

Trustees stepping down:



Caroline Vulliamy - stepping down

Council Member. Committees: Strategy

I have been a member of CWT for over 25 years now starting by setting up with a friend, a WATCH group in East Cornwall. Joining the Caradon Branch as a regular participant at walks and talks with our young children, I little realised the route this would start me on - soon the Education Committee followed by Trust Council; I have worn quite a groove between the banks of the Tamar and Allet attending meetings.

Years of setting up those walks and talks myself for Caradon was great fun and led to my doing the same for the Tamar Valley area and then into the development of several specialist and community organisations. Our children are now grown up and both biologists, thanks to a family enthusiasm for insects and weekends spent exploring with the Caradon group; my husband Richard is Warden of Lucketts Nature Reserve and for several years ran special interest holidays for flower and butterfly enthusiasts abroad. My own degree in sculpture led to further training and work in Landscape Architecture which gave me a good grounding in all aspects of the landscape. Alongside my interest in wildlife, another in landscape history flourished, so that for the past ten years I have combined work as English Heritage's Field Monument Warden in East Cornwall and South Devon, helping people to manage their archaeological sites in the best way to preserve them, with an eye to the interests of the wildlife species and habitats which have colonised them. Recently, Council members have been encouraged to link themselves to Departments within the Trust. My particular interest in Planning and in conservation management means that attending Conservation Group meetings is really fascinating and rewarding for me and I hope that in time I may be useful to it!

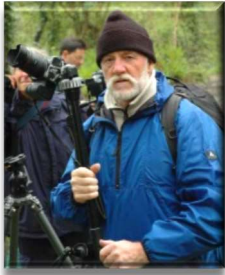


Daniel Eva - stepping down

Council Secretary. Committees: People; Strategy

Born and brought up in Cornwall, Daniel has lived in Cornwall all his life except for four years. A teacher by profession, he now lives in Truro. He was educated at Gwinear, Redruth and Helston Schools and at Sussex and Bath universities but feels that most of his education has been out in the field. Daniel has a particular interest in birds and mammals and their conservation and is a strong believer in the importance of surveys and recording. Daniel has been a member of Cornwall Wildlife Trust for over 30 years and is a founder member of the Cornwall Bat Group, which he led for 10 years.

Trustees stepping down continued:



Dave Thomas - stepping down

Council Member.

Dave was born in Liverpool, moving at a young age to live close to the shores of the Mersey, where he first discovered birdwatching (the feathered kind).

Dave moved to Cornwall in the 1960s and joined Cornwall Wildlife Trust through his love of birds, and because he met a group of our Founder Members who further inspired him about the environment.

His main interest continues to be birds; he heads the Restormel Local Group and sits on Council, having been elected in the 1990s. He is a regular supporter of the Photographic Group's activities and leads many conservation activities and events.



John Gowenlock - stepping down

Council Member. Committees: Strategy

John joined the Cornwall Wildlife Trust as the voluntary warden of Ventongimps nature reserve in 1989. In those days, work on the nature reserves was done by volunteers, and on his first work party he was offered a small pair of scissors to cut gorse bushes down - without gloves! He said the Trust really knew he had arrived, when he accidentally set fire to ten acres of Ventongimps during a work party there! John has watched the amazing transformation over the years from these beginnings to the highly professional team of staff who now manage our nature reserves and was chairman of the Trust's Nature Reserves Committee for twenty years.

Over the years he has done much contract work for the Trust, writing numerous nature reserve management plans. He also helped work towards the re-establishment of the Cornish chough in Cornwall, starting with a dissertation for a diploma in Countryside Management on this topic, and is now a volunteer on the Lizard National Nature Reserve helping with the day to day management there. Before retirement he was an anaesthetist at the Royal Cornwall Hospital.

Trustees stepping down continued:



Liz Tregenza - stepping down

Council Member. Committees: Finance; People

Liz has been a member of Cornwall Wildlife Trust since the 1970s and, during that time, worked as a volunteer in a variety of capacities. She has been involved in publicity and fund-raising, served as voluntary Sales Officer, helped to run the Penwith Local Group and co-ordinates the members' magazine distribution in west Penwith. She has been a Trustee for many years and served on Finance,

Reserves, Marketing and Fundraising and Strategy Committees. She enjoys long walks, studying plants and fungi, watching birds and gardening.

