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# Meet our Council

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## Tim Parker (Chair)



Tim Parker became Chair of the National Trust in November 2014. He took on the role of Chair of the Post Office in October 2015. He also took on the role of Chair of HM Courts & Tribunals Service in April 2018. He is Chair of Samsonite. Tim 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 he has been CEO of Clarks, the shoe company, Kwik-Fit, the AA, and until recently, Samsonite, where he remains Chair. Tim has been Chair 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 is also a member of the National Trust's Audit Committee, Investment Committee and Senior Management Remuneration Committee. 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 sits on the Boards of Saga and of Burberry.

## Steve Anderson



Steve was elected to the 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



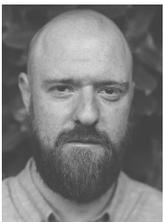
Peter was appointed to the Council by TANT, The Tenants Association of the National Trust, in 2013. His expertise is in the Let Estate which provides around £40m p/a. The Trust has some 10,000 tenants and Peter is their voice on Council, as he puts it, the voice from the coalface of the populous. He is an ardent supporter of all things National Trust and the responsibility of the Council. Now working not too many days a month on a consultancy basis in Sales and Marketing, Peter is all the more able to help and enjoy Trust events and activities, the coast, countryside, castles, ruins, art, nature, wildlife and history.

## Graham Bathe



Graham was appointed to the Council by the Open Spaces Society in 2018. He retired in 2011 after 40 years' experience in access and countryside, working for government agencies, local authorities and charities in Britain and overseas. He led English Nature's access work on the Countryside and Rights of Way Act from passage in Parliament to implementation, reconciling access and biodiversity on 500,000ha of our best wildlife habitat. From 2005-2011 he was the principal project manager leading Natural England's work on the Commons Act. Graham has worked on nationally and internationally scarce wildlife, countryside visitor surveys, and environmental conflict resolution. He chaired the Wildlife and Access Advisory Group, has served on the National Countryside Access Forum, Defra's Commons Act Project Board, and New Forest and Hampstead Heath committees. He is a former director of the Foundation for Common Land, and chairman of the Open Spaces Society. He has published over a dozen papers, books and book chapters.

## Alex Bird



Alex was appointed to the Council by the Museums Association in 2019. Originally hailing from Yorkshire, Alex has had a number of different roles in museums and galleries and is currently the Museum Development Officer, specialising in workforce and skills development for Museum Development North West. He leads on a number of programmes for all accredited museums in the region around workforce and entrepreneurial development, succession planning, health and wellbeing and youth engagement. Alex has also led on the development and publication of a number of national strategies for the museum sector around ethical closures and how to support museums and galleries at risk.

## Austin Brady



Austin was appointed to the Council by the Woodland Trust in 2018. He has more than 35 years' experience through his work in conservation, recreation, forestry and land management in England, Scotland and Australia. He spent many years working in the public sector (with the Forestry Commission and Regional Government), but has also worked in the private sector, and has significant recent experience (approx. 6 years) at senior executive level in a large and successful UK-wide conservation charity (The Woodland Trust). This includes high level relationship management with a range of organisations, extensive media engagement, as well as policy development and political influencing at senior official and ministerial level. He has recently retired from full-time paid employment and is now pursuing ideas and opportunities, based on his experience and knowledge, to help promote the public benefits that flow from the positive interactions between nature, society and the environment.

## Ian Brown



Ian was appointed to the Council by The Wildlife Trusts (TWT) in 2019. Following a 40-year career within the International Petroleum and Energy industry, he has pursued a portfolio of voluntary positions in nature conservation, education and Sport. He has been a member and Trustee of Suffolk Wildlife Trust since 1999, and more recently Chair. He was appointed a Trustee of TWT Council in 2015. He has been Chair of Governors at a senior Essex state school and more recently at a senior Suffolk state school. Sport has played a major part in Ian's life and he established the South Suffolk Leisure Trust to manage all local government owned leisure facilities. He has been Chairman of Suffolk Hockey Association and continues to be an active VP in most local sports clubs. Living in the historic Suffolk Brett Valley with its collection of medieval woollen towns and villages, Ian has had a life-long interest in local history and its impact and influence on the community. He has been Chair of his local village meeting, a village often described as the prettiest in Suffolk and nationally noted for its annual Open Gardens Day.

