

**Surrey Hills Society Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 5.30 p.m.**

To appoint and reappoint Trustees of the Society:

Martin Cantor

I am a Chartered Company Secretary having been involved as a Director or Company Secretary of many companies for more than 30 years. I have extensive experience in running the financial and administrative aspects of businesses and have wide knowledge of a range of issues encompassing, for example, Income and Corporate taxes, VAT, HR, Payroll and FCA Compliance and Pensions Administration.

I run my own business from my home in Buckland and am pleased to be able to help in looking after the finances of the Surrey Hills Society. Having lived in the Surrey Hills for nearly 40 years I appreciate and value everything that living here offers.

The Society exists to help promote and protect the wonderful landscapes of the area and to assist in developing viable economic opportunities for those who wish to live and work locally and these are themes that I support wholeheartedly.

In my spare time I like to travel, play the piano, play golf and walk the hills with the family dog. I would also like to find time to try and play a bit of tennis again but fear those days may now be gone!

Stella Cantor

I was born in Dorking and have lived here in the Surrey Hills for most of my life. So I was keen to join the organisation set up to help protect and promote this beautiful area. I had recently 'retired' early and so had some spare time to offer.

I first joined the events committee and took on organising one or two events. I was then invited to attend the management committee and was present when the membership secretary announced his wish to stand down. The last job of my working life was as an IT teacher and so I had some pertinent skills which meant that before I knew what had happened, I had taken over the membership administration of the Society.

My other voluntary job is with Girl guiding and I am active as a commissioner and leader. I consider myself fortunate to be able to offer time to two organisations in whose work I truly believe and to join with other committed volunteers in doing so.

Sarah Jane Chimbandira

After completing a first degree in Zoology at Royal Holloway College I decided to fulfil an ambition I had long had and became a VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) when I was posted as a secondary school science teacher in Malawi.

On my return to the UK I completed a Master's degree in Environmental Management and began volunteering with Surrey County Council in the Countryside Service, working at both Newlands Corner Visitor Centre and the Semaphore Tower at Ockham. In time SCC offered me a full time role within the Countryside Service and following the ground-breaking transfer of the SCC Countryside Service to Surrey Wildlife Trust in May 2002 I transferred to SWT.

For many years I managed the Biodiversity, Evidence & Policy department for the Trust where I oversee the planning advisory service, ecological consultancy, local record centre and Living Landscapes team as well as being involved in the development of Surrey Nature Partnership. I am a Member of the Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management (I currently serve on the Advisory Forum) as well as a Chartered Environmentalist.

Since February 2019 I have been Chief Executive of Surrey Wildlife Trust. In this new role I am promoting Surrey Wildlife Trust's five year strategy, 'Restoring Surrey's Nature'. The strategy focuses on three key areas: Thames Basin Heaths, The North Downs and Holmesdale Wetlands. It is all about creating a 'living landscape' with connective hedgerows, rivers, nature reserves and green spaces across Surrey where wildlife can flourish.

Terry Driscoll

Prior to retiring I was involved for 25 years with IT in department stores. During this time, I was employed in various roles by a number of the leading retail groups in the country.

Living in Effingham for the past 40 years I have been a councillor on the Parish Council and Treasurer of the local playing fields association. I am a volunteer ranger with the National Trust having worked for many years at Polesden Lacey, I am with Headley Heath team helping to reclaim the area back from birch and bracken.

Gordon Jackson

Having lived in Surrey for over 60 years, I have grown up with a passion for the Surrey Hills. I became a Guildford Borough Councillor in June 2000, shortly after I retired as a partner (specialising in Corporate Law) of an international City of London law firm. I have served on a wide variety of committees on the Council and, in addition to my love of the countryside, I have a particular interest in the arts and heritage and a fascination with the innovative research and businesses that are a crucial part of our local economy. I believe it is essential that we embrace forward thinking practices and technologies to sustainably manage the environment in which we live and the wildlife with which we share it.

I was Mayor of Guildford in 2016/17 and was delighted to nominate the Surrey Hills Trust as one of my chosen charities. During my mayoral year, my wife, Sue, and I particularly enjoyed meeting the many volunteers, who do so much in so many different ways to support our local communities and the surrounding countryside.

In our free time, Sue and I love to travel, and I am a keen photographer. We walk a lot both on holiday and at home and are frequent concert and theatregoers. I also play both golf and tennis extremely badly!

Andrew Povey

I have lived in Surrey for about 34 years - in Cranleigh for the last thirty. Initially I worked in research and development and subsequently in technical management. More recently I ran my own business which I sold three years ago. This requires a good knowledge of marketing, finance and HR, all of which are valuable as a trustee.

Alongside my work I have served as an elected County Councillor in Surrey for 20 years with two of these as Leader of the Council (2009-2011). I currently represent Cranleigh and Ewhurst. It was in this role that I was introduced to the amazing countryside that we have in Surrey.

It is essential that we help people to understand what a wonderful asset this is, to enjoy it and to ensure that it is passed on to future generations.

Peter Salisbury

Having always lived in Reigate or Redhill I have a great interest in the Surrey Hills. My wife and I joined the Society soon after it was formed and are Founder Members.

After a few years of attending events, I felt the urge to do more and in my present role as the Society's Administrator, I enjoy helping manage the Society. I take the Minutes of the Trustees, Management and Events committees' meetings and send round the monthly emails telling members about forthcoming events. I also help producing the confirmations for our events and have recently accepted to manage the Society's shop. My role evolves according to my wishes and availability.

Away from the Society, I have several other interests to keep me busy, including being a volunteer at the National Trust's Leith Hill Place and on the Bluebell Railway. I have also been a member of the Scout Association for over 40 years and have held a variety of leadership and administrative roles.