.

Previously Head of Agriculture at The Royal Agricultural College

Cirencester (to 1989), John is an independent agriculture and resource

management consultant, author and communicator, working in over 35 countries in all continents, especially Africa incorporating integral mission work. He was a Visiting Fellow in International Rural Development at the University of Reading (1994-2004) and Adjunct Professor in Rural Extension in the University of Guelph, Canada (1995-98), John has been a Visiting Professor (Comparative Agriculture & Rural Extension) at The Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester since 1999. He was Chairman of the UK Farm Crisis Network (now the Farming Community Network) (1998-2003). He co-ordinates the Fellowship scheme of the UK Royal Agricultural Societies, and has been a Fellow (FRAgS) since 1987. He serves as a Secretary of State Appointee on Exmoor National Park Board (2008-date), chairs the Exmoor Hill Farm Project (2009-date) and works widely with farmers' groups in the UK and internationally. John has wide and on-going Board experience and is, with his wife, a longstanding and keen National Trust member.

## Richard Wright



Richard was elected to the Council in 2015. He is head of communications at Cyrrus Ltd, which is one of the UK's leading airspace and air traffic management consultancies, engaged in specialist airport development projects throughout the UK, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. He has been a member of the National Trust since 1975, and an active volunteer in a number of roles including supporter groups, working parties management committees and visitor tour guiding since 1981. He is also interested in classic cars.

# Appointing Body Observers

## David Heath MA, Dip Arch, GradDipCons(AA), FSA, FRCGP(Hon), IHBC



David was appointed to the Council by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings in 2015. He is a conservation architect with wide-ranging experience of building repairs and maintenance and of the adaptive reuse of historic buildings. He has taught and lectured and written on conservation topics. He trained at Cambridge University School of Architecture, and has been a registered architect since 1975. Until May 2007, he was Chief Conservation Architect at English Heritage, where he was formerly Historic Buildings Architect for the West Midlands, and Head of the Cathedrals Team. He has had a long involvement with the AA Post-Graduate Course in The Conservation of Historic Buildings, where from 2007 until 2013 he was thesis tutor. From 2010 until September 2015 he was Chair of The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). The Society, founded in 1877 by William Morris, is the largest, oldest and most technically expert national amenity society in the UK. The SPAB has a clear set of principles concerning the conservation and repair of historic buildings, and the accumulated practical knowledge to show how these can be put into effect. The Society also seeks to encourage excellence in new design to enrich and complement the historic environment.

## Robert Hillier OBE VMH



Robert was appointed to the Council in 2010 by the Royal Horticultural Society. He is chairman of Hillier Nurseries Limited, a fourth generation family nursery business which employs over 450 people in its nurseries and fourteen garden centres in the South of England. His father, Sir Harold Hillier, was the founder of the Hillier Gardens and Arboretum at Romsey. In 2000 he was awarded the OBE in recognition of services to the people and businesses of Hampshire.

The following year he was awarded an honorary Doctorate by the University of Portsmouth. He has been a Council Member of the Royal Horticultural Society, a member of the Business Board and Chairman of the Shows Committee and has now been appointed a Vice President of the RHS. Robert was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour (VMH) by the RHS in July 2010. It is the highest accolade bestowed by the RHS and recognises outstanding achievement in the world of horticulture. Hillier Nurseries have exhibited at Chelsea since the early years of the Show and in 2010 achieved their 65th consecutive Gold Medal.

## Nichola Johnson



Nichola was appointed to the Council in 2008 by the Museums Association and was a member of the Board of Trustees from 2010 - 2016. Until 2010 she was director of the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts at the University of East Anglia and Director of the Museum Leadership Programme. She directed the Museum Leadership Programme until its closure in 2012. She trained initially as an archaeologist and then as an art and architectural historian. Much of her career has been in the museum sector and she is particularly interested in leadership and in unlocking creativity within cultural and heritage organisations. Nichola has chaired the Clore Cultural Leadership programme, the

University Museums Group and the Ruskin Foundation and is currently chair of the East Anglia Art Fund. She is a trustee of the Dulwich Picture Gallery and York Museums Trusts.