## Professor Valerie Brown



Val was appointed to 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 Somerset Wildlife Trust for which she serves as a Trustee.

## Anne Casement



Anne was elected to the Council in 2011. 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 and is a member of the Trust's Advisory Group for Wales. He is Secretary (Chief Executive) of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, the body that carries out research into all aspects of Welsh heritage and that curates the National Monuments Record for Wales. He is co-chair of the Historic Wales Partnership, which brings together the leading cultural institutions in Wales to work together on collaborative projects, and chair of the Welsh Historic Places of Worship Forum.

Christopher is well-known as a heritage advocate, journalist and commentator, and as the author of a number of best-selling travel guides, including the *Eyewitness Guides to Florence and Tuscany* and *Venice and the Veneto*, as well as *A Practical Handbook of Archaeology*. He is also the Director of the Marc Fitch Fund, the charity that gives grants to support academic research and publishing in the fields of history, archaeology and art and architectural history.

## 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.

## Heather Clarke



Heather was appointed to the Council by the Canal & River Trust in 2018. Heather is currently Strategy, Engagement & Impact Director at the Canal & River Trust. She has executive accountability for: developing, driving & communicating the Trust's overall strategic direction; building the Trust's strategic plans, campaigns and evidence base; growing the supporter base and statutory and voluntary income; engaging with key policy and decision makers, partners and stakeholders at different spatial levels; as well as influencing outcome generation and placemaking

through planning and design. She oversees: strategy; marketing and supporter development; policy and public affairs; insight and evidence; strategic performance and reporting; spatial and statutory planning functions; and planning and urban design consultancy functions within the Trust. Heather joined British Waterways (the predecessor to the Trust) in 1997, after working for an urban development corporation which was charged with delivering large scale area-based urban regeneration in the Black Country. A chartered town and regional planner, with a MSC in Historic Conservation and postgraduate diploma qualification in urban design, she has gained extensive experience in strategic and statutory planning, property-based urban regeneration, place-making and partnership working with the Trust. Heather is an appointed member representative on the Board of H2O Urban and is a Trustee Director of the Roundhouse in Birmingham.

## Jane Dean



Jane was elected to the Council in 2018. She was a Commercial Panel member for the Trust and remains as a Specialist Commercial Advisor. A career in the hospitality industry with international companies Compass and Sodexo in executive roles led her to setting up her own consultancy in 2008. Jane has several non-executive director and trustee positions, including with The National Museum for the Royal Navy and The Auckland Project. The latter is transforming Auckland Castle

into a faith and heritage destination of international significance and to reinvigorating Bishop Auckland and the wider area through social and economic generation. Jane is trustee director of P&O Member Funds & Investment, and member of their audit committee. She is non-executive director trustee of Above & Beyond (charity for six Bristol hospitals) and chair of their audit committee and a non-executive director on the trading board of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. Jane is married with two children and lives in Bristol. With a keen interest of the countryside, walking, triathlons and running a charity fund raising for Bristol local hospitals.

### **Jim Gardiner**



Jim was appointed to the Council by the Royal Horticultural Society in 2018. He worked for the Royal Horticultural Society from 1988 to 2016. He was Executive Vice President, and previously Director of Horticulture and the Curator of RHS Garden Wisley. Prior to this, Jim was Curator of both the Sir Harold Hillier Garden & Arboretum in Hampshire and the City of Liverpool Botanic Gardens. He also worked and trained at The Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park, The University of Cambridge Botanic Gardens, and The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. He is a Trustee and Director of Borde Hill Garden, a Trustee of the Tree Register of the British Isles (TROBI), a Patron of the Hampton Court Palace Florilegium Society and serves on the IDS Scientific & Education Committee as well as a number of RHS Committees. He is a past President of Magnolia Society International, has written books including “Magnolias, A Gardener’s Guide” and the Timber Press “Encyclopaedia of Flowering Shrubs” as well as lecturing extensively and advising gardens on plant-related topics.

### **Sarah Green**



Sarah was elected to the Council in October 2017. In 2019 she joined the Nominations Committees for Trustee and Chair. Sarah has over 20 years’ experience working with business as an international lawyer with Clifford Chance and as Director of Regions for the CBI. She is currently Chief Executive of Newcastle Gateshead Initiative, the public/private partnership responsible for tourism, destination marketing and inward investment for Newcastle Gateshead urban core. Sarah is particularly passionate about the north of England and the role of the National Trust in supporting sustainable communities. Sarah is a board member at Ryder Architecture, Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums and is on the Court at Newcastle University. Sarah is currently completing a PHD on the social impact of small businesses within rural communities at Durham University and spends her free time floating in the North Sea as an active member of the Craster Coastal Rowing Club.

