

Trustees stepping down:



Paul Coyne – stepping down

Council Member

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.

Trustees stepping down continued:



Steve Crummay – stepping down

Council Member. Committees: Finance; ERCISS Advisory Board, Chair.

Steve has worked in environmental and conservation management for over 30 years, including time spent with the National Trust and several Local Authorities. He has been involved in development and delivery of many innovative projects and initiatives including the Tarka Project in Devon, the development of some of the UK's first voluntary Marine Conservation Areas in Cornwall's inshore waters, the development of the first Local Authority Performance Indicators for biodiversity as well as the Natural Control of Japanese Knotweed national research project. In Cornwall he instigated the first conservation management schemes at several of the county's key sites such as Penhale Sands and Hayle - Gwithian Towans and has helped in conserving key habitats and species such as petalwort and shore dock at these sites; this work has been recognised internationally by organisations such as Plantlife, amongst others. He has been a member of various county, regional and national consultation and advisory groups including advising the Government on development of the Marine and Coastal Access Act and identifying priorities for agri-environment schemes across Cornwall. Previously, Steve managed Cornwall Council's Living Environment Service established with the formation of the new unitary authority in Cornwall. Now working as an independent environmental consultant and running Explore in Cornwall, Steve has been a Trustee for several years, has chaired the ERCCIS Advisory Board Committee and currently sits on the Finance Committee.



Mark Nicholson – stepping down

Council Vice-President. Committees: Finance

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.

Trustees stepping down continued:



Nick Tregenza – stepping down

Council President. Committees: Strategy

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; and has been Hon. Sec European Cetacean Society and Marine Management Organisation nominee on Cornwall Sea Fisheries Committee. Nick's research interests include intertidal marine life; floristic change and cetaceans. In 1989 he set up a 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, having 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 for dolphins and porpoises, 'the POD', now in use in 25 countries as a conservation research tool.



Stephen Warman – stepping down

Council Chair

Stephen has a degree in botany from Oxford University. He led two University Expeditions to the Seychelles, as ornithologist and botanist, and then worked as researcher, technical assistant and dogsbody with Oxford Scientific Films. He taught zoology at Flatford Mill Field Centre, including adult residential courses in small mammals, birds, freshwater biology and coastal ecology. He led wildlife and ecology trips, with his wife Carol, for the Field Studies Council, to Seychelles and the Florida Everglades and then became warden of Skokholm Island in Pembrokeshire. From here he moved to work as Ranger Naturalist for St Abbs Head National Nature Reserve in south east Scotland where he was instrumental in setting up Scotland's first Voluntary Marine Nature Reserve; pre-dating any statutory protection of Scotland's sea and coast by many years. Stephen moved to Cornwall in 1986 to work for what was then the GB-wide Nature Conservancy Council. He was involved in many initiatives including the re-routing of the A30 around Goss Moor, the establishment of Lundy as the UK's first Marine Nature Reserve, the setting up of computerised biological recording in Cornwall and the greening of Cornwall's Community Strategy. He has made many appearances at meetings and conferences and has been a regular contributor to press, TV and radio coverage

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of environmental issues in the South West. Stephen worked closely with the Objective One European funding Programme to strive to make their outputs sustainable and became the first chair of the Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Working Group, a role which allowed him to get to know the CoaST Project and to support their goals. With Natural England, and its predecessor English Nature, Stephen project-managed the implementation of the EU Habitats Directive in England and later worked in policy, futures and strategy to try to influence the shape of government's environmental programmes. Stephen opted to leave the public sector in 2011 in order to set up eupraxis environment, a consultancy that provides training and expert support in all aspects of the natural environment to raise environmental awareness, to reach sustainable solutions and to help individuals and organizations speak and operate with greater confidence and credibility on environmental issues.

Trustees standing for election:



Raoul Humphries – standing for election

Raoul is a keen amateur naturalist and loves spending time in the valleys and heaths of West Cornwall, bird watching, botanising, and mothing. Originally from St Ives he now lives in St Just with his wife and family.

Raoul has a broad professional background, working in both the public and private sector. His career has encompassed work in the Armed Forces; finance, accountancy, and corporate recovery (with KPMG); and in the education sector. A qualified chartered accountant, Raoul stepped down as the Principal and CEO of the Cornwall College Group in 2018 and now provides independent advisory services with a focus on leadership, organisational structure, and business development. Whilst at Cornwall College he was lucky enough to be involved in many innovative initiatives including the expansion of Duchy College; mergers with St Austell and Bicton Colleges; the creation of the Concorde Group and Cornwall College Business; and he played a key role in the growth in Higher education in Cornwall as part of the Combined Universities in Cornwall. Known for his work in initiating partnerships he believes in the power of collaborative action.

Raoul is passionate about providing a wider contribution to Cornwall and has served in a range of voluntary and community boards, including CPR Regeneration Company, Cornwall Food Foundation, Pool Academy and is currently a Director of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce.

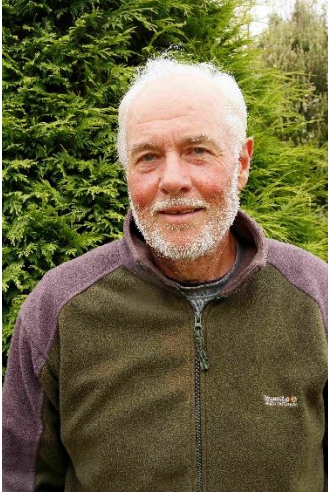


Mark Woodbridge – standing for election

Mark is a retired Chartered Management Accountant who focused his career on charities with an environmental focus. His last role was as Chief Operating Officer at Global Witness who fight corruption and environmental abuse. Before this he spent 14 years as the Finance Director of Practical Action. Practical Action is an International development organisation set up by Fitz Schumacher to take forward the ideas set out in his book 'Small is Beautiful' on sustainable development and the environment.

Mark enjoys volunteering for environmental work and exploring Cornwall. His interests include coastal running with his border collie, sea swimming and tennis.

Trustees standing for re-election:



Fred Currie – standing for re-election

I enjoyed a long career with the Forestry Commission (FC) first as a forester before a short time in wildlife management research. I then became national Conservation Adviser to FC Wales for 11 years followed by 20 years as national Conservation Adviser to FC England developing the role to a senior level. I worked on a broad range of local and national level issues such as on-site advice to woodland owners and managers, woodland and forest conservation planning, good practice guidance and training and helped develop national FC conservation policy and delivery through forming and managing partnership projects and targeted FC Grants. I have had a life-long interest in wildlife and bird conservation and with FC and partner support was able to co-ordinate national research, survey and management aimed at reversing declines in woodland birds. On retirement in 2007 my wife and I took ownership of a former arable farm in west Penwith which we are “wilding” by creating a mix of habitats to attract as much wildlife as possible. My long and wide conservation experience has given me a sound understanding of the type and scale of management required to deliver nature recovery conservation. I am always keen to inspire and support other local landowners.