### **David Leigh**



David was appointed to the Council in 2007 by the Institute of Conservation, and he has been a member of the Arts Panel since 2004. He has worked for much of his career in the conservation of the cultural heritage, as practitioner, teacher and administrator. His appointments have been at the Universities of Southampton and Cardiff, the Museums & Galleries Commission, the Museum Training Institute, West Dean College - of which he was Principal - and Icon, the Institute of Conservation. Now retired, his main recent voluntary roles have been as chairman of the BSI British Standards Committee on Conservation of the Tangible Cultural Heritage and Secretary-General of IIC, the International Institute for Conservation. He is a trustee of the Anna Plowden Trust which provides financial support for conservators in training and in practice. David has a keen interest in the Trust's collections and his membership of the Arts Panel enables him to support the vital work of Trust staff in caring for its holdings and presenting them to visitors in optimum condition. David's first degree was in physics, he trained as an archaeological conservator and his PhD is in Anglo-Saxon archaeology, specifically jewellery. He is a holder of the Royal Warrant Holders' Plowden Medal for his contribution to the advancement of the conservation profession. He lives in South East Wales.

### **Rodney Morgan-Giles**



Rodney was appointed to the Council in 2007 by the Country Land and Business Association. He is on the CLA's board and chairman of their investment committee having been treasurer and chairman of the audit and risk committee for many years. Rodney farms in Hampshire and has responsibility for a number of listed buildings as well as a Grade 2\* historic house. Projects include planting new woodland and restoring parkland in addition to on-going management. He has degrees in Economics, Law and Business leaving him muddled and nursing an abiding interest in classical buildings and landscape.

### **Beverley Penney**



Beverley was appointed to the Council by the Open Spaces Society in 2010. She retired as the Director of Ramblers Cymru after 27 years, having worked closely with the National Trust in Wales on projects such as the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the all Wales coastal path. She was a co-founder and remains a trustee of Wales Environment Link. She studied geography at Exeter and Swansea and has a diploma in marketing. She has a strong interest in public open spaces and encouraging their wise use by everyone. Beverley and her family have hugely enjoyed the National Trust properties particularly in Wales. She is a keen local and mountain walker, gardener and is also involved with supporting children learning to read and with her local Welsh medium Ti a Fi playgroup.

## **Prof. David Stocker, MA (Cantab & York), DLitt, FSA, MCIfA**



David was appointed to the Council in 2017 by the Council for British Archaeology. He has worked in the heritage sector since 1978. He has held posts with heritage charities, English Heritage (1986-2012) and the Heritage Lottery Fund where he currently sits on their East Midlands Committee. David has held many voluntary roles within British Archaeology including Director of the BAA, Chair of the IFA Buildings Group, Vice-President of the Society for Medieval Archaeology, Trustee of the CBA, Chair of the Society for Church

Archaeology, Trustee of the Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology, and President of the Lincoln Record Society. David has also been an Honorary Fellow in Archaeology at University of York and is currently Honorary Visiting Professor of Medieval Studies at the University of Leeds. David's research interests lie mostly within medieval archaeology (buildings, settlement and landscape), on which he has published over 130 academic reports and papers and is the author/co-author of 16 books. David lives in a former farmhouse in Lincolnshire where he is active in a number of heritage charities whilst learning to play the recorder.

## **Patricia Yates**



Patricia was appointed to the Council by VisitBritain in 2016. She has been with VisitBritain since 2005, becoming Strategy & Communications Director in 2007. She is responsible for research, tourism affairs and communications. Patricia started her career as a journalist working on research and technical publications. She followed this with a long period editing Holiday Which? where she scoped the strategy for and led on all Which?'s research, campaigning and public affairs work in tourism, travel and transport.