### **Inga Grimsey OBE**



Inga was elected to the Council in 2019. She spent the first half of her working life in brand development, marketing and retail with Sainsburys, Levi Strauss and Storehouse. She then made a career change and moved into the not-for-profit sector as CEO of the Ski Club of Great Britain. Following this, she became a Director of the National Trust where she worked for nine years, initially running the Trust’s commercial operations and then as an operations director on the senior management board. Later, she was appointed Director General of the Royal Horticultural Society where she initiated major change programmes. After retirement, Inga was a volunteer at the 2012 Olympics and chaired the East of England HLF/NLHF. Now, Inga is a Trustee of a multi-academy trust and also Chairs the Regional Advisory Board for the National Trust in the East of England. She lives in a zero-carbon house, where she is a keen gardener with a large garden, growing almost all her vegetables. In 2017 she was awarded an OBE for her work with Heritage and Communities.

## Elizabeth Hamilton



Elizabeth 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 in 1996 and since then has worked in her family's investment property company. Elizabeth was a member of CPRE's National Trustee Board (until 2017), and chair of the Hertfordshire branch of CPRE. She continues as an active volunteer for CPRE nationally and locally. She was on the Steering Committee of the Chilterns Special Trees and Woodlands Project, and a member of the Chilterns Local Action Group, which distributed 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.

## 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. In a career involving both private and public sector, he was formerly Chief Conservation Architect at English Heritage. Until October 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.

## Sarah Hollingdale



Sarah was elected to Council in 2019. She began her heritage career as an oral history intern at Quarry Bank Mill, and as a life-long fan of the National Trust she always hoped to return in some capacity. Currently she works on a NLHF-funded project at Hereford Cathedral, engaging people from all backgrounds with the history of the Cloisters. Sarah also leads on accessibility at the cathedral, talking to the community, and implementing changes to make the cathedral more accessible to all (particularly those with hidden or chronic conditions). As a result, Hereford Cathedral is the first place of worship in the UK to receive the Autism Friendly Award from NAS. Sarah now advises other churches and museums; her professional interest in access is very much motivated by her personal experience, having moved to Hereford to take on caring responsibilities. When she applied for election Sarah had ticked off 76 properties on the National Trust app, and she hopes to have doubled that by the end of her term!

## Doug Hulyer



Doug was elected to Council in November 2019. Following 30 years as a senior executive with the Wildlife Trusts and at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Doug became an independent advisor to the heritage and environmental sectors in 2006. An environmentalist and educator, he is a lifelong advocate of learning for the environment and sustainability. He was a board member for English Nature and its successor, Natural England between 2002 and 2014, and served as a trustee for the Heritage Lottery Fund for seven years until 2013. He led the Public Engagement Group in its various iterations for DEFRA between 2002 and 2012. He currently Chairs the National Trust SW

Region Advisory Board, was a founder member of the Learning/Visitor Experience Advisory Panel and remains a specialist advisor for the Trust. He took over as Chair of the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership in August 2018 and is a trustee of SEEd (Sustainability and Environmental Education) He was formerly Chair of the Jurassic Coast Trust, Woodchester Mansion and the Earth Trust and is a Vice President of the Surrey Wildlife Trust. Now completing an eco-house project near Stroud, for the last two years he has been revisiting his radical roots in the ecological movement and exploring the mechanics of systemic change.

### **Robert Hunter**



Robert was appointed to the Council in 2017 by Historic Houses (formerly the Historic Houses Association). He is a director of a wealth management business in Edinburgh. In the early 2000s he was a Trustee of Wentworth Castle Trust and was part of the team that put together over £20m of funding for the restoration of South Yorkshire's only Grade 1 listed landscape garden. Wentworth has recently come under the management of the Trust. He owns Plumpton Rocks which is a small 18<sup>th</sup> Century Landscape garden in North Yorkshire where JMW Turner had his first commission in oils and which is open to the public. He chairs the Friends of the Union Chain Bridge, a community group formed to promote the restoration of the world's oldest vehicular suspension bridge which crosses the River Tweed near Berwick, the project has recently received substantial funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. He is also a trustee of Thirlestane Castle, one of Scotland's finest buildings and he sits on the Council of the Historic Houses. He lives in sight of the Northumberland coast with his wife, who runs a successful holiday cottage letting agency.

