

South West Coast Path AGM 2019 – Trustees Biographies

Trustee Biography: *Ken Carter*

Proposed: *Christopher Leigh* **Seconded:** *Catherine Seidel*

I have been enjoying walking the SWCP since the mid-eighties when I moved to Devon to become Heritage Coast Officer, which included managing the path and ‘filling the gaps’ between Brixham and Plymouth. I retired in 2011 as Head of Landscape and Leisure when serving upon South Hams District Council’s Corporate Management Team. I have 35 years’ experience working for local authorities dealing with Landscape Conservation, Countryside Recreation and Land Management issues in a range of locations and situations including National Park, Country Park, AONB and Urban Fringe areas. Much of this work involved developing funding for landscape and environmental initiatives that benefited wildlife, people and local tourism businesses. When I retired I was able to walk the Path most days of the week and so became a member of the Association. I helped organise the 40th Anniversary ‘Great SW Walk’ celebration and fundraising event in 2013, have served as a Trustee for four years and was voted as Chairman by Trustees in 2016-18. I was also elected as Chair of the National Trial Partnership in 2018.

If re-elected I am willing to serve as Chairman for 2019/20

Ken Carter

Trustee Biography: *Martin Davis*

Proposed: *John Harker* **Seconded:** *Jenny Wilson*

I was a University law lecturer for 40 years before retiring in 2013. I have also served on the boards of a number of charities-mostly legally or arts based. I have always been passionate about the mental and physical benefits of walking and of the need for continual supervision of and support for our unrivalled rights of way network. For several years, I volunteered as an Area Officer and legal adviser for a walking organisation in the Peak District. I have walked all or part of most long-distance paths, but the unsurpassable South West Coast Path has always been my favourite, the one where I felt most ‘at home’. I began walking it in 1980 but have yet to complete several sections. Perhaps I may set a record for the slowest completion! The trustees of the South West Coast Path Association co-opted me as a trustee in November 2015, and I was subsequently elected as a Trustee at the 2016 AGM at Portland. Over the past three and a half years I have found working as a Trustee of the Association challenging stimulating and rewarding. I hope I have made a useful contribution to the Associations work in these increasingly challenging times!

If re-elected I hope I can continue to bring my skills and experience to bear in helping the Association in its vital role in helping maintain, improve and promote the path.

If re-elected I am willing to serve as Hon. Secretary for 2019/20

Martin Davis

Trustee Biography: *Bob Mark*

Proposed: *Tino Savvas* **Seconded:** *Nicolas Franks*

My family and I are long-time residents in the South West and have known, and loved, the Path for close on 30 years. I have been a member of the Association since 2004. I was co-opted as a Trustee in August 2018 and, since then, I have contributed to discussions on our business strategy and the assessment process for our new Director. My focus and expertise is in Business Strategy.

I trained as a Royal Navy Hydrographic Surveyor in 1980 and spent the first 17 years of my career as a Hydrographer. I have been responsible for coastal survey projects in the SW and elsewhere.

Moving to Whitehall I became responsible for coordinating UK Civil, Military and Antarctic

Hydrographic Surveys. General Policy and Business Strategy work followed, mainly concerning

Government Agencies and Trading Funds. I retired from the Navy in 2017 to join a global management consultancy. Running projects in Business Strategy, Project Management, Organisation Design, Logistics and Enterprise Resource Planning IT Implementation. I have also served as a non-exec on the National Trust (NT) Wessex Region Committee 2007-10, the NT SW Region Advisory Board 2010-17 and am currently half-way through a 3-year term on the NT National Council.

I am a Chartered Director, a Fellow of the Institute of Directors. An IHO qualified Hydrographer and Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation.

If re-appointed by the AGM as a Trustee my priority will be to continue to foster our links at regional level with the National Trust and assist in developing our funding streams.

If elected I am prepared to serve as Vice Chair of the Charity in 2019/20

Bob Mark

Trustee Biography: *Michael Tithecott*

Proposed: *William Lawrence* **Seconded:** *Andrew Reynolds*

Now living in Teignmouth, I grew up in North Devon and have been walking the Coast Path since the 1970s. I am passionate about the natural world and hold a master's degree in Environmental Science.

