









Ashdown Forest Board of Conservators 2023-2024

Executive Committee Membership







<p>Susan McAll</p> 	<p><u>Commoner Elected 2019</u> CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF CONSERVATORS</p> <p>Susan graduated from Durham University with a degree in Law. She qualified as a lawyer and specialises in corporate banking compliance and regulation. She has lived on the edge of the Forest since 1987 and often helps out on the family farm in Hartfield - which grazes South Down sheep and Sussex cattle. She is a keen horsewoman and rides out on the Forest regularly.</p>	<p>Ffion Thomas</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u> CHAIR OF THE FINANCE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Following a twenty five year career in risk management and regulation at a number of international financial institutions, Ffion decided to focus on better understanding, and finding solutions to the pressures facing nature, and undertook an MSc in Sustainable Food and Natural Resources at the Centre for Alternative Technology. This led to her current PhD at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University, where she is researching the effects of soil health on the tree disease ash dieback.</p>
<p>Rosalyn St Pierre</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u> VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF CONSERVATORS</p> <p>Rosalyn St Pierre has been a member of the Board since 2005. She has a keen interest in the environment of the Forest. She ran a small-holding for some years with primitive Soay sheep and highland ponies. She had a long career in education development working with governments overseas.</p>	<p>Sylvia Tidy</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u> CHAIR OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE</p> <p>I have lived and farmed in High Hurstwood for 63 years, hence my deep interest in the landscape as a place of beauty but most importantly providing the biodiversity to keep the planet thriving. I was a Wealden District Councillor for 16 years and an East Sussex Councillor for 12 years. I was appointed by East Sussex to represent them as a conservator on the board of Ashdown Forest.</p>

Commoner Conservators

<p>Liz Maudslay OBE</p> 	<p><u>Commoner - Elected 2021</u></p> <p>Liz was born and brought up on Ashdown Forest in the house she still lives in between Fairwarp and Duddleswell. She walks on the forest every day and is passionate about the preservation and restoration of heathland and the wildlife it supports.</p> <p>All of Liz's work has been in Further Education, first working in colleges and later developing policy. Her particular area was trying to ensure that Further Education colleges were fully inclusive of all students. She retired in 2020 and in 2022 was awarded an OBE for services to education.</p>	<p>Neil Goldie-Scot</p> 	<p><u>Commoner - Elected 2022</u> Awaiting biography</p>
<p>Nick Mawdsley</p> 	<p><u>Commoner - Elected 2023</u></p> <p>Nick has lived in the Ashdown Forest area for the last decade having worked overseas in Indonesia. He trained as an ecologist and has filled a range of leadership and technical roles over the years with a focus on governance, forest and peatland conservation and rural development. He currently works at East Sussex County Council and has worked at the British Council in Jakarta and as a manager of large projects with multi-million-pound budgets. He is a keen natural historian and loves to spend time on the Forest</p>	<p>Isabel Manweiler</p> 	<p><u>Commoner – Elected 2023</u></p> <p>Isabel lives on a 150-acre farm on the edge of the Ashdown Forest. In the 20 years she has been here, her farming practices have become ever more focussed on soil health and conservation. As well as passion and enthusiasm, Isabel brings a wealth of experience in agricultural practices and charity trusteeships.</p>

East Sussex County Council Appointed

Wealden District Council Appointed

<p>Richard Stogdon</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u></p> <p>Richard Stogdon graduated at Aberdeen University with a degree in law, subsequently practicing as a Solicitor specialising in Trusts, Estates, Tax and Succession, firstly in Scotland and latterly in England. As a member of East Sussex County Council, Richard was appointed to the Board of Conservators in 2005. He has owned and operated Laurel Tree Fruit Farms at Boar's Head to the north east of the Forest since 1987.</p>	<p>Cllr Rachel Millward</p> 	<p><u>Appointed WDC 2023</u> Awaiting biography</p>
<p>Tony Reid</p>	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u></p> <p>Tony Reid was born and raised in Australia, where he studied geology and before pursuing a career in the international oil industry.</p>	<p>Cllr Gareth Owen-Williams</p> 	<p><u>Appointed WDC 2023</u> Awaiting biography</p>
<p>Cllr Johanna Howell</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u> Awaiting biography</p>		
<p>Elizabeth Riminton-Drury</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u></p> <p>Elizabeth lives on the forest in Chelwood Gate and has ridden horses or walked dogs (and children) on the forest daily for over 20 years. She is an active environment and climate campaigner at local and national level.</p> <p>Her career as an EU political consultant has focussed on advising and supporting major environmental organisations at international, European and national level to influence a range of EU nature protection and environment policies, including the EU Birds and Habitats legislation which currently provide protection for the forest. She speaks fluent French and German, and is a graduate in European Studies and Modern Languages from Bath University.</p>		
<p>Jonathan Squire</p> 	<p><u>Appointed ESCC 2021</u></p> <p>Jonathan graduated with a degree in Geology. He spent his career in international banking, living in nine challenging countries around the World. Next, he obtained another degree, in Countryside Management to further his passion for conservation and Ashdown Forest. Based in Hartfield he has been a regular volunteer on the Forest since 2009. In his spare time Jonathan breeds Soay sheep.</p>		