### **Caroline Kay (Trustee)**



Caroline was appointed to the Board of Trustees in September 2018 and has been an elected member of the Council since 2017, and a member of the South West Regional Advisory Board since 2013. A National Trust member since her 20s, she is currently Chief Executive of Bath Preservation Trust, an amenity charity and membership organisation promoting the conservation and sustainable development of the World Heritage City of Bath and running 4 accredited museums in the city. Before joining Bath Preservation Trust as CEO in 2007, Caroline's career has been largely within the public or non-profit sector, with 20 years working with cultural organisations. She started her career as a Clerk in the House of Lords, was Deputy Director of Arts and Business, and spent 12 years as a senior arts consultant including as an expert advisor assessing lottery applications for the Heritage Lottery Fund. She has a 1<sup>st</sup> Class MA from Oxford University in Psychology and Physiology and an MSc from Bristol University in Organisational Psychology. Previous non-executive roles have included Chair of the Wiltshire Music Centre, Board Member of English Touring Theatre, Aldeburgh Productions and Winchester College, and a non-executive member of the Avon, Gloucester and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority.

### **Deborah Lamb**



Deborah was elected to the Council in October 2019. She has a passion for urban as well as rural landscapes and recognises how our heritage, and its use and interpretation, needs to adapt to make sure it secures the public support necessary to thrive in the future. She also believes the Trust can play an important role in implementing and demonstrating sustainable development. Deborah is now retired from full time work but until March 2019 she was Deputy Chief Executive of Historic England and before that worked in government. Much of her career was spent championing the natural and built environment, including negotiating the UN Biodiversity Convention, as well as promoting accountability, public service and diversity. Deborah loves living in London but she is a frequent visitor to Cornwall and her heart remains in the north east of England where she grew up.

## **Duncan Mackay**



Duncan was elected to the Council in 2018 and is a member of the Nominations Committee. He was born in South Yorkshire and enthused with geology by his coal-miner grandfather. His father taught him to read maps, examine vernacular buildings, identify birds and, on holidays, enjoy wild landscapes chasing choughs or picking bilberries at Brimham Rocks to make pies. After studying geology and geography at Newcastle University, where he met his wife, he worked in conservation in the voluntary, public (state and local authority) and private sectors. He recently retired as urban environments adviser to Natural England. Duncan is curious about everything. He sees beauty in small things and the potentiality for any place to be better. He is the author of six books: 'The Secret Thames'; 'Apples, Berkshire, Cider'; 'Eat Wild'; 'Bizarre Berkshire'; 'Reading, the place of the people of the Red One'; and 'Whispers of Better Things' (about Octavia Hill's family). The Trust's founders have inspired him throughout his life and he loves the accessible open space freedom Trust land offers everyone. Duncan is a Fellow of the Landscape Institute, a Trustee of the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare, and a member of the Canal and River Trust's Environmental Advisory Group. In 1996 he won the Henry Ford European Conservation Award for Heritage and in 2004 an Unlimited Award to explore the longest straight line in Britain (from Culver Point to Cape Wrath) on a folding bicycle. He is a past Commodore of Henley Sailing Club. Duncan also owns a collection of lucky pebbles, a coracle and a cider-press.

## **Emma Mee**



Emma was elected to the Council in 2017. She runs an accelerator and incubator programme supporting impact entrepreneurs and start-ups in Cambridge looking to make a positive impact on the world. She is passionate about encouraging and helping to create solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges through innovation and entrepreneurship. She has experience of working with large corporate clients solving sustainability challenges and after 12 years at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability, a sound understanding of climate change and renewable technologies. Emma is married, living in Cambridge with her two young children and spends many weekends around the local National Trust properties playing with sticks.

## **Phillip Mulligan**



Phil was appointed to the Council by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) in 2015. He was a member of the TCV Board for five years. 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 Regional Director for the Canal and River Trust in the East Midlands. He has previously been the CEO of the Landscape Institute (the professional body for landscape architects), a member of the Steering Group for the Professional Associations Research Network, 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 MPhil and Masters studies in International Development at Sussex University and undergraduate studies in Social and Political Science at Cambridge University. Phil lives in Lincolnshire with his wife and three children.

