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Trustees & Officers Standing for Election and Re-election 2019

Stephen Hardy MBE

Stephen Hardy originally qualified as a solicitor in 1974 and worked as legal and compliance director for the UK subsidiaries of an Irish plc, the only major construction company listed on the FTSE 100.

Connected with his work, Stephen set up, and acted as Chairman during its formative years of Ibstock Community Enterprises Limited, in the East Midlands, a very successful regeneration venture, established in 1997, and still thriving, for which Stephen was awarded an MBE in 1999. He has also been a director of various regeneration enterprises on Merseyside where his employer had factories. Since 2001, he has been Chairman of an environmental trust set up under the Landfill Communities Scheme, which has distributed in excess of £8m. He is also a trustee of his company's Pension Fund.

Stephen has been active for many years in local politics, standing for Westminster four times, and being an elected district councillor in Rother from 1999 to 2003. He is currently a Parish Councillor for Salehurst and Robertsbridge. He set up in his home village Robertsbridge Enterprise Group, a group of local businesses and community interests, in 2007, to improve sustainability in the village. He is its chairman. He also chaired the Neighbourhood Plan in Salehurst and Robertsbridge, and the Plan was approved overwhelmingly at referendum in May 2018

Being a keen allotment gardener, he set up Robertsbridge Allotments Association in 2006 and was its first Chairman. He is a trustee of Rother Environment Group since 2014.

Stephen was chair of Hurst Green Community Shop Limited, which converted a redundant church with the aid of Lottery funding, to be a shop, café and community centre. He is a member of the management committee of Helping Hands, a community friends organisation set up in 2013 for Robertsbridge.

Penny Hudd

Penny studied Design at the Hornsey College of Art in London and Landscape Architecture at Harvard in the USA where she went on to practice as a designer for ten years, her clients included, among others The Architects Collaborative, Benjamin Thompson & Associates, the Boston Children's Hospital and MIT Libraries.

She then moved to live and work in Hong Kong where she worked with architects GMW, Prescott Stutely Design and for the Hong Kong Government. On her return to the UK she retained her design practice while moving into design education, initially as a senior lecturer at Norwich School of Art.

This was followed by a move to Scotland where Penny became Head of Graphic Design at Glasgow School of Art and latterly to London to take on the role of Head of the School of Design at Kingston University.

She has been an academic advisor and external examiner at many institutions in the UK including the Royal College of Art, Central St Martins at the University of the Arts London, the University of Central Lancashire and in Europe the Austrian Education Department.

Throughout her career Penny has endeavoured to build productive relationships, between industry and education and between art and design institutions around the world.

Recent work includes consultancy for the University of Brighton's Faculty of Art, Design & Architecture; External Examining for the Design and Craft Masters courses at the University of the Creative Arts and a role as a Governor of City College, Brighton & Hove. Penny has also been an active member of CPRE Sussex for five years and a Trustee for four.

David Johnson

David Johnson was brought up on the edge of the Green Belt and North Downs, playing out on its commons and woods. Although going to school in central London he became a 'Young Farmer' and worked on a small farm's dairy, its horse drawn milk float and potato picking.

David's varied career led him to work with the Irish cheese and 'real' food producers, to develop effective public, health and welfare services and encourage equal opportunities across rural and urban settings. In recent years he has taught on international MBAs in China, Japan, South America and Europe on organisational and management development and led leadership programmes in the UK and Ireland.

In the 1990s David moved from Wimbledon to rural East Sussex where he kept horses on a few acres, and subsequently, to Shoreham where he lives beside the River Adur. David has worked with voluntary organisations since the 1980s, currently as a junior school governor in Brighton; he helped set up Shoreham Wordfest, now in its fifth year, sings in a community choir and volunteers at the Ropetackle.Arts Centre. He describes himself as 'semi-retired'.

A long time country lover and user, his anxiety at the Government's pressure for building at any cost, led him to join CPRE Sussex. He now seeks to build strong alliances with campaigners across Sussex, attract new volunteers and members from among both rural and urban country users and renew the sense of countryside stewardship in the wider society.

Dr John Kay

John is the planning lead for the CPRE Sussex Lewes District group. He is a long-standing Ringmer parish councillor, with spells as both chair and planning committee chair. He chaired the steering groups that produced a Village Plan in 2003, added Employment and Housing Strategies in 2006 & 2009, and then a Neighbourhood Plan in 2016. Prior to retirement John was Associate Dean of the Brighton & Sussex Medical School and a Non-Executive Director of East Sussex Downs & Weald Primary Care Trust. John is a Trustee of King's Church, Lewes; of the Ringmer Parish Almshouse Charity; and of a parish charity that provides affordable housing for young families. He is a board member of the Ringmer area Community Land Trust, formed in 2018 and with its first planning application now submitted.

Prof Dan Osborn

Dan Osborn is Professor of Human Ecology in the Earth Sciences Department at University College London (UCL). He is co-Chair of UCL's Environment Domain that tries to maintain an overview of the many different aspects of environmental research. His own research interests concern how people's wellbeing relates to their environment and its natural resources.

Dan is working closely with the Sussex Community Development Association on a project that has developed ways of encouraging people who do not make use of greenspace to do so with measurable benefits to their wellbeing. He was a co-lead for the chapter on "People and the Built Environment" in the Evidence Report for the 2nd UK Climate Risk Assessment published in 2016. He contributed sections on flooding and the risks coastal communities face from a changing climate and made inputs to green infrastructure issues.

Before joining UCL a few years ago Dan worked for the Research Council in a number of different roles including one on the cross-government research initiative Living With Environmental Change. Before that, as Chair of the British Ecological Society's Policy Committee, he helped initiate discussions between ecologists and economists that led on to the National Ecosystem Assessment published in two stages in 2011 and 2014.

Dan has worked with businesses, charities, national and local government in the UK and with the European Commission and various Parliamentary groups on a range of legislative and best practice issues. Much of this work has involved protecting the health and wellbeing people and the environment and ensuring that resources, such as water, are used more sustainably. Partnership working to co-produce knowledge and use it is an underlying theme of much of this work.