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Trustees Seeking Re-election at the 2021 AGM

The following Trustees are standing for re-election at the 2021 AGM

Angela Swarbrick

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 is also a Trustee and Chair of the Audit Committee for a national animal charity. She lives in Surrey and is a member of SWT.

Gerry Bacon

Gerry retired from a successful career in corporate finance in 2010, during which time he was CFO and Group Treasurer in the energy and telecommunication industries respectively. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Fellow of The Association of Corporate Treasurers for whom he was also President.

Since retiring he has been a part-time corporate finance lecturer, a non-executive director of an autism trust and an insurance group and he recently completed a part-time degree in history and history of art. A life-long lover of nature, Gerry is also Chairman of a cricket club, a keen sportsman and is passionate about education.

Christine Howard

Christine Howard is in her final year as Chairman of the Surrey Hills Society – the charity she helped set up nine years ago to support Surrey's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. She is also Chairman of Visit Surrey, Surrey's official Tourism Board and Vice President of the Surrey Association of Local Councils. She has served as both a parish and borough councillor, as well as working 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. She writes a rural column for Surrey Life magazine and is a judge on the Surrey Life Food and Drink Awards, which champions local producers. In her spare time she leads walks in the countryside and sings Gilbert and Sullivan operas with Godalming Operatic Society.

Andrew Beattie

Andrew is an experienced environmental professional with proven ability in leading multi-disciplinary 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 for over eight years. In his spare time he is a cyclist and a trail runner.

Jason Gaskell

Jason is the Chief Executive of Surrey Community Action, a charity that provides advice and support to Surrey's voluntary sector. Before moving to Surrey in 2013, Jason worked for Northumberland Wildlife Trust and BTCV, as well as studying Ecology at University. He had a stint in corporate IT in between too. He has maintained his interest in ecology and the environment both professionally and in his leisure activities. He also sits on Surrey's Health and Wellbeing Board and on the Board of the Local Enterprise Partnership, so brings that knowledge and experience to the Trust.

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 now that her dream of the super classroom complex in the magical Nower Wood is well established, she is enthusiastically involved in the endless opportunities that SWT provide for all ages. She is the Internal Verifier for the Forest School and Outdoor Learning qualifications that SWT deliver and is in the conservation volunteer team in Norbury Park.

Nick Baxter

A Chartered Biologist, Nick has had a long career in countryside management spanning over 30 years, starting originally as a volunteer ranger. Nick came to Surrey in 1983 to run the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project, the first area-based countryside management project in Surrey and south London. Following this, he worked for Surrey County Council, eventually as Head of Countryside Management. Nick has a particular interest in development and retention of volunteers, common land issues and lowland heathland.