## Tom Platt



Tom was appointed to the Council by the Ramblers in 2018. He studied geography and urban design and has a particular interest in how people interact with the built environment and natural world. He has spent most of his professional life in the voluntary sector in various policy and campaign roles. He is now Director of Advocacy and Engagement for the Ramblers, leading on policy, campaigns, public affairs and communications for the charity. Tom is married with two young children and spends many weekends exploring National Trust properties and making dens. He's a keen walker and cyclist, whether it's getting around his home city of Cambridge, or out in the countryside when visiting family in the Peak District where he grew up.

## 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.

## Michael Salter-Church MBE



Michael was elected to the Council in October 2019. He is the Director of External Affairs & Policy for the UK's largest digital infrastructure company and has a background in communications and public affairs. Michael has spent most of his career in Whitehall, engaging with government on policy and serving as an advisor to senior government ministers. He gained strategic commercial experience working in the highly competitive retail sector, where he was responsible for political engagement for the UK's second largest supermarket chain. In 2012, Michael founded - and still co-chairs - Pride in London, the Community Interest Company that organises the capital's third largest annual one-day event, which attracts over 30,000 people into the Parade and over a million people on to the event footprint. Michael sits on the committee organising the Ultimate News Quiz, one of the biggest annual fundraising events for two charities Action for Children and Restless Development and serves as an advisor to National Student Pride. He was awarded an MBE in 2015 for public service and in 2019 accepted the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of Pride in London. Michael hopes his experience will assist the Trust in protection of our environment and heritage, ensuring the NT continues to thrive by attracting and educating future generations. He refers to his childhood holidays being "enriched by visits to NT landscapes, gardens and buildings" and now with a father in a wheelchair and young nieces he has gained a new perspective on NT properties. He was raised in rural Suffolk, where some of his family still live, and now resides in South East London with his husband and two cats (Margot & Jerry, who – like so many cats – enjoy walking across the keyboard as he's trying to type).

## Simon Sansome



Simon was elected to the Council in 2019. He joined the National Trust as he wanted to take his nephews and nieces out over the summer holidays and found the Trust a fantastic place for the family. Simon joined the Council because he could see the opportunity to improve disabled access for Trust members and the general public. This idea overlaps with his work running the UK's largest online disabled community 'Ability Access' reaching 10 million people a month and having over 50,000 followers on social media. He is also one of the top disability consultants in the UK and a qualified journalist and presenter, focusing on disability and raising awareness. Simon's previous

roles include working in adult social care specialising in adult mental health and physical disability. He has also worked as a housing officer. Being on the Trust's Council is an excellent opportunity for Simon and a national organisation to set the standard for disabled access and lead the way in disability awareness and disabled access.

### **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.

### **Elizabeth Staples**



Elizabeth was elected to the Council in 2018. She has been a member of the National Trust for over 20 years. She has enjoyed a wide-ranging career. Having worked for some years for a Trade Association within the transport sector she became a sole trader. This allowed her the flexibility to serve as a Magistrate, a Non-Executive of the newly formed East Staffs Primary Care Trust and as an elected Borough and later County Councillor. During her time as a Councillor she served in various Cabinet Positions including Mayor in 2010, and after standing down in 2015, was made an Alderman of the Borough. Elizabeth was instrumental in Tutbury having the first Teen Zone Play Area in East Staffordshire and during her time as Chair of the Tutbury in Bloom Team the town received two Silver and two Gold Awards. Since taking early retirement in 2016 she has been a volunteer at Sudbury Hall, in both the shop and as a member of Sudbury Forum. Elizabeth is a member of a local Community Choir and Governor at a local Primary School and although she now works part-time for the NHS, still enjoys reading, gardening, tapestry, the occasional bike ride and most importantly spending time with her two granddaughters.