During her lifetime Liz has been saddened to observe, first-hand, major encroachment of the farming and built environment into Cornwall's wild places and an alarming reduction in both biodiversity and bioabundance. Since its founding in 1962, Cornwall Wildlife Trust has worked hard to resist these changes, both on the reserves that it owns, and by working with other landowners, marine interests and public authorities. Despite many achievements, her impression is that, overall, it has been a losing battle against irresistible forces but that, without CWT and other like-minded organisations, the losses would have been far worse. Now that the seriousness of the damage being done, world-wide as well as locally, is at last, being widely recognised, She believes that CWT's work, alongside that of the other Wildlife Trusts, is more important than ever but that there is also a greater opportunity than ever to make an impact.

Now retiring from her trustee role, Liz would like to extend thanks and good wishes to all colleagues and staff, present and past. She will remain a keen supporter.



Jean Smith- stepping down

Council Member; Committees: People

I was introduced to Jill Sutcliffe and, through her, joined the Cornwall Trust for Nature Conservation. I attended meetings at Trelissick when Jill was the only paid member of the Trust. Being a teacher, I volunteered to help with the educational events and schools and was there when Fox Club was launched in 1983. When we formed the Education Committee, Loveday Jenkins and Jude Bishop were only working part-time, and so I was asked to be Education Committee Chairman, and I began attending Council meetings as the Education representative I became involved with Fox Club in 1983 when the meetings were held at Trelissick.

Trustees stepping down continued:



Phil McVey- stepping down

Council Member. Committees: Audit & Risk – Chair; Finance;

Born in Cornwall, Phil loves the place and its people. He is a regular conservation volunteer and can usually be found on the north coast somewhere. His interest in conservation and wildlife was sparked at the age of 11 when a neighbour began destroying House Martin nests! He has been a member of both CWT and Cornwall Birds for many years, although paid work has often got in the way of doing more to support wildlife than he would like.

Phil was, until retirement, Director of Vlasska Limited, a small consultancy based in Cornwall that specialised in European funding programme advice. Before setting up Vlasska Limited in 2011, Phil was responsible for European programmes policy across Cornwall and the South West within the South West Regional Development Agency and, previously, Government Office for the South West and has over 20 years' experience in this field. He led the team that negotiated funding from Brussels for Higher Education in Cornwall, that paved the way for the development of the Tremough campus at Penryn, and Superfast Broadband. He has worked across Europe, including an enjoyable two years in the Czech Republic advising the Ministers of Environment and Education on preparations for EU membership. Whilst in Government Office for the South West, Phil was for two years the Director for Rural and Environment, leading a team working on Defra business in the region.

Phil was until recently a Trustee of Volunteer Cornwall (VC). At VC, he was a member of the Finance and Risk Committee and, as Board member, advised the organisation on European matters. He prepared a strategy for VC on relations with Brussels post-BREXIT and advised on INTERREG funding applications. A strong believer in partnership between organisations, he would like to see even stronger links within Cornwall.

Trustees stepping down continued:



Paul Coyne – stepping down as Treasurer (staying as a Trustee)

Council Treasurer. Committees: Finance - Chair; CEC; People

I retired at the end of March 2012 at the age of sixty five, following twelve years as Financial Director of the Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC), where I also served as Acting Chief Executive twice. The CRCC is a well-established Cornish charity, founded in 1946, with a turnover of £1.8K and some sixty staff and its mission is to enable “Cornish communities to be vibrant, sustainable and inclusive”. I was also Company Secretary, a position I still hold. I have therefore, considerable experience of running a successful charity, including close personal contact with staff, trustees, the Charities Commission and Companies House. I have lived in Cornwall for twenty years and am married to my second wife Sue, who is also retired. I have two children of my own, three stepchildren with Sue, and seven grandchildren between us. My main interests are walking, reading, personal investment, messing with cars, painting and drawing. I also want to use my charitable financial experience to help Cornish charities wherever I can and to that end I have become Treasurer for the Truro Sea Cadets, remained as Company Secretary at CRCC and do consultancy work for Cornwall Community Accountancy Services. My previous employment is quite diverse so I will mention only a few instances in my long working life to illustrate my various experiences. For several years I was Assistant Managing Director of the Swansea Press, part of the Northcliffe Newspaper Group, and supervised the day to day running of a company with a £12.5K turnover and 325 staff. During this time I also worked for the group in the USA, as part of a fact finding team. I also did contract work for ITV, based in Cornwall, as a Production Accountant for film and TV programmes, the most memorable of which were “Wycliffe” and “Poldark” where I handled over £30,000 per week in cash, a real nightmare. Alongside this I also ran my own business, which provided bookkeeping and accountancy services to the licensed trade in Cornwall. In yet another existence I was responsible for installing the first financial and administrative computer systems into certain Cornish newspapers, notably the “West Briton”, the “Cornish Guardian” and the “Cornishman”. Going back even further I worked in engineering as a production manager..... As you can see I have moved around quite a bit and, although I originally came from Leicester, I have now spent the majority of my life in Cornwall, either living here or working here and commuting. I am committed to the county and I am very supportive of and greatly impressed by the work that the Trust does protecting and enhancing Cornwall’s wildlife and wild places. I have been Treasurer since November 2012 and I would like to think that I have helped the Trust by using my financial knowledge and experience. There have been and continue to be changes in the way that CWT finance functions and I have been party to most of that change and I feel that we are getting stronger and better able to meet the difficult financial climate that we face. I have also become involved in various other CWT committees where I would like to think that I have made a positive contribution based on my extensive experience. I stand for re-election as Trustee.

