

Southampton Common Forum

Your Management Committee



Adam Wheeler (Chair)

Adam has lived near the Common in Shirley for over 20 years. Over that time the Common has been an important part of his life; for the recreation and enjoyment of his family and for commuting to work at the University of Southampton (he estimates he has crossed The Common about 10,000 times!). Adam and his family moved to Southampton in 1995 when he was appointed as a professor of Mathematics at the University of Southampton. Since then he served as Head of the Mathematics Department and subsequently, for 15 years, in a number of senior University management roles; Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost. He was a founding director of Business South and has been a director of Southampton & Fareham Chamber of Commerce and Southampton India Business Network. Now retired, he pursues his interests in long distance running, mountaineering, rock climbing and sewing. As well as being Chair of Southampton Common Forum he is also Chair of Southampton Philharmonic Society.

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Malcolm White (Treasurer)

Malcolm is Treasurer of the Southampton Common Forum. A Highfield resident since 2009, Malcolm is a trained accountant with a wealth of financial experience as a financial director for many well-known national and international companies. He is regularly seen on the Common at the Southampton parkrun where he is both a Run Director and Ambassador. A keen runner and cyclist, he is also a regular volunteer at Southampton Basics Bank, helping to provide emergency food and clothes provision for those who fall through the gaps in the benefit system and a Magistrate.

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Dave Johnston (Secretary)

Dave serves as secretary to the Southampton Common Forum and also looks after its website, facebook page, membership list and member email system. All spelling mistakes in SCF communications are his! He is a biologist by training and works for the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Southampton at Southampton General hospital. As a scientist, he is very keen that any statements, policies and plans relating to The Common have a sound evidence base derived from accurate, up to date published information. He is also Treasurer of the Friends of Southampton Sports Centre, a volunteer underwater archaeologist and a run leader with Lordshill Road Runners.

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Andy Lai

Andy is an ex Police officer who has served in both the Hong Kong and UK Police services, rising to the rank of inspector and then serving as the Southampton Police Community Engagement Officer. He has also worked in the private security sector and provides consulting, liaison and investigative service to clients with UK - Hong Kong - Chinese interests. One of the founders of UK & HK Chinese Police Association he currently serves as their secretary. He is also the vice chair of the Chinese Association of Southampton and has volunteered with them for over 14 years.

**Kate Martin**

Kate is a Trustee and the Vice Chair of Southampton Common and Parks Protection Society (SCAPPS), which aims to protect Southampton's Commons and Parks from damage and encroachment by bringing together a cross section of citizens committed to the well-being of our City's green public spaces. She brings to the Forum a wealth of experience on the history and legal status of The Common and provides an important link to SCAPPS. She is also involved with The Friends of Southampton Old Cemetery.

**Roger Brown**

Roger is the former Vice-Chancellor of Southampton Solent University. Previously he held other senior posts in the higher education sector. Before that he was a senior civil servant at the Department of Trade and Industry and an administrator with the Inner London Education Authority. He has served on many national committees and boards. He has written four books and many articles and lectures on different aspects of higher education, receiving the Times Higher Education Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. His latest book *The Inequality Crisis: The facts and what we can do about it* was published by Policy Press in September 2017. Roger lives near the Common and is a past Chair of Highfield Residents' Association.



Simon Hill

Simon is a member of Royal Town Planning Institute, with a wealth of expertise in planning having served as a planner/manager with Hampshire County Council/Test Valley Borough Council and as Director of Planning and Environment for North Herts District Council. Retiring early to return to Southampton due to family matters he then worked from home as Access (Right to Roam) Inspector and Planning Inspector for the Planning Inspectorate until 2014. Simon lives next to The Common in Highfield. He is a founder member and convenor of Common Sense, the group, committed to restoring parts of the Little Common, including historic paths to the openness they once had. In this capacity he has succeeded in organising political support, volunteers and funds to clear the area along Highfield Road opposite the Avenue Campus and south of Highfield Avenue. An expert on The Common and its management history and in all things planning related, he also advises Highfield Residents Association on such matters. His experiences on Little Common and expertise are of great benefit to the wider Common Forum.

**Shirley Pinn**

Shirley currently manages Destination Southampton and Hampshire Conference Bureau; organisations working within the event industry, offering venue research support and event management expertise. She is also the Events Logistics Lead for business engagement organisation Business South and Treasurer to the Southampton & Region Hoteliers Association. The winner of several national Industry awards, she loves to travel (especially to Europe for an annual ski trip), a good country walk, cocktails and is recently a new mum to baby Lizzie. Her motivation for being on the Southampton Common Forum is to make Southampton Common great again and a safe, recreational space for the future generations.

**Tanya Bellows**

Tanya grew up close to The Common and spent many happy hours playing and walking the family dogs. Passionate about the environment, she is currently enrolled on a BSC in Environmental Sciences at Bournemouth. Previously she ran a gardening club for 4-11yr old children with Highfield School, teaching them to grow veg, build big hotels and plant flowers for the bees. In her spare time she is an independent consultant for Neal's Yard Remedies and helps fundraise for Action Against Heartburn, who raise awareness of oesophageal and gastric cancers. She brings both youth and social media savvy to the Committee.