### **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 various heritage charities, English Heritage and the NHMF/National Lottery Heritage Fund where he is currently a Trustee and Board Member. David has held many roles within British Archaeology including Director of the BAA, Chair of the IFA Buildings Group, Chair of Heritage Lincolnshire's Advisory Committee, Vice-President & Trustee of the Society for Medieval Archaeology, Trustee of the CBA, Chair & Trustee of the Society for Church Archaeology, Trustee & Exec. member of the Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology, and President & Trustee of the Lincoln Record Society. David has also been an Honorary Fellow in Archaeology at University of York and a Research Associate at St John's College, Cambridge, and he is currently a Research Associate at the University of York and Hon. Visiting Professor of Medieval Studies at the University of Leeds. David's research interests lie mostly within medieval archaeology (buildings, settlement, landscape and the church), on which he has published over 140 academic reports and papers and is the author/co-author of 16 books, but his interests extend to nineteenth-century art and ceramics and he has recently edited a German war-diary. David lives in a former farmhouse in Lincolnshire where he is active in several heritage charities whilst learning to play the recorder.

## Nichola Tasker



Nichola was appointed to the Council by English Heritage in 2019. A conservation architect with dual qualifications in archaeology, she is currently Head of National Projects at EH. Nichola has advised on range of historic estates during her time in architectural practice including sites belonging to the National Trust, the Churches Conservation Trust, the Landmark Trust and private clients. She has worked as client for major capital investment and conservation programmes at both Historic Royal Palaces and English Heritage. Nichola is a Trustee of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the Drake Trust (a conservation education charity) and the Bristol Urban Design Forum for Bristol City Council. She lives near Bristol with her husband and daughter.

## Guy Trehane



Guy was elected to the Council in 2017. He has been Managing Director of Hampreston Manor Farm Ltd since 1978. This was a family business farming 600 acres in Dorset milking 280 dairy cows and growing arable crops. For six years between leaving College and returning to the family business Guy worked overseas in the oil industry in South East Asia and agriculture in Japan and Argentina. In 1989 Guy was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship from an overseas study on the implications of the Uruguay Round of GATT (World Trade Organisation) for European Agriculture. His final employment was lecturing in Animal Husbandry, Gwebi College, Zimbabwe. Guy has been a former Chairman of Maize Growers Association of United Kingdom and Ireland. Guy enjoys Music, visual art, international and domestic rural affairs, appreciating landscape and history through cycling, walking and gardening.

## Phil Treleven



Phil was appointed to the Council by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 2019. He began his career in HM Diplomatic Service, serving in Bangladesh, Australia and Namibia. He then entered the private sector, helping build Energis Communications, a start-up subsidiary of the National Grid. He went on to work in regional government, at the South East England Development Agency, managing social and economic inclusion projects in Portsmouth. He joined the Duke of Edinburgh in 2005 as the 50th Anniversary Project Manager and in 2007 took up the post of Director for the South West Region. He became Director of UK Services in June 2010. Phil sat as a Justice of the Peace on the Wiltshire bench from 2009 to 2011.

## **Our 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.

### **James Bigwood**



James was appointed as an External Member to the Trust's Council in January 2018. James is Director of People & Organisation Development at University of Bristol. He has over 15 years' experience in change management and human resources and holds Masters Degrees in both disciplines. He has previously worked for Sustrans, Marie Curie, Deloitte, and The House of Commons. He is a passionate advocate of best practice in recruitment and has significant experience of designing and managing Executive level appointments processes. In his spare time James likes to collect vinyl, paint and ride his bike. He believes strongly in the importance of the voluntary sector and the benefits it offers to society as a whole. He is excited to have the opportunity to offer his skills and experience to the National Trust.

### **Karen McArthur**



Karen was appointed as an External member to the Trust in January 2018. Karen is an experienced NED with a broad portfolio of roles built around balancing commercial, social and ethical issues. She has undertaken a number of Board roles including Chair and Vice Chair, and Chair of Audit, Nominations & Remunerations Committees. She has worked with the Chartered Banker Professional Standard Board overseeing the monitoring of the wider professional standards activity, at Severn Trent leading on promoting the needs of vulnerable customers, at the Pension Quality Mark, developing standards, at HS2 focusing on challenging environmental, social and economic performance and at the social enterprise 3SC challenging the membership interests within a changing funding landscape. She has also spent 10 years within corporate responsibility in both a global and local remit, advocating for ethical and responsible positions to be taken to a range of commercial matters. Karen has been responsible for recruiting personnel for a range of roles including CEOs for social enterprises and charities, Board Members and Trustees as well as members of Nomination and Remuneration Committees.