

## South West Coast Path AGM 2018 – Trustees Biographies

### **Trustee Biography: Ken Carter**

**Proposed: Robin Ladkin. Seconded: Malcolm Elliot**

I have been walking the South West Coast Path 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 after 35 years' experience working for local authorities dealing with Landscape Conservation, Countryside Recreation and Land Management issues in a range of locations including National Park, Country Park, AONB and Urban Fringe situations. Much of this work involved developing funding for landscape and environmental initiatives benefiting wildlife, people and local tourism businesses.

When I finished my career I was Head of Landscape and Leisure, serving upon South Hams Council's Corporate Management team dealing with strategic management and budget reductions that involved looking at alternative ways of providing public services.

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 Great South West Walk in 2013 to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association and raise funds for path improvements. I have served as a Trustee for four years and was voted as Chairman by Trustees in 2016.

**If re-elected I am willing to be considered again for the Chairman position.**

**Ken Carter**

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### **Trustee Biography: Andrew Lack**

**Proposed: Lizzie Wallis. Seconded by Margaret Bonner**

I have been a member of the Association since 1991, running the first web-site between 1995 and 2010.

I have served as a Trustee since 2012 and was Chairman between 2013 and 2016. If re-elected I will offer to serve another year as Honorary Secretary.

I worked for thirty-five years in IT, initially as a Systems Software engineer and latterly as a manager.

I still keep an interest in software, particularly Open Source. In my last ten years at work I was a certified work-place Trade Union representative and, consequently, became closely involved with workers' rights.

I am now retired. I also serve as Secretary for my local Residents' Association in London, producing its newsletters and running the web-site.

**If re-elected I will offer to serve another year as Honorary Secretary.**

**Andrew Lack**

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### **Trustee Biography: Peter Scupholme**

**Proposed: Dr David Pope. Seconded: Brian Panton**

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 in 2016.

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, and I enjoy regular golf and family activities.

**If re-elected I am prepared to serve as the vice-chairman again.**

**Peter Scupholme**

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**Trustee Biography: Keith Wainwright****Proposed: Aidan Winder. Seconded: Gary Holpin**

I've been a SWCPA Trustee since 2008. Until 2014, my role was Area Rep for the East Devon stretch. I now serve on the Finance Committee and take the lead trustee role for specific assignments e.g. auto-enrolment of staff into an approved pension scheme. Before retiring, I gained extensive experience of business and financial management in the for-profit and voluntary sectors: six years as Financial Controller for the Management Services division of a financial PLC and five years as Finance Director of a special needs Housing Association.

After graduation my early career was in engineering, then commercial, government and financial IT project management, gaining professional qualification as a Chartered Engineer. For 7 years I was Treasurer of DAISI (Devon Arts in Schools Initiative) and I'm currently Treasurer of ExeVox, an Exeter-based choir.

My passions are walking, singing, skiing, touring in our VW camper and the enjoyment of family and friends.

**Keith Wainwright**

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**Trustee Biography: Steve Church****Proposed: Mrs Merralyn Cocking. Seconded: Beverley Clemo**

I joined Devon County Council as a Planning Officer in the 1970s, gradually specialising in countryside planning. Over the years this included establishing a network of promoted walking routes. I also became responsible for producing a Landscape Strategy for Devon and was the County Council's landscape advisor for planning matters. In the 1990s and early 2000s I became involved in a number of joint recreational footpath and landscape projects with Cornwall. I retired in 2008.

Although I walked my first length of Coast Path in the 1960s, in 1990 I decided to walk it all in geographical order, starting at Minehead, for a week a year, and finished at Poole six years later. I have done it all several times since, though not in geographical order. I do, however, try and do a day a week, in order, in Cornwall. In 2008 I was co-opted onto the Association Executive as Planning Advisor then became Secretary between 2010 and 2016. I am currently Chairman of the Path Committee.

**Steve Church**

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**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 a number of 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 a number of 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 two and a half years I have found working as a Trustee of the Association challenging stimulating and rewarding. If re-elected I hope I can continue to bring my skills and experience to bear in helping the Association in its increasingly central role in helping maintain, improve and promote the path.

**Martin Davis**

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**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**

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**Trustee Biography: Nicola Holmwood**

**Proposed: Peter Scupholme. Seconded: Jess Slack**

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 eldest son has been walking the Path with me and I am very keen to encourage more youth participation and engagement with the SWCP. The pilot youth project at Wembury is very exciting and I hope we will be able to replicate it in other areas.

**Nicola Holmwood**

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**Trustee Biography: Philip Spencer**

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

I have been a joint life member of the SWCPA for the past 15 years and finally completed the path with my wife Gillian last year. 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.

I bring to the board a strong belief that the association needs to grow against a rapidly changing environment and that marketing, and within that the SWCPA brand, needs to be developed in order to compete for new sources of income.

**Philip Spencer**

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**Trustee Biographer: Bob Mark**

**Proposed: Chris Lucas. Seconded: Jan Corber**

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 last August 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.

**Bob Mark**