

## THE SEA VIEW TRUST – MEMBERS

### LINDA BAILY – MEMBER



Originally from Chorley, I left college and entered (what was then!) the relatively new industry of Information Technology, to become one of the few women to work in a traditionally very male dominated industry. I was employed by a number of large and established firms before taking the opportunity to work for myself, developing property management software in 2004. Being self-employed allowed me the flexibility of an interesting job, while generally being close to home to raise my children.

I successfully ran my business in the Rossendale Valley but have recently moved to the Fylde and am now looking forward to retirement! More recently I have been seeking an opportunity to contribute to my local community and, with The Sea View Trust having schools located in Blackpool and Rossendale (both of which have been home to me), I was delighted to be appointed as a Member.

### DEREK DARWEN – MEMBER



I spent 35 years policing the Blackpool and Fylde area during which I performed many roles. Whilst these have ranged from Custody Officer to Head of Fylde, I have always been very committed to community policing and to the empowerment of communities to address their own challenges. As an Inspector, I was the local lead for the Government's National Reassurance Project in Lancashire and, working closely with the Home Office, was responsible for the first implementation of the project in the Brunswick area of Blackpool. This entailed much work with the local community and partner agencies to address neighbourhood issues.

I have always believed in the principles of a problem solving approach and feel that I have developed a very good working knowledge of the communities and people of Blackpool; qualities which I hope will support in my role as a Member for The Sea View Trust. Now retired, I am a committed cyclist (having completed Lands' End to John O'Groats a couple of years ago) and I still enjoy playing darts (badly!) every week.

### SUZANNE MEACHAM – MEMBER



I have worked as a teacher for 33 years specialising in Early Years. Having graduated in psychology and criminology I completed a post graduate certificate in education and returned home to Blackpool where I taught at a large primary school, eventually becoming the Foundation Stage manager. I have also been an associate tutor with Lancaster university and was responsible for mentoring students in school.

I have a passion for interiors with a particular interest in Mid Century furniture. I enjoy football and travel and have combined the two when watching matches in Sweden, Germany and Argentina. I have visited several South American countries and have particularly enjoyed the wine regions of Argentina and Chile.

#### **PAUL JOHNSON – MEMBER**



I began my teaching career in a junior school in Leyland, Lancashire in 1982. Over the following 28 years I was class teacher to classes of children across the whole primary school range from year R to year 6. In addition to my class teaching role, I had responsibility for a number of curriculum areas and became a deputy head teacher and then in 1997, a primary Head teacher in Hampshire. In this role for 13 years, my effectiveness led to me being asked to lead and develop adult training for teachers, managers and head teachers focusing particularly on my school's innovative approaches to learning. I became a National College of School Leadership associate leader and as well as undertaking training in this role, I also did so on behalf of Hampshire County and for private consultancy groups.

In 2010, I took my adult training expertise to Southampton University where I became Associate Programme Leader and Partnership manager for the PGCE Primary teaching degree there. In 2012, I moved to the University of Cumbria, where I have worked since. I began as a senior lecturer on the PGCE Primary ITT programme but my expertise has led me to take on the role of University Programme Leader for a number of Schools Direct Alliances, including Tor View. I have found working with Tor View particularly exciting as, whilst a head teacher, I was involved in developing Hampshire's specialist provision for deaf children. The inclusion of all children, especially those with profound needs, has always been a passion for me and my involvement with The Sea View Multi Academy Trust provides an avenue for this.

#### **SARAH THRELFALL – MEMBER**



Having studied business and finance at Blackpool and Fylde College, I joined Barclays Bank, working for fifteen years as a business and personal banker on the Fylde Coast and North East. Whilst having time away from work to raise my two children, I took on the role as accounts/business administrator for my husband's new business, which is now very successful. Looking for a new direction, I completed child education/development qualifications and joined the (then) Park School in Blackpool as a Special Support Assistant where I worked for twelve years. With the rewards and challenges that the role brought, I enjoyed my time there immensely.

Two years ago I took 'early retirement', enabling me to enjoy travelling, to project manage the total refurbishment of a Victorian house which is now my beautiful home and to enjoy my hobbies of learning to ballroom dance and play the piano. I became a Trust Member in 2018; this role enables me to still have an involvement in the education of local children, which I care deeply about.