I am also a qualified accountant and have gained extensive senior financial management experience through working for a number of public sector organisations. I was co-opted to the Association's Board of Trustees in 2018 and currently act as Treasurer and chair the Finance Committee.

If elected, I would be pleased to be considered for the role of Honorary Treasurer again.

Michael Tithecott

Trustee Biography: *Peter Scupholme*

Proposed: *Brian Panton* **Seconded:** *Keith Wainwright*

I've lived in Wareham for over 30 years and my first experience of the Path was visiting Kimmeridge and the adjoining Dorset coastline. I joined SWCPA in 2000, serving as an Area Rep, Trustee and was elected Vice-Chairman between 2016-19.

I completed the Path between 2000-2010 after retiring as Chief Executive of Dorset Wildlife Trust, a role I took on after a 30-year career with BP International as an environmental adviser. My other main interest is being Chairman of Governors for our local secondary school. I also enjoy regular golf and family activities.

Peter Scupholme

Trustee Biography: *Lucy Daniel*

Proposed: *Andrew Lack* **Seconded:** *Dave Walsh*

I live in Cornwall and I'm very proud of my Cornish ancestry. A lifelong walker and blessed with sons and now a granddaughter who love to walk, I'm happiest with my boots on. I have walked all but 3 miles of the SWCP and am in the final stages of a five-year plan to re-walk the entire Path. I expect to 'complete' this year.

I have worked in a Public Rights of Way team and have been a SWCPA path rep for three years, taking on a second section this year. Ten months ago, I was co-opted as a Trustee and look forward to continuing the challenge this year if elected.

I still work full-time and I'm a business member of the Association. Other voluntary work includes leading the PlasticFreeCommunity campaign for my town. I am interested in improving accessibility to the countryside in general and the Coast Path in particular.

Lucy Daniel

Trustee Biography: *Graham Keene*

Proposed: *Margaret Bonner* **Seconded:** *Richard Elloway*

I moved to Devon in 1978 to serve with 29 Commando at The Citadel in Plymouth and 40 years later I still live in the West Country enjoying everything that this wonderful part of the country has to offer including the South West Coast Path. Following my military career, I returned to university and subsequently started a corporate events company initially based from Devon that grew to become an international organisation employing several hundred full and part time staff working from 10 global offices. The business continues today and I am now able to focus my energy on supporting young entrepreneurs in the region that include an education training company, a micro-brewery and a rock band! In 2008 I walked the Coast Path in its entirety to raise funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY).

Graham Keene

Trustee Biography: *Philip Spencer*

Proposed: *George Coles* **Seconded:** *Martin Macro*

I have been a joint life member of the SWCPA for the past 16 years, and finally completed the path with my wife Gillian two years ago, just before our first grandchild was born, as we knew we'd have no time afterwards.

My career has been largely in marketing: running a third of the brands for Procter and Gamble, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at two major International management consulting firms and then heading up the branding and identity practice for Northern Europe for the world's largest marketing services firm.

I also have major charity experience – running the commercial side of the world's largest privately funded NGO, doubling revenues during my four-year tenure, and later leading commercial development at the Alnwick Garden in Northumberland.

I am currently on the advisory board of the Lord Mayor of London's City Music Foundation, and a volunteer pianist with the National Trust, Polesden Lacey, where I play every week and am now on their appeal committee.

I bring to the board a strong belief that the association needs to grow against a rapidly changing environment – I wrote this last year, and the world seems to have become even more complicated since that time. I continue to believe that marketing and the SWCPA brand need to be developed in order to compete for new sources of income, and I am encouraging the association increasingly to focus on this.

Philip Spencer

Trustee Biography: *Nicola Holmwood*

Proposed: *Barry Morris* **Seconded:** *Peter Scupholme*

I live at the Poole end of the Path and am slowly chipping away at the miles in between work and family life.

My background is in marketing, social media and fundraising and I have previously worked with medical charities and in education.

My children walk the Path with me and I am very keen to encourage more youth participation and engagement with the SWCP.

I look forward to discovering even more parts of our beautiful country and coast by visiting new parts of the Path.

Nicola Holmwood