



The Hundred Parishes

An introductory article about THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY'S TRUSTEES

The Society is managed by a board of unpaid trustees. Because the Society is both a registered charity and a limited company, they serve as both trustees of the charity and directors of the company. They are supported by further volunteers who include the treasurer and minute secretary.

FORMER TRUSTEES OF THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

Tom Holme

Tom was chairman of Campaign to Protect Rural Essex and became involved in the project from its early days in 2010. He was a driving force in the establishment of The Hundred Parishes. He opened doors to many of the organisations and people whose blessing and input were needed. He chaired the Constitutional Conference that was called in June 2012. That meeting of 40 representatives from many local authorities and other organisations considered proposals from the steering group to establish The Hundred Parishes as a concept and The Hundred Parishes Society as a company limited by guarantee. Discussions at that meeting led to some minor modifications of the proposals. Tom was one of the original directors of the company that was registered just after the Constitutional Conference. Sadly, just a month after the Constitutional Conference, Tom died at the age of 54.

David Heathcote

David is a historian, author and lecturer. It was David's presentation at a Strethall Lecture in 2009 that sparked the idea which in due course became The Hundred Parishes. He had suggested that the area merited recognition for its special character, in particular its richness of heritage. David was part of the steering group which came together and presented his vision to many organisations. David was one of the initial directors and trustees of The Hundred Parishes Society when it was formally constituted in 2012, resigning 6 months later to concentrate on his career.

Sally Newton

Sally, a councillor for Hertford and Hertfordshire, joined the board in 2013 but had increasing responsibilities elsewhere and did not stand for re-election in 2015.

Lawrence Wragg

Lawrence was active in many spheres, not least CPRE. He joined the steering group shortly before the 2012 Constitutional Conference and was one of the initial trustees and directors of the Society. He served in that role from 2012 until 2014 when he

resigned to focus on a new role as chairman of his parish council. Lawrence died in 2022 at the age of 78.

Howard Rolfe

Howard was actively involved in the Hundred Parishes project for nearly 6 years between 2012 and 2018, being appointed in 2014 as one of the Society's original directors/trustees. He was appointed as Leader of Uttlesford District Council in 2014 and continued in both roles until he felt his other commitments limited the opportunity for pursuing an active role in the Society. In February 2018, the other trustees accepted his resignation with regret and thanked him for his input and continuing support.

CURRENT TRUSTEES OF THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

Douglas Kent

Douglas is a surveyor by profession and director of Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, SPAB. He has been involved in the project from the outset in 2010 and has been chairman of the board of directors/trustees since December 2012.

Sylvie Hudson

Sylvie spent her childhood and teenage years in Great Dunmow and moved across the county border to Bishop's Stortford with her husband and their young children in 1980. She was involved with Girl Guiding as both a Brownie and a Rainbow Guider, and is now an active member of the Bishop's Stortford Trefoil Guild. Sylvie is passionate about her family and the natural world. She enjoys photography, local history, using Facebook for the right reasons and is a self-confessed church crawler, visiting churches, cathedrals, abbeys etc whenever she can. She became a member of the Society in 2017, set up the Hundred Parishes Facebook group in 2022 and was invited to join the board in 2024.

Ken McDonald

Ken is a chartered accountant and was a finance director and company secretary by profession. He has been heavily involved in the project from the outset in 2010 and since then has been secretary of the steering group and then of the Society. He has been the main driving force behind the evolution of the Society and was principal author and photographer of the Society's book, "The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction". Ken maintains the website, gives talks and drafts many of the articles which are published regularly.

Tricia Moxey

Tricia is an ecologist and was involved in the management of Epping Forest. She retired in 2005 and since then has been a trustee of the Campaign to Protect Rural Essex being deputy chairman when invited to join the Hundred Parishes Society

board in 2013. She is currently one of the Vice Presidents of CPRE Essex. She contributes to all areas of the Society's policy and direction and, in particular, drafts a good number of the monthly articles for members and parish magazines.

Peter Sanders

Peter was a senior civil servant, retiring in 1993 when he was Chief Executive of the Commission for Racial Equality. He is a local historian and for many years until 2021 he served as chairman of Stop Stansted Expansion. He was involved in the Hundred Parishes project from the outset in 2010. He was closely involved in all aspects of the Society's evolution and, in particular, played a pivotal role in shaping the boundary of The Hundred Parishes.

Mike Young

Mike is a chartered accountant and worked in pensions before retirement. He has been active in local politics for many years, served as chairman of Wimbish Parish Council for some years and has volunteered with a number of local organisations. He was invited to join the board in 2016. In addition to participation in the general running of the Society, Mike seeks to improve our level of communication with parish councils. His involvement has encouraged many parish councils to become members.

This photo of five of the current trustees was taken in 2019. At the back, Mike Young is on the left and Peter Sanders on the right. Seated, Tricia Moxey is flanked by Douglas Kent on the left and Ken McDonald on the right.



FUTURE TRUSTEES

The present trustees would like to strengthen the board with one or more new people. We meet about eight times a year, usually in Stansted Mountfitchet. Our meetings are structured but informal and friendly. The role can be limited to attendance at trustee meetings or can extend to taking on specific activities. The sharing of knowledge and experience ensures that the Society progresses in a positive way.

If you might be interested in getting involved or can suggest someone suitable, please contact the Society by email or by using the Feedback form on the website.

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