

## THE SEA VIEW TRUST – TRUSTEES

### MARTYN JONES – CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



I am a Part 1 Chartered Director and a Full Member of the Institute of Directors. I currently work as an independent Chair, Non-Executive Director, Board Adviser and Mentor with a number of companies. My background is in very large organisations but since 2010 I've worked exclusively with smaller businesses, charities, professional bodies and educational establishments.

My specialisms are in Leadership, Governance and Change Management and I am also currently Chair of Governors at a Primary School. As Chair of the Trust, I endeavour to use my skills and professional experience to support the Sea View Trust, and its constituent schools and college, in achieving their full potential.

### NORMAN GIBSON – VICE-CHAIR OF TRUSTEES AND CHAIR OF SUB COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE, AUDIT, RESOURCE AND RISK



I am a Chartered Civil Engineer by profession with quite a varied career to date. This includes Project Director of a Vocational Training Institute responsible for training 1600 students with 250 staff. I have also established and subsequently managed a subsidiary of BAE Systems with P&L responsibility, including dividend recommendation to Shareholders. Consequently I believe I can bring value to the Board of Sea View with my Business experience, specifically Governance, Finance, and Project Management.

Academically I have a BSc (Hons) degree in Civil Engineering and an MBA Master's degree. I am married to a retired Science teacher and have 4 grown up children and 3 grandchildren.

### EMMA TAYLOR – INTERIM CHAIR OF SUB COMMITTEE FOR CURRICULUM, QUALITY AND STANDARDS



I am the proud mother of three boys including one at High School and a set of twins who attend Primary School. One of my twins attends Tor View School and I feel that we are very lucky to have such specialist staff in our local area. As well as being a parent to a child with special needs, I also I work at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar school where I teach Law. I have been in teaching for around 8 years, prior to which I was a solicitor. In my spare time I volunteer at a local youth group and organise events at my local church.

I have previously served as a Parent Governor at Tor View School as I wanted to offer my support and assistance to this fantastic school wherever possible. I am now very proud to be a Trustee for The Sea View Trust and would like use my personal and professional experience to support both staff and parents wherever possible.

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### TRUSTEE - LIDIA GARDNER



I am currently the Headteacher at Crosshill School which is a secondary 11 to 19 special school co-located with BCHS, a mainstream secondary school within Blackburn. I have worked for most of my career in the field of Special Education, specialising in inclusion and successful collaboration with stakeholders to ensure the child is at the heart of all decisions made. I have a wide range of local, national and international experience and perspective in the field of SEN across all phases within mainstream and specialist provisions, championing that school to school support and working together is the key to successful SEND provision at all levels.

I have a particular interest in the education of children with social, emotional mental health and the strategic movement towards the improvement of provision for these learners, most recently leading on the opening of a new free school for 10 to 16 year olds with Social, Emotional Mental Health within Blackpool, called the Lotus School.

### TRUSTEE - KATHY SEDDON



My career has always centred on helping others to achieve and be their best. I am an eLearning Specialist at The Compliance and Skills Academy in Cheshire where the focus is on innovative training solutions which put people first. My work marries my passion for education with my aptitude for working with all things digital. As an ex-teacher of ICT and business, I have a keen interest in technology and, in addition to my PGCE, I hold a Masters in Multimedia and eLearning. I have over 25 years of experience of working in education and was formerly Manager for Students at a large FE and HE College.

On a personal note, I have five children (though only one still at school) and two grandchildren. I am a big fan of creative writing and aspire to publish my children's book. For the last few years, I have been learning to play the trumpet and recently achieved my grade 3 – fully supporting the notion that it's never too late to try something new!

### TRUSTEE - JAN ASHBRIDGE



I am currently a Principal Lecturer (PGCE Primary and Partnership Development Lead) in the Institute of Education at the University of Cumbria. My career in education started in 1991 when I graduated from St Martin's College Lancaster and became a primary school teacher. I have taught in schools in the Burnley and South Lakes areas and subsequently moved on to become a Senior Advisory Teacher for Early Years for Cumbria Local Authority.

I eventually returned to St Martin's College (now the University of Cumbria) to work in teacher education and development. My specific area of strategic responsibility is for the PGCE primary programmes and I still retain a teaching commitment for English curriculum and the teaching of systematic synthetic phonics.

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## TRUSTEE - DAVE WALLBANK



I am a Chartered Civil Engineer by profession, a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and am currently the Managing Director of a multi-disciplinary Civil and Structural Engineering Consultancy. Following my graduation from the University of Leeds in 1988, I have over 30 years' experience as a project manager and team leader for a wide range of projects both in the UK and overseas.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Ambassador and am now wholeheartedly committed to my involvement with the Sea View Trust. It has been an exciting period of growth for our Trust and I am looking forward to supporting all the schools and the College as they seek to provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils and students.

## TRUSTEE - BUKKY GIBSON



As a Lead Deal Architect with previous Bid Management experience in the Public and Private Sector, I am able to bring a varied view to the table and utilise variety of transferable skills. Be it with my experience with stakeholder management, or supplier management in terms of managing and setting expectations, collaborating with partners and other vendors within different roles across different countries to deliver on a set of agreed objectives, scope, budget and timelines.

My role requires that I not only understand my customer's business challenges, but I also understand how it impacts their customers and end users with a view to leading and partnering with them on a journey that delivers the right business value for them and for my organisation.

## TRUSTEE - MICHAEL PICKTHALL

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I have held senior management positions for many years and, as an Incorporated Engineer and Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers & Technicians, I am a managing director in my own consultancy business. I am a published writer, have served on a renewable energy board, am an award-winning Senior Project Manager and have travelled widely during my working life, often working in challenging environments. I have added key strategic value in recent consultant managerial roles and am a registered Project Management Mentor with CB Partners in the North West.

Having mentored many graduates, junior engineers and managers, I am a passionate believer in empowering young people to achieve their potential.