

Trustees Seeking Re-election

Andrew Beattie

Andrew is an experienced environmental professional with proven ability in leading multidisciplinary teams to deliver environmental management, assessment and consenting on high-profile projects. He is a Chartered Environmentalist and holds full membership with the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment. Andrew has been a member of SWT since 2011. In his spare time he is a cyclist and a trail runner.

Abigail Chicken

Abby is Head of Sustainability at Openreach, leading on the strategy for climate, nature and the circular economy. She has previously built and managed award-winning sustainability strategies for Selfridges and the John Lewis Partnership and is a Chartered Environmentalist. From 2014-2019 she was director of Volunteer Engagement at Pride in London, winning the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2017. She lives in Guildford and enjoys hiking the North Downs Way with her wife and son.

Christine Howard DL

Christine Howard is the President of the Surrey Hills Society – the charity she helped set up thirteen years ago to in 2008 to support Surrey's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. She is also Chairman of Visit Surrey, Surrey's official Tourism Board and Vice Chairman of the Surrey Association of Local Councils. She is a serving parish and borough councillor. Previously she has worked as an officer in local government for both Waverley and Guildford boroughs.

Having grown up on a farm in Australia, she is passionate about rural issues and the environment. In her spare time she serves the monarchy and community as a Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey, leads walks in the countryside, is Chairman of Guildford Walkfest and performs in Gilbert and Sullivan operas with Godalming Operatic Society.

Angela Swarbrick (Chair)

Angela retired in 2017 from Ernst & Young LLP, where she was a partner, a Chartered Accountant and a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner. She has significant financial and commercial experience working with businesses over a 28 year period. Angela has an honours degree and a doctorate in Geology and has a lifelong passion for the outdoors, nature and wildlife. She lives in Surrey and is a member of SWT.

Pam Whyman

Pam has been a volunteer and advisor with our education team for many years, sharing her wealth of knowledge gained over 40 years of teaching biology. She has a passion for the benefits of outdoor learning and is enthusiastically involved in the endless opportunities that SWT provide for all ages.

Pam is the Internal Verifier for the Forest School and Outdoor Learning qualifications that SWT deliver.