Trustees standing for election:



Lucy Jewson – standing for election

Lucy is probably best known as the co-founder of Frugi, an organic childrenswear brand based in Helston, Cornwall for which Lucy has received an MBE from the Queen’s Birthday Honours list 2020 for services to ethical fashion design. She founded the ethical brand with her husband, Kurt, when she couldn’t find any clothing to go over her first born son’s environmentally friendly washable nappy in 2003. It was their dream to make ethical clothing a mainstream choice; to prove that you could be a profitable, successful business whilst doing everything “right”, i.e. in an environmentally and socially responsible way.

Fast forward 16 years and Frugi employs over 100 people, is available in over 500 outlets around the world including John Lewis, Next and Zalando, as well as through their own website www.welovefrugi.com. Frugi has been the recipient of three prestigious Queens Awards, in sustainability and export. It was also tagged as “One to Watch” in The Times Fast Track 100 awards 2016. Lucy herself was crowned Cornwall’s “Entrepreneur of the Year” in 2008, as well as being a finalist in the “Business Woman of the Year” at the national Private Business Awards in 2017.

Having joined 1% for the Planet, right at the start – a global movement where businesses give 1% of their turnover to environmental charities, Frugi chose Cornwall Wildlife Trust as one of their recipients of their donations. This helped to fund CWT’s marine conservation work, particularly the Marine Strandings Network, for many years.

After Kurt was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer at the young age of 44, Lucy and Kurt decided to sell the majority stake in Frugi in 2018. Since then Lucy has enjoyed mentoring some other Cornish high growth businesses, and the couple have been very busy trying to get to grips with ensuring their newly acquired 76 acres of woodland is managed optimally for nature. Lucy’s background prior to Frugi includes a BSc in Marine and Freshwater biology from Queen Mary College, London University in 1993, working as a marine biologist for a pollution tracing company, being a Director at the Mullion Cove Hotel and several years working in the pharmaceutical industry in sales and marketing.



Oliver Blount – standing for election

Oliver found a derelict farmhouse near Camelford in 1998 and has spent the years since then restoring it as a family home. The farm has been tenanted and farmed for beef cattle until this year. A new plan for the land will focus more on environmental and ecological aspects. Prior to being able to spend more time in Cornwall Oliver had an initial spell in the army serving in the Far East with a Gurkha regiment; and latterly a 35 year career in financial services principally in London and with time spent in New York, Milan, Istanbul and Eastern Europe.

Trustees standing for election continued:



Fiona Wotton – standing for election

Fiona Wotton is Chief Executive of Creative Kernow, Cornwall's leading creative hub and cultural agency. Before her appointment she was director of one of the charity's key programmes Cornwall 365 which promotes the region as a year-round sustainable creative destination.

Fiona has worked in charities for most of her working life. Before moving to Cornwall in 2009, she led fundraising campaigns for Macmillan Cancer Care and the University of East London and relocated to oversee the capital funding project for Tate St Ives. She holds degrees from University College London, Birkbeck University of London and the University of Exeter. Her PhD investigated the politics of sustainable communities and developed new methods for engaging communities in social and environmental issues. She was a Clore Fellow in 2018/19.

Fiona lives near Penzance with her husband and twin daughters.



Stafford Sumner -- standing for election

Stafford is an experienced business specialist with a keen interest in wildlife, nature and conservation. He has the experience of a number of executive and non-executive board positions under his belt and is well equipped to help guide or direct organisations, especially with regards to their commercial strategies.

He is well known as an experienced leader with a proven ability to identify opportunities, develop organisations and deliver significant results. His background includes business development, leadership, negotiation and resilience.

Career highlights include representing the UK digital media industry in Hong Kong; sitting on the Innovation, Research and Knowledge Strategy Board for Cornwall; and being part of the Strategic Management Board for Superfast Broadband in Cornwall. He has also carried out extensive international charity work, particularly in the field of disaster relief with ShelterBox as a Response Team member.

Originally from Hertfordshire, Stafford relocated to Cornwall in 2003 and can be often found walking through the Countryside accompanied by a four-legged friend, or more recently tending to some recently acquired woodland near his home in Falmouth.

Trustees standing for re-election:



Charlie David – Trustee standing for re-election

Council Member. Committees: Audit & Risk; People – Chair; Strategy

Charlie has had a career of over 35 years in countryside management arriving in North Cornwall in 1985 to work for North Cornwall District Council as their Countryside/Environment Manager and later for Cornwall Council as their Strategic Environment Manager. His professional experience has included the management of historic and natural land owned by the Council; the development of a strategic approach to future management requiring bids for significant funding packages from the

HLF and Europe; the use of Countryside Stewardship, directly and indirectly, and the development and management of local and marine nature reserves.

Charlie has been a Member of the CWT since 1985 and became a Trustee in 2017. Charlie is currently chair of the People Committee.

Charlie and his wife Rebecca are developing a wildlife garden of about five acres at their home near Lanner, and he volunteers for Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Open Gardens scheme. Charlie has spent time over the last few years occasionally working for his son who runs a small independent Countryside Management contracting business, Naturally Green.



Gill Saunders - Trustee standing for re-election

Council Member. Committees: People – Deputy Chair; Audit & Risk

I joined CWT last year when I moved back to the south west (I'm originally from East Devon) and I live near Boyton. We have around 5 acres here that we are developing as wildlife-friendly garden, and we are working with the Devon Wildlife Trust on the restoration of a meadow. I currently volunteer with Bude Sea Pool and I take part in various beach cleaning and cleaner seas activities in my local area. Although I was a career civil servant (and have an OBE to prove it)! I have always been interested in -

and in one way or another involved in - activities around wildlife and conservation. I'm an experienced trustee. I am currently on the board of Phoenix Futures (a big charity working in the drug and alcohol rehab field and with a strong record in conservation work under the 'recovery through nature' banner). I was also a trustee and the business manager of a London allotment site where I ran projects involving tenants and community groups in building and maintaining wildlife habitats around our site and raising awareness of wildlife-related issues in our locality. Currently I'm particularly interested in how future uncertainties around commercial farming post-Brexit will impact land use in Cornwall - and how responses to new regulatory and subsidy regimes may bring new challenges for habitat conservation and development.

Election of Officers of the Trust:



Nick Tregenza – election of Officer of the Trust

Council President

Nick was Chairman of Cornwall Wildlife Trust from 1984-1997 and, over the years, has acted on various Trust committees. Nick ran a campaign for the protection of moorland in Cornwall from agricultural reclamation, which led to the Penwith Moors ESA; in 1993 he was a Member of Study Group on Seals and Small Cetaceans of ICES; in 1995-1997, 2001-2002 he was an invited participant on the Scientific Committee of International Whaling Commission; has been Hon. Sec European Cetacean Society and DEFRA nominee on Cornwall Sea Fisheries Committee. Nick's research interests include intertidal marine life; floristic change and cetaceans. In 1989 he set up voluntary research group collecting cetacean sightings and data in Cornwall. This group identified the existence of a pelagic trawl dolphin bycatch and a harbour porpoise gillnet bycatch in UK waters. Nick initiated and ran the first 3 dedicated observer programs in the UK of cetacean bycatch in fisheries (set gill nets, drift nets, pelagic trawls) with various other agencies in the UK and Europe and visited fishing communities in Senegal and Guinea-Bissau to gain a wider view of these issues. Nick has developed a self-contained cetacean echo-location click detection and logging device, 'the POD', now in use in 12 countries as a conservation research tool.



Mark Nicholson - election of Officer of the Trust

Council Vice-President

Mark is a former Cornwall Wildlife Trust employee who left his post as Education and Publicity Manager in 2002, after ten years with the Trust, to work as a writer in a marketing agency. Since 2012 he has run his own business, Mark Nicholson Copywriting. A graduate in zoology (BSc and MPhil), Mark's specialisms are amphibians, reptiles and pond life. He has been a member of CWT's Council since 2004 and has previously held posts including Chair of the Finance Committee. He was elected as Chair of the CWT Council in November 2013.

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