

Biographies of Trustees July 2022-2023

- The notice of AGM was placed on the Village Hall noticeboard 21 days before the AGM date. A notice of AGM was shared on our website and social media, and all regular hirers received invitation emails. The notice of AGM and a Trustee Information Pack invited nominations including a short bio. They offered contact details for those requesting information who did not have internet access.
- A total of six applications were received - two from existing Trustees and four new applications.
- Conflict of interests will be managed in line with Charity Commission guidance (for instance with some applicant trustees being regular hirers).
- Nominations have been assessed against the Charity Commission's Trustee Eligibility criteria.

Suzanne Turner

I am an ill-health retired registered nurse who worked in the NHS for over 23 years, in a variety of roles - as a ward sister for 10 years and finishing my career as a clinical nurse specialist in renal and transplant care. I am now lucky enough to have found a 'second life' with Sing4Pleasure (Claire Harvey-East's singing group) who has found a home at Stanton Village Hall.

Experienced in budget management (retired ward sister NHS 23+ years), Health & Safety assessor (including COSHH), experienced in project management (including recruitment & retention / facilities management / resource planning / estates planning etc)

As a user of the hall, and having used other facilities, I feel very passionate about the standards already in place, the people currently working hard to maintain the status of Stanton Village Hall, and I believe I can help.

I am also a fully qualified PAT tester and maintain all the professional sound equipment for Claire (professional singer).

Claire Harvey-East

I am an operatic, classically trained international soprano singer, who was based in Spain for 13 years and returned to the UK in 2003. I also had a very successful teaching business in Spain and my singing students have gone on to have professional singing careers around the world, including in the West End of London. During my time in Spain, I trained as a sound technician for an English speaking Theatre, and also produced and directed my own shows on the Costa del Sol. Since returning to the UK, I have built my teaching business up and started singing groups in Birmingham and South Derbyshire (including health-related and MS singing groups), with the Stanton based Sing4Pleasure growing in success and my performance group Voices R Us gaining local recognition and accepting more gig requests. I hold qualifications in singing, piano, acting, performance, education, mental health in an educational setting and hypnotherapy. And in my "spare time" I also perform professionally in my own classical-crossover show!

I have many years experience as a successful self-employed business woman, undertaking my own budget management, organising the growth and expansion of my business model. Project management from idea to conception and I am a completer-finisher. As a qualified teacher, I have experience in interpersonal interactions to the highest level, in a multitude of age groups and social backgrounds (I have taught people from the age of 4 years to 94 years!) I have experience of working under pressure and budgetary constraints within a formalised educational setting.

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I have recently brought one of my long-running, successful singing groups to Stanton Village Hall and have been very impressed with the way the hall is run, but I am also aware that more help is always welcomed and I feel I can bring passion, experience and assistance to the Hall.

Joanne Raffle

I have lived in Stanton for 7 years. I think the Village Hall is a fantastic asset to our community and would like to become a trustee to help ensure it can continue to serve our community.

I am currently a solicitor and a piano teacher, however by the time of the AGM I will have finished my role as a solicitor. I decided to focus on my piano and music teaching business and my family but I would like to become more involved in the local community. My legal background is in Social Welfare - I previously did representation at Social Security Tribunals and my most recent post was in childcare law. I feel my values that drew me to these areas of law also make me suitable as a trustee.

My skills as a solicitor include: analysing legislation and case law, considering documents and evidence, drafting statements and written submissions the court or tribunals, interviewing and advising clients, negotiation with other parties and case management.

I am adaptable and willing to learn about my responsibilities as a trustee. As a piano teacher I really see the value in continued learning and development and therefore I would approach a trustee role with readiness to learn, do my best and act in the interests of the Village Hall.

Denise Cotterell

I have lived in Stanton my entire life (53 years) and would like to make the village more community minded. In my professional life, I am a Project Manager so have great organisational skills and a knack of 'getting the job done'. I am also a keen fundraiser and have raised thousands of pounds for various causes over the years (in September, I am hiking Kilimanjaro to raise funds for a children's cancer charity in Nottingham). I work full time so wouldn't be able to dedicate more than a few hours per month but I'm hoping you will see quality over quantity :o)

Oliver Fordham

I am a Chartered engineer in charge of a group Consultants. I oversee a range of work for numerous clients and manage commercial frameworks, contracts and negotiations. I plan projects including costs, resourcing and timescales. I hold commercial sign offs within my company, approving spend, invoicing and the release of proposals. I also personally manage projects ranging from a few thousands of pounds to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

I also act as a Parent Governor for Stanton Primary School – allowing a good relationship and sharing of knowledge with a key cross section of the local community.

I have also acted as Treasurer for Stanton Village Hall for the past three years and been through the learning curve of all of the various requirements of the role. I am happy to continue in this role if supported by the committee and keen to remain on the committee to continue to improve the Hall for the community.

Tracey Wond

I'm a Stanton resident and have sat on the Committee since 2019 as Charity Secretary. Over that time, I've led funding applications of over £14k to improve the hall, introduced policies and risk assessments, led improvements to the building (such as more efficient heating and lighting) and digitised bookings and developed a website.

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I volunteer extensively at the Hall on a day-to-day basis, dealing with bookings (as Bookings Secretary), conducting weekly checks on the defibrillator, and undertaking general maintenance.

I spent much of my career as a Senior Lecturer/Head of Research teaching business and management and leading research teams. In 2020, I moved out of the university sector to run my own consultancy and I now support organisations to develop digital (websites, booking systems) and business solutions (data protection, performance reviews, course development, HR). I also work part-time in our family business supporting HR activity (I am qualified in HR).

I have held charity trusteeships and non-profit board positions with other organisations, including South Derbyshire CVS (a local community development organisation). I believe this knowledge and experience is valuable to the ongoing management of Stanton Village Hall.

I'd like to continue as a Trustee for Stanton Village Hall to ensure the Hall remains relevant to our community.