She also launched and edited the Which? Guide to Hotels for many years. Patricia is Chair of TIER, the Tourism Industry Emergency Response group, which co-ordinates the tourism industry messaging at times of crisis, and is a Fellow of the Tourism Society. She is an observer on the board of the Tourism Alliance for VisitBritain.

## The Council's external members

Our external members support the Council's nominations committees in its various election and appointments. Each of them are experienced in making senior non-executive appointments and are themselves appointed for a maximum of five years.

### Dinah Nichols CB



Dinah was appointed in January 2013. She was appointed Governor of Plymouth University in April 2017. Dinah is a former Crown Estate Commissioner and a non-executive Director of Pennon Group plc (South West Water and Viridor Waste). Until 2011 she was Chair of the National Forest Company, whose remit is to regenerate a 200 square mile area in the heart of England through multi-purpose forestry. Her previous career in Government included senior posts in regeneration, housing and property, and from 1996-2002 she was Director-General Environment with responsibility for international, EU and domestic policy on sustainable development, climate change, waste and environmental quality. She has extensive experience in making Board and senior executive appointments in the public, private and not for profit sectors. She is currently Chair of Keep Britain Tidy and a Trustee of the Land Trust and the South West Lakes Trust. She has also been Chair of Groundwork North London, a Board member of Toynbee Housing Association, a founder Director of the Travel Foundation and a member the Policy Advisory Committee of CPRE. In her spare time Dinah enjoys mountain walking (slowly), cross-country skiing (gently), singing with Goldsmiths Choral Union (enthusiastically), gardening (sporadically) as well as music, theatre and travel to adventurous places - including Armenia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Western China.

### Martin Gray



Martin was appointed in January 2013. He has over 40 years' experience in domestic and international banking. He worked for Natwest for some 37 years, gaining experience in credit control, marketing and all aspects of retail, small business and corporate banking. He was appointed General Manager UK Branch Business in 1990 and Chief Executive Natwest UK in 1993. He was responsible additionally for the Banks Mortgage, General Insurance, Life and Pensions, and Card Services businesses. He served on the Boards of Lombard Group and Ulster Bank Group. He served on the Global Board of Mastercard (1993-96) and the European Board of Visa (1996-99). He was appointed to the Group's Main Board in 1993, and retired from the bank in 1999. He was a member of the Prince's Trust Board (1993-99). Since retiring Martin has held a number of non-executive roles, in HR consultancy, retail financial services branch design, Insurance Broking, Corporate Broking and Retail Fund Management. He was Chairman of Evolution Group, and was a Board member of National Savings and Investments for 7 years, and Chairman for the last 3. He was Chairman of the Marketing Committee at England and Wales Cricket Board (2000-03). He enjoys walking, and all aspects of sport, especially cricket.

## Nick Buckland OBE



Nick was appointed in 2013 as an Independent Member to help the Trust with senior non-executive appointments and elections. He lives in Cornwall where he owns an organic livestock farm. He spent 20 plus years in the IT industry working mainly with US companies. In 1996 he took a career change developing a portfolio career. He is Pro Chancellor and former chair of Governors of Plymouth University. Nick is chair of Trustees at the Theatre Royal Plymouth and was on the board of the South West Regional Development Agency (where he was Deputy Chairman). He was also a member of the governing board of the

Technology Strategy Board – the government’s innovation agency. He is the chair of the Soil Association Certification Body and holds a number of private sector executive and non-executive directorships in a variety of companies and is on the board of two charitable trusts. He is the chair of the board of Peninsula Community Health CIC that provided the non-acute hospitals in Cornwall and community nursing. He chairs the board of the Engineering Development Trust and sits on the advisory board of Great Western Railway. He has a BSc in Mathematics from the University of Bath, is a Fellow of the British Computer Society, the Institute of Maths and its Applications, the Royal Society of Arts, and the Chartered Management Institute. He is a member of the Institute of Directors and the Royal Institution. He holds a Dip RSA, is a Chartered Engineer, Chartered Information Systems Practitioner, Chartered Manager and a European Engineer. He was appointed OBE in the 2009 for services to Innovation & Technology.