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Trustees & Officers Standing for Re-election

Julian Hill

Julian moved to Midhurst in 1987 and over the last 28 years has been involved in the local community having been a member of his Parochial Church Council and Governor of a primary school. He is a keen user of the South Downs both as walker and a cyclist and together with Diana, his wife, has walked the South Downs Way.

Julian is a chartered accountant and after 14 years at Deloitte was headhunted into a sports and events marketing company being involved in raising income for teams and events including sponsorship, broadcast rights and intellectual property rights. He was proud to be responsible for the commercial management of the 2003 World Cup winning England Rugby Football team, negotiating their commercial arrangements with the Rugby Football Union and generating other streams of revenue.

Julian has been a director of several quoted companies and was involved in bringing a number to the AIM market. He mainly works with small to medium size entrepreneurial businesses in assisting them in managing growth, initiating change including diversification, acquisitions, start-ups, mergers and disposals. Julian is still involved in a number of part time consultancies.

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.

Through out 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 trustee for a Suffolk based carers' organisation, as a secondary school governor in rural Kent and a school governor at Stanford Junior School in Brighton; he helped set up Shoreham Wordfest, now in its fourth 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 Coalition'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.

John Kay

John is Chair of Ringmer Parish Council and planning lead for the CPRE Sussex Lewes District group. Ringmer Parish Council produced a Village Plan in 2003, adding Employment and Housing Strategies in 2006 & 2009, and became a 'Vanguard' front-runner in the first wave of Neighbourhood Plans. 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, and of the Ringmer Parish Almshouse Charity. He volunteers with the Lewes & Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau.